

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:

- Note the approach and status of the project outlined in the report.

3.0 Background

Over the past year and a half, 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.

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 update

The Climate Change Working Group are still pulling together a funding package to support the post of the Climate Change Project Manager.

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 had two firm contributions from partners:

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

We have also the following bids in with the following organisations and are awaiting news on the success or otherwise of these bids:

£15,000 NatureScot

Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI) are also supportive of the proposal in principle and are exploring funding opportunities.

4.2 Progress

The Climate Change Working Group decided to start the project with the budget we currently have.

The finalisation of the Memorandum of Agreement between the CPP and the hosting body (Argyll Countryside Trust) is now complete, which was required to establish the governance arrangements.

The Project Manager post has been advertised, and the closing date has passed. Interviews are due to be held on the 5th and 6th September, so will have taken place by the time of this CPP Management Committee meeting.

4.3 Governance

Background

At the last CPP Management Committee meeting the Climate Change working Group requested views on the following:

- Membership of Climate Change Project Manager Steering Group.
- Future work of the CCWG
- Climate Change Working Group Chair

Reminders were sent out around the CPP after the meeting, but, as things currently stand, I have received no thoughts or suggestions on the topics.

5.0 Summary

1. We propose producing a strategic Action Plan process as the building block to addressing the climate emergency in Argyll and Bute.
2. We have an approved governance arrangement for the Climate Change Project Manager post.
3. We are actively pursuing the recruitment of a Project Manager to start this Action Plan work and hope to have someone in post within the next two months.
4. MC advice on the questions posed in this paper is still required.

6.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	
Consultations, Previous considerations	
Resources	
Prevention	
Equalities	

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References

Appendices