

Climate Change and Sustainability Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee is to provide leadership, governance and scrutiny that will drive collaborative action across the Council in order to achieve the vision and outcomes set out in the climate change and sustainable development strategy and in becoming a net-zero Council.

1 Powers and Responsibilities

- 1.1. To approve actions, measures and timescales in the sustainable development and climate change strategy's annual action plan review and ensure these are implemented
- 1.2. To provide a forum for reporting progress and scrutiny on the climate change and sustainable development strategy's action plan
- 1.3. To ensure the Council complies with the Public Sector Climate Change duties and the Biodiversity Duty. This includes the Council meeting statutory reporting requirements on climate change and biodiversity
- 1.4. To ensure the Council contributes to Scotland's commitment of embracing the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals
- 1.5. To approve the Council's carbon reduction targets in line with national targets and provide a scrutiny function on meeting these targets
- 1.6. To support the Council's membership of the Climate Ready Clyde partnership and the development and implementation of the City Region's first Climate Change and Adaptation Strategy and associated action plan
- 1.7. To ensure that the principles of sustainable development and tackling climate change are embedded in Council plans, policies, strategies, programmes of work, service delivery and reviews
- 1.8. To encourage innovative carbon reduction and climate change adaptation projects
- 1.9. To be an advocate for sustainability and climate change across the Council, its committees and in the wider community
- 1.10. To promote a place-based, collaborative approach to tackling climate change and sustainability issues which includes working with partners, the business community, third sector, trades unions, local citizens and other interested stakeholders.
- 1.11. To ensure the implementation of Strategic Environmental Assessments across the Council
- 1.12. To make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the Council's climate change and sustainability activity, including investment, such as resources for research and development in the transition to net zero, and action to tackle the effects of climate change
- 1.13. To make recommendations to the Executive Committee on climate change and sustainability policy issues.

2 Membership

- 2.1 28 members, 2 of whom will be the Leader of the Council and Depute Leader of the Council. Appointments will be on the following basis: 1 Leader (ex officio); 11 SNP; 7 Labour; 5 Con; 3 Ind Group; 1 Lib Dem.
- 2.2 There will be provision for individual groups to substitute up to a maximum of 4 members
- 2.3 The committee will be chaired by the Leader of the Council.
- 2.4 The Depute Chair will be the Depute Leader of the Council.
- 2.4 Quorum – 7

3 Meeting Arrangements and Practice

- 3.1 The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee will be held 4 times each financial year, immediately following the Executive Committee on the dates when there is no Council meeting scheduled.
- 3.2 Minutes of the meetings will be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of the Committee for approval as a correct record.