

**Management Committee**

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## **Addressing the Climate Emergency in Argyll and Bute**

### **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide the CPP Management Committee with an update of the Climate Change Working Group.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

The CPP Management Committee are asked to:

- Discuss the approach outlined in the report.
- Consider endorsing the approach contained in the report, or
- Recommend alternative approaches.

### **3.0 Background**

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 on the process.

More recently, the Climate Change Working Group has been exploring funding options for such a post.

This update sets out our current position.

### **4.0 Detail**

#### **4.1 Funding**

The cost of a Project Manager post is estimated to be in the region of £120,00 over two years, which would include the salary of an appropriately qualified climate leader, associated employer costs, T&S costs, etc.

Subsequent to previous calls for funding contributions, we have two firm contributions from partners:

£20,000      NHS Highland - Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership  
£50,000      Argyll and Bute Council

We are extremely grateful to these partners for their contributions. However, we currently have a shortfall, then, of £50,000 towards our target of £120,000.

The wider current financial difficulties mean that we have not been inundated with a flood of contributions from partners around this table, and so are additionally looking at external funding sources for the remainder of the funding.

These external funding sources are, however, few in number and the eligibility criteria are not always aligned with the specifics of our project.

Additionally, we are considering approaching energy companies with an interest in Argyll and Bute, to see if they have capacity and aspiration to support this important work.

## **4.2 Next Steps**

The Climate Change Working Group is grateful to the Management Committee for approving the proposed governance arrangements for hosting the project manager post, and we have some work to do in terms of getting an appropriate partnership agreement in place and in agreeing the composition of the project Steering Group, though we will probably only be able to definitively conclude this when we find out who our eventual funding partners will be.

However, as things stand, we are unable to move forward with the project itself until the funding gap has been filled.

## **5.0 Conclusions**

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 are continuing to pursue funding options for the project.
3. The Climate Change Working Group seek the CPP Management Committee's advice and ideas on potential sources of funding to complete the proposed budget.

## **6.0 Implications**

Strategic Implications	
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Consultations, Previous considerations	
Resources	
Prevention	
Equalities	

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**References**

**Appendices**