

# Report

Report to:	<b>South Lanarkshire Council</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>4 December 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Climate Change and Sustainability Committee Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide an update on action taken to progress the decision of South Lanarkshire Council on 25 September 2019 to establish a Climate Change and Sustainability Committee

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the actions taken to progress the decision of South Lanarkshire Council on 25 September 2019 to establish a Climate Change and Sustainability Committee be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that a further report will be brought to the first meeting of South Lanarkshire Council in 2020.

## 3. Background

3.1. At its meeting held on 25 September 2019, the Council agreed that a new committee be established on climate change and sustainability and that a Terms of Reference be submitted to a future meeting for approval.

## 4. Progress Update

- 4.1. A Terms of Reference and arrangements for a Climate Change and Sustainability Committee have been drafted for consideration by the Standards and Procedures Advisory Forum at its next meeting scheduled for Monday 9 December 2019.
- 4.2. The recommendations of the Standards and Procedures Advisory Forum will be reported to the next meeting of the Council in 2020 for approval.
- 4.3. The Report Template has been updated to include climate change and sustainability paragraphs and the associated Committee Report Writing Guidance has been updated to include advice for officers on completion of these paragraphs.
- 4.4. Awareness sessions on the various aspects of climate change and sustainability will be arranged for elected members early in the New Year.
- 4.5. The new committee will replace the Sustainable Development Member/Officer Working Group, although officers at a senior level will continue to progress outcomes resulting from the new committee at an operational level.

## **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There are no employee implications in terms of the content of this report.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. There are no financial implications in terms of the content of this report.

## **7. Other Implications (including environmental and risk issues)**

- 7.1. Failure to meet sustainable development and climate change objectives is one of the Council's top risks, therefore, this committee will mitigate that risk by providing strong leadership and governance to achieve the visions and outcomes set out in the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Strategy.

## **7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 7.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy, or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 7.2. Consultation was undertaken with colleagues in Community and Enterprise Resources.

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21 November 2019

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- Achieve results through leadership, good governance and organisational effectiveness
- Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- Fair, open and sustainable

## **Previous References**

- South Lanarkshire Council of 25 September 2019

## **List of Background Papers**

None

## **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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