

**PLAN AND FOCUS OF ACTIVITY FOR SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP ON
CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:-

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

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3.0 RECOMMENDATION

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4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 Following the establishment of the Climate Change and Environmental Action Group (thereafter referred to SLWG) at 26th September 2019 Council Meeting it was noted that the group would:-

‘develop and determine at its first meeting, a plan which identifies the focus for its activity, and the council services from which it will draw support with an initial update report to the Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting in December 2019.’

- 4.2 Climate change and environmental topics can be wide ranging and varied. It is therefore important to harness resource of the SLWG and supporting Officers in an efficient and directed manner by focusing activity towards issues that are deemed to be most pertinent or relevant to our Council area. It is also necessary to consider what and in what ways the SLWG can best influence and what engagement is required with our communities and other stakeholders relating to Climate Change.

4.3 The first meeting of the SLWG took place on 7th November 2019 and the workplan attached as Appendix 1 is the agreed programme of business for the scheduled meetings. The workplan will be considered at each of the SLWG meetings.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy – Consideration given to how the SLWG wish to review and shape Climate Change Policy

5.2 Financial – Consideration given to how SLWG wish to resource climate change adaptation, policy and efficiencies

5.3 Legal – None at present

5.4 HR – None at Present

5.5 Fairer Duty Scotland – None at present

5.5.1 Equalities – Protected Characteristics – None at present

5.5.2 Socio –Economic Duty – None at present as consultation

5.5.3 Islands – Certain climate change activities identified specifically for Island context

5.6 Risk – Requirement to consider impacts of climate change and adaptation

5.7 Customer Service – Engagement to be considered as part of work of SLWG

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12th November 2019

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PROPOSED SLWG ACTIVITY PLAN

Appendix 1

ACTION	RESOURCE	TIMEFRAME
Council Policy		
1. Collate existing Council policy and corporate policy approach to address climate change matters for Members to note and consider;	All members of Climate Change Board including Economic Development, Procurement, Planning Department, Roads & Infrastructure, Property Services	January 2020
2. Consider the implications/opportunities of Government policy and legislation in relation to addressing Climate Change; a. Respond to SG Consultation	Climate Change Board	Ongoing Feedback from SG Consultation = January 2020
3. Note and consider the Council's annual climate change submission to Scottish Government and other performance indicators in compliance with the Climate Change Act;	Climate Change Board Specific briefing notes on:- • Waste / BMW Carbon Impacts; • Renewable Energy Strategy & Windfarms	January 2020
Council Business		
4. Review the Action Plan and activities of the Climate Change Board;	Climate Change Board	March 2020
5. Consider the establishment of a climate change fund for innovation or development.	Climate Change Board	June 2020
6. Endorse a new renewable energy sourcing strategy for Council assets (RSS2).	Property Services	August 2020
Climate Change Champion		
7. Promote and champion the mitigation and adaption to the negative impacts of climate change, green investment in our region, sustainable development and resource efficiency for the Council & the communities we serve.	SLWG	Ongoing

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8. Encourage effective partnership working across all community planning partners in relation to the impacts of climate change;	SLWG and Community Planning	Item on agenda for discussion at December 2020 CPP management committee meeting then ongoing
9. Promote Argyll and Bute as a low carbon area and to develop and seek additional investment for green infrastructure including renewables, environmental and biodiversity business to develop;	Climate Change Board / Economic Development	May 2020
10. Identify, acknowledge and champion positive climate change projects carried out by (A) the Council (B) our CPP partners, (C) our communities (D) our businesses and others	Climate Change Board	June 2020
11. Development of a communications and engagement strategy around the impacts of climate change and how we intend to mitigate and adapt	Communications Team	March - August 2020
12. Recommended actions from the group are to be reported back to Full Council by August 2020	SLWG	August 2020