

CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD – COP26

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 At present, the rescheduled Conference of the Parties (COP26) is due to be held at Glasgow's Scottish Exhibition Campus (SEC) between the 1st and 12th November 2021. Originally due to be held in 2020, it has already been postponed due to the global pandemic but current advice from the UN and UK Government is that it will go ahead as a face to face conference and expecting several hundred thousand delegates across the fortnight to attend and be present in the west of Scotland. Around 120 Global Leaders are expected to be present potentially including President Biden, President Xi Jinping and The Pope. Preparation is underway across multi-agencies to facilitate the conference at present.
- 1.2 Both the Scottish and UK Government are seeking to champion and promote 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 programs relating to climate change.
- 1.3 There is significant opportunity for Argyll and Bute Council to use COP26 as a catalyst for promotion and learning of climate change activities and a suggested programme of activity has been formulated by the Climate Change Board. See **Appendix A**.

The Policy & Resources Committee is asked to:

- i. Agree the proposed engagement and activity plan for COP26 as suggested by the Climate Change Board contained within **Appendix A**;

2.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 Policy - This proposal is entirely consistent with climate change policy and action at local, national and international level.
- 2.2 Financial – Some of the activity will have financial implications
- 2.3 Legal – None
- 2.4 HR - None
- 2.5 Fairer Scotland Duty – N/A
- 2.6 Equalities – protected characteristics – None
- 2.7 Socio-economic Duty – N/A

- 2.8 Islands – N/A
- 2.6 Risk – Varied depending on tracker item
- 2.7 Customer Service -None

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: Climate Change Board Proposed Engagement & Activity Plan with COP26

Appendix A: Proposed engagement activities with COP26

ACTION	LEAD
1. Communications Plan (mainly Social Media Campaign and Groovy Movie) relating to COP26 and Council's De-carbonisation Plan	Communications Team & Climate Change Board
2. School Children Visits to SEC + Science Centre. There is a specific Children's Day and Program of Events	Education
3. Host Argyll and Bute Climate Change Virtual Summit in November 2021	Education, Climate Change Board, Policy Lead, Key partners
4. Senior Officer / Elected Member attendance at COP and / or signposted to Climate Change Training	Elected Members, Climate Change Board, Member Services, Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Various Climate Awareness Courses available - Conference attendance recorded
5. Host Sector Workshop relating to Agriculture & Landuse with Argyll and Bute National Farmers Union (NFU)	Climate Change Board
6. Work with partners to identify other shared COP26 related activity	Chair of Climate Change Board to attend Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Climate Change Working Group to update partners on Council actions around COP26 and explore other opportunities for collaboration around it
7. Develop an COP26 event to coincide with conference based at Helensburgh & Lomond Civic Centre or Hermitage Park Passivhaus Pavilion– target audience of conference delegates	Commercial Services