

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 Strategy and 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.

This update sets out our current position.

4.0 Detail

4.1 Funding update

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

The cost of the 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 have the following firm contributions from partners:

£30,000	NHS Highland - Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
£50,000	Argyll and Bute Council
£15,000	NatureScot
£20,000	Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI)

Total = £115,000

Thank you to all those supporting the project.

4.2 Progress

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 interviews were held. Andy Macpherson was appointed as the CPP Climate Change Project Manager and started on the 30th October.

4.3 Governance

Andy's work will be guided and supported by the project Steering Group, a sub-set of the CPP Climate Change Working Group.

The CPP Climate Change Working Group will moderate its activity while this project is ongoing, and meet once a quarter rather than the monthly meetings we have been holding. It would make sense, then, if future updates to this Committee (the *de facto* Project Board) are made by the Climate Change Project Manager.

Stan Phillips has completed his term as the Chair of the CPP Climate Change Working Group. Current arrangements are for Rona Gold to take on the role on an interim basis, with Stephen Kelly (Station Commander, Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) acting as Deputy Chair. We would still be interested in hearing from anyone willing to take on a term as Chair of this group.

5.0 Summary

1. We have an approved governance arrangement for the Climate Change Project Manager post.

2. We have recruited Andy Macpherson as Project Manager to start this Action Plan work.
3. We will continue to update the Management Committee on the progress of the Project.

6.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	
Consultations, Previous considerations	
Resources	
Prevention	
Equalities	

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References

Appendices