

Climate Change Working Group

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Climate Change Working Group Highlight Report

Argyll and Bute Climate Action

1.0 Executive Summary

Over the past year, the Climate Change Short Life Working Group has been revived as a CPP sub-group, known as the Climate Change Working Group.

It took a fresh look at its remit and potential outputs, which have ultimately centred on producing a Climate Change Action Plan for Argyll and Bute.

The Action Plan is proposed to be produced by employing a Climate Change Project Manager to lead the process.

More recently, the Climate Change Working Group has been finalising the details of the work entailed in such a process, and are now actively seeking funding for the creation of the post.

2.0 Highlight Report

2.1 Action Plan

The purpose of the Action Plan is to establish a region-wide climate risk assessment and to develop an integrated set of adaptation, mitigation and engagement actions.

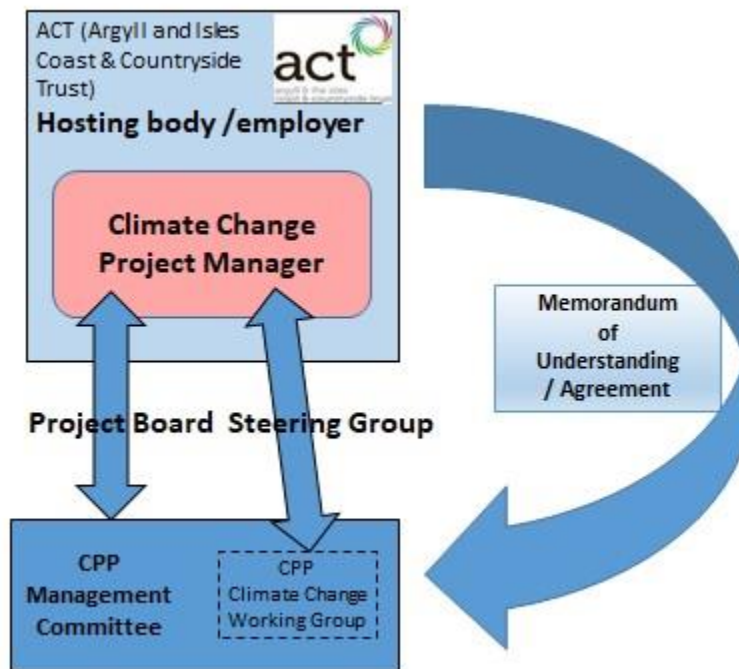
The proposed post of Climate Change Project Manager will bring organisations, businesses and communities together to develop a shared vision and understanding of climate change risks and opportunities across the Argyll and Bute region. It will identify priorities for communities, areas and sectors that will establish where (both spatially and thematically) and how the region can increase resilience and adapt, mitigate and engage on climate change issues.

It will identify, but not reproduce, climate change work either already happening or part of an organisation or business's own responsibilities.

2.2 Governance

Governance arrangements and structures have been developed in order to support the Climate Change Project Officer post.

Various discussions with partners have taken place about how best to create and support this post and the following structure was approved by the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee last month:



The post would be hosted by ACT (Argyll and Isles Coast & Countryside Trust) under a Memorandum of Understanding / Agreement with the CPP Management Committee.

Ultimate responsibility for the project would lie with the CPP Management Committee, who would act as de-facto Project Board, with day-to-day management supported mainly by a sub-set of the Climate Change Working Group.

2.3 Funding

The Climate Change Working Group are currently pulling together a funding package to support the post of the Climate Change Project Manager. Some funds have already been forthcoming from CPP partners, and we are now pursuing external funding sources to complete the planned budget.

3.0 Summary

1. We propose producing a strategic Action Plan process as the best, and most thorough, way to address the climate emergency in Argyll and Bute.
2. We have an approved governance arrangement for the Climate Change Project Manager post.
3. We are continuing to pursue funding options for the project.

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