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**CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD – COP26 – Update on Training & Event Planning**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At the May 2021 Policy & Resources Committee a report was submitted relating to a number of activities that the Climate Change Board had recommended relating to the Council engagement with COP26.
- 1.2 This report aims to update the Committee on steps taken since the May meeting to take forward both Elected Member Training and also the 2 COP26 events that were agreed upon.

The Policy & Resources Committee is asked to:

- i. Consider the update on activity in relation to climate change training and the COP26 events.

**2.0 DETAIL****Training**

- 2.1 The Council has progressed talks with our partner organisation Argyll and Isles Coast & Countryside Trust (ACT) to deliver Climate Change Training to Elected Members and Officers via the 'ACT Now' Programme. The Act Now project is commencing the delivery of 'Carbon Literacy for Community Leaders' training the in July and already a number of community, public and private delegates have signed up. The training is accredited by the Carbon Literacy Trust.
- 2.2 The Course has been designed by Keep Scotland Beautiful and is suitable for all parties interested in understanding and communicating the need to act on Climate Change. The training takes eight hours spread over four weeks, all delivered online, with a combination of self-study, quizzes, and group webinars (via an online platform).
- 2.3 Course content is as follows:-
- Week 1- Science of climate change. Self-Study in own time
  - Week 2- Impacts and Adaptation. Self-study. Group Webinar
  - Week 3- Reducing Emissions. Self-study and Group Webinar
  - Week 4- Climate Policy and Communication. Self-study and Group Webinar
- 2.4 The Council and ACT are in discussions about rolling out this training in October / November time.

**Events**

- 2.5 As agreed at the May Committee 2 Events are scheduled to be held to align with COP26.

- 2.6 Argyll and Bute's first ever Education Climate Summit will take place on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th October 2021. This will be a virtual event with access for all schools in Argyll & Bute plus other viewing and participation opportunities wider than Education. Over 25 educational establishments, charities, trusts and businesses have already signed up to offering to provide input at this event around what their school/group/business is doing to tackle climate change. Presentation slots are expected to be 30mins, one hour, or one hour 30 minutes. Further detail and promotion will develop in August once schools return from their summer recess.
- 2.7 In addition to the above, Corporate Climate Change slides and information have been provided to all schools as part of their August in-service day professional development.
- 2.8 A face to face event is also in development to be hosted in Helensburgh as discussed at the last meeting. The date is provisionally set for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. It is noteworthy that community groups including Helensburgh Community Council, Time for Change, CardrossCAN & Plastic Free Helensburgh are programming a Climate Week for the end of September. Discussions have taken place with these organisations to explore opportunities for collaboration but the planned week will not overlap with the main dates of the COP26 conference, being held in Glasgow – which is a main aim of holding the event. Some of the materials may be shared between both events.
- 2.9 The event in November is in development but emerging themes are as follows:-
- 'Help make Argyll & Bute the UK's first Net Zero Region'
  - Will be aimed at local ABC residents + COP26 delegates
  - Be accessible for families – activity for all ages
  - Have input from schools, children & showcase project / artwork
  - Have zones in Helensburgh Civic Centre that highlight different climate change projects in our region – renewables, forestry, development, food etc
  - Have practical speakers & displays about steps to net zero – waste, recycling, switch from fossil fuel
  - Link to walking routes through town – via Passivhaus Pavilion at Hermitage Park and Colquhoun Square
- 2.10 Further details will be brought back to committee as they develop.

### **3.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Policy - This proposal is entirely consistent with climate change policy and action at local, national and international level.
- 3.2 Financial – Some of the activity will have financial implications
- 3.3 Legal – None
- 3.4 HR - None
- 3.5 Fairer Scotland Duty – N/A
- 3.6 Equalities – protected characteristics – None
- 3.7 Socio-economic Duty – N/A

3.8 Islands – N/A

3.9 Risk – N/A

3.10 Customer Service -None

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