

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 £120,000 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 now have three firm contributions from partners:

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

We are extremely grateful to these partners for their contributions. So, we have reduced our funding shortfall since the last CPP MC meeting, then, to £30,000 towards our target of £120,000.

4.2 Next Steps

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

Myself, Rona Gold and Chair Joe Mckay have an outstanding Action Point from the last CPP MC meeting to meet with statutory partners and discuss support for the project, and that is currently being organised.

5.0 Conclusion

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.

6.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	
Consultations, Previous considerations	
Resources	
Prevention	
Equalities	

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References

Appendices