



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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Report by:

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CARBON MANAGEMENT SUB-GROUP

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board was originally set up with four sub-groups driving the agenda: Greener Communities; Greener Housing; Greener Transport; and Carbon Management and Waste Reduction.
- 1.2 As part of an ongoing review of the work of the sub-groups, a large number of cross-cutting issues were identified across the work of the Greener Housing and the Carbon Management & Waste Reduction sub-groups. It was agreed therefore, at the meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board on 1 April 2016, that these two groups be merged to form one sub-group under the remit of Carbon Management. The priorities of this group will address carbon management and energy efficiency issues across Renfrewshire as well as the issues relating to the management of waste and recycling.
- 1.3 This report provides detail on the strategic priorities of the Carbon Management sub-group and the plans to ensure these are achieved to meet the key outcomes of the Greener Renfrewshire element of Renfrewshire's Community Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board:
 - a) Notes the strategic outcomes of the Carbon Management sub-group; and

- b) Notes that a detailed action plan on how the Carbon Management sub- group aims to achieve these outcomes will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board, for approval.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Greener Housing sub-group was led by Adele Fraser, Chief Executive of Linstone Housing Association, representing FLAIR (the Federation of Local Housing Associations in Renfrewshire) and Louise Feely, Housing Asset and Investment Manager, Renfrewshire Council.
- 3.2 The priority outcomes of the Greener Housing sub-group included:
 - Development of ECO projects, including renewable energy in social housing
 - Maximising use of government initiatives like Green Deal to make homes more energy efficient
 - Ensuring all social housing meets the Home Energy Efficiency Standard by 2020
 - Reducing the percentage of households in Renfrewshire experiencing fuel poverty.
- 3.3 The Carbon Management & Waste Reduction sub-group was led by Craig Thorpe, Corporate Asset & Energy Manager and Karen Anderson, Waste Services Manager, both Renfrewshire Council.
- 3.4 The priority outcomes of the Carbon Management & Waste Reduction sub-group included:
 - A reduction of CO2 per capita across Renfrewshire
 - A reduction in the amount of CO2 emitted from public space lighting
 - Ensuring no waste generated within Renfrewshire is sent directly to landfill without prior treatment.
 - Ensuring less than 5% of the total waste collected is landfilled
- 3.5 It was identified that there were a large number of cross-cutting issues across the work of the two sub-groups in achieving these key outcomes. It became apparent that the most sensible course of action was to merge the two groups and form one single sub-group under the heading of Carbon Management. An initial meeting of the lead officers of the existing sub-groups was held on 20 April 2016 to agree strategic priorities for the merged Carbon Management sub-group.
- 3.6 A number of high level priorities were identified which can be driven by the group, including:
 - The establishment of a Renfrewshire Wide Carbon Management Plan;
 - Continuing the work to reduce the percentage of households in Renfrewshire experiencing fuel poverty;

- Improving engagement with households in the private rented sector and with homeowners across Renfrewshire to help make their homes more energy efficient;
- Identifying funding streams for carbon reduction and energy efficient projects;
- Maximising recycling and waste reduction opportunities;
- Maximising opportunities to source external funding; and
- Progressing further funding streams from the Scottish Government's Low Carbon infrastructure Transition Programme.

3.7 It was established that further expertise would be required to ensure that engagement with Community Planning Partners and other stakeholders across Renfrewshire could deliver the key priorities of the group. It has, therefore, been agreed that representatives from Resource Efficient Scotland and Energy Savings Trust be invited along to help deliver a workshop to share their experience and provide assistance. The proposed outcome of this workshop is that a strategic action plan is created which will ensure the delivery of the identified outcomes.

3.8 It is anticipated that resources will be required to deliver the outcomes of the group. This may involve a project manager being required to lead on the delivery of the priorities as well as support in consultation and engagement with Community Planning Partners and stakeholders.

4. Next Steps

4.1 A workshop has been arranged for 19 July 2016 with Resource Efficient Scotland and the Energy Savings Trust. This workshop is to enable the members of the Carbon Management sub-group to agree a strategy on how to deliver a Renfrewshire Wide Carbon Management Plan.

4.2 Membership of the sub-group is sought from Community Planning Partners to ensure that the relevant officers are in place to deliver the actions and priorities agreed by the sub-group.

4.2 A strategic action plan will be prepared and submitted to the next meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board for approval.

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