

**Climate Change Environmental Action Group – Activity Plan Update**

---

**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At the first meeting of the Climate Change & Environmental Action Group (CCEAG) an Activity Plan was agreed and at subsequent meetings it had been updated following discussion with the group. The plan was also approved at the December 2019 Policy & Resources Committee.
- 1.2 A more substantial review of the plan was undertaken at the last meeting in September 2020 taking account of a paper titled '*Impact of Covid19 on climate change*'. This report aims to record what has been achieved thus far in the Activity Plan, to stimulate discussion about achievable priorities and also map out future workstreams that can be delivered within timescale.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Group is asked to:-
1. Discuss and agree the revised Activity Plan for Climate Change Environmental Action Group (CCEAG) contained within **Appendix 1**; and
  2. Agree to report the Activity Plan to full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**3.0 DETAIL**

- 3.1 An Activity Plan for CCEAG has been in place since late 2019 and reviewed at each meeting. A number of workstreams have been completed – mainly those scheduled up until March 2020 – however the Covid19 pandemic has had significant effect on delivery and timescales of this plan. Notably, the timescales since March to achieve milestones has been compromised due to resources being redirected. Resource pressure is still ongoing in certain departments as key officers are still working to amended duties or procedures which mean activities have been altered. A specific report reviewing the activity plan was considered at the last meeting of CCEAG in September 2020.

- 3.2 As discussed at previous CCEAG there is also a recognised importance of involving other stakeholders – such as businesses, community groups, third sector, professional bodies and other public sector organisations in our Climate journey. The Council cannot address climate change in isolation. There were planned workshops and engagement with such groups however given social distancing and restrictions on movements its relevant to consider online or technology to communicate rather than face to face. This may also bring new or improved opportunities for interaction with groups.
- 3.3 Now that the CCEAG is reporting its findings to full Council on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 it is the intention of this report to update the Activity Plan and report on achievement of goals.
- 3.4 Members are asked to review and agree the updated Activity Plan outlined at **Appendix 1**.

#### **4.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- |                                             |                                               |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 4.1 Policy:                                 | Commitment to activities as outlined in plan. |
| 4.2 Financial:                              | None at present beyond officer resource.      |
| 4.3 Legal:                                  | None at present                               |
| 4.4 HR:                                     | None at present                               |
| 4.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:                   | None at present                               |
| 4.6 Equalities – protected Characteristics: | None at present                               |
| 4.7 Socio-economic Duty:                    | None at present.                              |
| 4.8 Islands                                 | None at present                               |
| 4.9 Risk:                                   | None at present                               |
| 4.10 Customer Service:                      | None at present.                              |

**Rory Colville**  
 Chair  
 Climate Change Environmental Action Group

**Douglas Hendry**

Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services

29 October 2020

For further information contact:

**Ross McLaughlin**

Head of Commercial Services

[Ross.mclaughlin@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:Ross.mclaughlin@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**PROPOSED SLWG ACTIVITY PLAN - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

ACTION	RESOURCE	MILESTONES	COMMENT
<b>Council Policy</b>			
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	Complete to original timeframe
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	Complete to original timeframe. Scottish Government has now pushed their update on monitoring & evaluation timeframe back to May 2021 due to Covid19. Some guidance has been produced such as consultation responses & Just Transition Commission: Advice on Green Recovery
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	Completed to original timeframe
4. Hold informal workshop with wider range of officers to facilitate discussion around policy & indicators	Officers from Climate Change Board • Planning	March 2020	Completed to original timeframe

ACTION	RESOURCE	MILESTONES	COMMENT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood Risk</li> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Waste</li> <li>• Building Operations</li> <li>• Procurement</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>		
<b>Council Business</b>			
5. Review the Action Plan and activities of the Climate Change Board;	Climate Change Board	March 2020	Completed to original timeframe
6. Consider the establishment of a climate change fund for innovation or development.	Climate Change Board	June 2020	June meeting did not take place to discuss. Covid has created budget pressures across a number of services and a business case approach to dealing with investment in Climate Change activities is proposed.
7. Endorse a new renewable energy sourcing strategy for Council assets (RSS2).	Property Services	August 2020	December 2020
<b>Climate Change Champion</b>			
8. 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	Being taken forward as part of De-carbonisation Plan & Communications Plan

ACTION	RESOURCE	MILESTONES	COMMENT
9. Encourage effective partnership working across all community planning partners in relation to the impacts of climate change;	SLWG and Community Planning	Ongoing	<p>Community Planning Partnership held 2 meeting specific to Climate Change and further workshop scheduled. New mapping exercise of climate change activities and groups to be mapped by 31st December 2020 – undertaken by Community Development Team + ACT.</p> <p>In 2021 seek further engagement (virtually and face to face depending on social distancing)</p>
10. Promote Argyll and Bute as a low carbon area and to develop and seek additional investment for green infrastructure including renewables,	Climate Change Board / Economic Development	May 2020	Not completed via Group but this forms key theme of Council's Covid19

ACTION	RESOURCE	MILESTONES	COMMENT
environmental and biodiversity business to develop;			Recovery Plan & De-carbonisation Plan.
11. 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	Delay until 2021 and completion of De-carbonisation plan (item 15) and Mapping Exercise (item 8 &9)
12. 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	Ongoing and under separate paper & De-carbonisation plan.
13. Recommended actions from the group are to be reported back to Full Council by August 2020	SLWG	August 2020	Report to full Council on 26 <sup>th</sup> November
14. Members Seminar on Climate Change - 15 <sup>th</sup> June	SLWG	De-carbonisation Plan workshop on 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Delayed due to Covid19
15. Development of 'Our Council's Commitments – De-carbonisation Plan'	Climate Change Board	New Action	Complete draft for 9 <sup>th</sup> November CCEAG, Members Seminar on 16 <sup>th</sup> November & Full Council 26 <sup>th</sup> November.

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESOURCE</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
16. Governance – Once updated Activity Plan has been agreed report back to Policy & Resources Committee, Business Continuity Committee or Full Council in October	Committee Services	New Action	To approve amended timescales