

**CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES, GLASGOW - COP26**

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**1.0 HEADLINES**

- 1.1 Glasgow's Scottish Exhibition Campus (SEC) will host the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 from the 9th – 20th November 2020.
- 1.2 The climate talks will be the biggest international summit the UK has ever hosted; bringing together over 30,000 delegates including heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change. It is being billed as the most significant Climate Change event since the Paris Agreement in 2015.
- 1.3 Both the Scottish and UK Government are seeking to champion and promote our Scotland in terms of climate change activity, as a destination for business, travel and economy. They are also seeking that COP26 acts as a catalyst for many local and national awareness programmes relating to climate change.
- 1.4 COP26 presents a number of opportunities for Argyll and Bute Council to consider our engagement and actions.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Group agrees to:-
  1. Note and consider proposed actions to engage with COP26;

**3.0 DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Council's Climate Change Board consider the following actions should be considered for COP26 engagement as outlined at **Appendix 1**.

**4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The CCEAG are asked to consider contents of this paper.

**5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy: None

5.2	Financial:	None at present
5.3	Legal:	None at present
5.4	HR:	None at present
5.5	Fairer Scotland Duty:	None at present
5.6	Equalities – protected Characteristics:	None at present
5.7	Socio-economic Duty:	None at present.
5.8	Islands	None at present
5.6	Risk:	None at present
5.7	Customer Service:	None at present.

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## Appendix 1: Proposed engagement activities with COP26

ACTION	LEAD	DATE
1. Communications around COP26	Communications	
2. School Children Visits to SEC + Science Centre	Education	
3. Promotion of Argyll & Bute venues for events (Hermitage Park Pavilion / HLCC)	Commercial Services	
4. School Projects + Curriculum	Education	
5. Senior Officer / Elected Member attendance at COP	Climate Change Environmental Action Group	
6. Strategic announcements / operational activities around COP26	Climate Change Board	
7. Showcase or visits to Argyll and Bute Council sites or projects – Hermitage Park Pavilion, Electric Vehicle Fleet, low carbon, renewable energy, eco -schools	Climate Change Environmental Action Group	