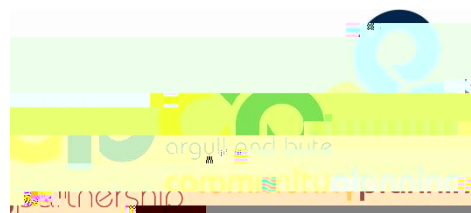


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Addressing the Climate Emergency in Argyll and Bute: Argyll and Bute Climate Action

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the CPP Argyll And Bute Climate Action project: developing a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for Argyll and Bute, and associated work including the Climate Action Network Hub

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

The CPP sub-group working on climate change is 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 plan is to be produced by employing a Climate Change Project Manager to lead on the process. Argyll & the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT) are the employing body and the manager started in post on 30 October 2023.

This update sets out the 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, meaning that the post is fully funded for the 2 year duration, with thanks to all those supporting the project:

£80,000	Argyll and Bute Council
£15,000	NatureScot
£20,000	Argyll and Bute Third Sector Interface (TSI)

£10,000 NHS Highland - Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
Total = £125,000

4.2 Progress

Main activity has been:

- One to one meetings with Steering Group, CWG members and other key personnel to identify priorities
- Meetings with core/potential national partners, notably Sustainable Scotland Network and Adaptation Scotland including discussion of methodology suitable for specific needs of Argyll
- Literature review to inform methodology and best practice in addition to known progress and gaps
- Initial outline strategy drafted

An initial draft Strategy was presented to the CWG meeting of 20 March. The structure was informed by best and most appropriate exemplars from across Scotland, and by feedback from partner meetings including the emphasis placed on brevity and avoidance of duplication. Points discussed included

- Outcomes from key Scottish and UK climate and associated strategies have been mapped and aligned with the three CPP Transport, Housing and Community Wellbeing outcomes.
- Volunteers from CWG to work with the project manager to refine the suggested vision statement following CWG comments, thereafter to submit to the CPP Management Committee for approval.
- CWG have also been asked to provide any further comments on the draft and appendices to the manager
- The group supported the principle of e

- Engagement

