

## **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At the May 2021 Policy & Resources Committee a report was submitted relating to a number of activities that the Climate Change Board had recommended relating to the Council engagement with COP26.
- 1.2 This report aims to update the Committee on steps taken since the May meeting to take forward both Elected Member Training and also the 2 COP26 events that were agreed upon.

The Policy & Resources Committee is asked to:

- i. Consider the update on activity in relation to climate change training and the COP26 events.

## **2.0 DETAIL**

### **Training**

- 2.1 The Council has progressed talks with our partner organisation Argyll and Isles Coast & Countryside Trust (ACT) to deliver Climate Change Training to Elected Members and Officers via the 'ACT Now' Programme. The Act Now project is commencing the delivery of 'Carbon Literacy for Community Leaders' training the in July and already a number of community, public and private delegates have signed up. The training is accredited by the Carbon Literacy Trust.
- 2.2 The Course has been designed by Keep Scotland Beautiful and is suitable for all parties interested in understanding and communicating the need to act on Climate Change. The training takes eight hours spread over four weeks, all delivered online, with a combination of self-study, quizzes, and group webinars (via an online platform).
- 2.3 Course content is as follows:-
- Week 1- Science of climate change. Self-Study in own time
  - Week 2- Impacts and Adaptation. Self-study. Group Webinar
  - Week 3- Reducing Emissions. Self-study and Group Webinar
  - Week 4- Climate Policy and Communication. Self-study and Group Webinar
- 2.4 The Council and ACT are in discussions about rolling out this training in October / November time.

### **Events**

- 2.5 As agreed at the May Committee 2 Events are scheduled to be held to align with COP26.



3.8 Islands – N/A

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3.9 Risk – N/A

3.10 Customer Service -None

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