



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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CARBON MANAGEMENT SUB-GROUP PROGRESS REPORT

1. Summary

- 1.1 The strategic priorities of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board are addressed through three sub-groups: Greener Communities; Greener Transport; and Carbon Management. The Carbon Management sub-group was recently formed, merging together the Greener Housing and Carbon Management & Waste Reduction sub-groups.
- 1.2 A workshop was held in July 2016 to identify the priorities of the Carbon Management sub-group and to agree an action plan. This action plan will be monitored to ensure these priorities are achieved.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board:
 - a) Notes the content of the draft action plan of the Carbon Management sub-group, attached in Appendix 1 of this report;
 - b) Notes that representatives from the Community Planning Partners are invited to participate in the activities of the Carbon Management sub-group; and
 - c) Notes that a report providing a more detailed action plan, together with any progress achieved, will be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Carbon Management sub-group of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board is led by Adele Fraser, Chief Executive of Linstone Housing Association. Louise Feely, Housing Asset and Investment Manager, Craig Thorpe, Corporate Asset & Energy Manager and Karen Anderson, Waste Services Manager, all Renfrewshire Council, assist in the leadership of the group.

- 3.2 It was agreed that a workshop be held with Community Planning Partners with assistance from various national organisations. The purpose of the workshop was to assist in the creation of a strategic action plan and identify the key priorities of the group.
- 3.3 The workshop followed an agenda which included the following presentations:
- Resource Efficient Scotland on carbon management plan guidance and the project register tool;
 - Home Energy Scotland on measures available to support households to save energy, reduce carbon emissions and reduce their fuel bills;
 - Energy Savings Trust on programmes which are in place to reduce carbon and to facilitate community engagement; and
 - Update on Renfrewshire Council's Carbon Management Plan.
- 3.4 Those in attendance at the workshop were asked to identify actions which they considered necessary to enable the group to achieve the priorities. A draft action plan was drawn up from the output of the workshop and this has been circulated to Community Planning Partners to ensure that a focussed, strategic action plan is developed which will ensure the delivery of the key priorities of the group, which will help drive the agenda of the Greener Renfrewshire element of the Renfrewshire Community Plan.
- 3.5 A further meeting of the group has been arranged for 11 October 2016 at which time the action plan will be refined and will be brought to the November meeting of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board for approval. A review of performance measures will be undertaken at this meeting to agree a suite of indicators that reflect this wider partnership approach to carbon management. Once these indicators have been agreed, a recommendation may be made to the Community Planning Partnership Board for approval as part of the refresh of the Community Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

4. Community Involvement/Engagement

- 4.1 All members of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board were invited to nominate a representative from their organisations to form the membership of the Carbon Management sub-group.
- 4.2 The membership of the sub-group has representation from: West College Scotland; NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; Renfrewshire Access Panel; Linstone Housing Association; Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and various service areas within Renfrewshire Council.

- 4.2 All Community Planning Partners are invited to nominate a representative(s) from their organisation to participate in the activities of the Carbon Management sub-group.

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Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board Carbon Management Sub-Group Action Plan		
Actions	Milestones	Progress to date
Priority: Establish a Renfrewshire-wide Carbon Management Plan		
Identify community planning partners and stakeholders within Renfrewshire and determine which of these already have carbon management plans in place. Identify a resource to pull together the key areas of these plans.		
Create a register capturing all these plans and gather headline carbon data providing a measurement tool covering all the plans and establish baseline data. (could be through Resource Efficient Scotland's Carbon Footprint and Project Register Tool).		
Share and learn best practice across Community Planning Partners, pulling together key areas of their plans and establish a procedure on how this can be done, including analysing success levels.		

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Consider a framework for formal partnership working, linked to financial savings (including joint procurement initiatives). Identify a few 'quick win' projects which will deliver economic benefits and will help to achieve the buy-in from senior management across the CPP, ensuring these are reported to the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.		
Agree key areas of priority and how the success of these can be measured		
Ensure engagement takes place with: all public sector organisations; large employers and businesses across Renfrewshire;		
Establish a database of existing projects which are currently delivering a reduction of carbon in Renfrewshire		

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Maximise the resources available nationally which may assist in the development of the action plan and provide education, advice, training and development opportunities to CPPs, business and community groups, including: • Environmental Savings Trust • Adaptation Scotland • Home Energy Scotland • Resource Efficient Scotland (ZWS) • Sustainable Scotland Network (KSB)		
Co-ordinate a process whereby community groups, churches etc. are provided with support to enable them to reduce carbon (and save money) in their premises.		
Consider the implications of the Local Development Plan in respect of microgeneration and future development.		
Identify positive carbon reduction benefits realised through other strategic plans e.g. Air Quality; Tackling Poverty		

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Encourage communities, schools, and employees across partners and stakeholders, to consider improving their own individual carbon footprint through communication and education programmes.		
Support Fire and Rescue Scotland in their programmes relating to fire prevention and reducing hoax calls. This can aid carbon reduction due to a reduction in the volume of water being used and cut in the number of unnecessary journeys by fire appliances.		
Priority: Reduce the Percentage of Households Experiencing Fuel Poverty		
Maximise HEEPS:ABS funding to deliver measures in SIMD areas.		
Investigate the potential for district heating projects, particularly switching from electric heating systems		
Consider the implications of the Local Development Plan in respect of microgeneration and future housing developments.		

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Ensure the services provided by Home Energy Scotland are communicated to the residents of Renfrewshire, enabling them to maximise the services on offer.		
Establish a more joined-up approach with Community Planning Partners and stakeholders, including: the promotion of public events; education and training opportunities; advice surgeries; and information on the availability of grants and low cost loans		
Ensure the most vulnerable households are targeted with intervention from Renfrewshire Council's Advocacy Serviced, through the establishment of cross-referrals from e.g. social work, schools.		
Identify ways to improve digital inclusion to ensure householders can take advantage of online switching services and energy metering.		
Consider methods of improving the support provided to improve energy efficiency measures in non social housing		

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Promote the awareness of bodies/ organisations which can supply and provide fuel efficiency measures such as Warmer Homes Scotland		
Priority: Waste Reduction and Recycling		
Increase the awareness of the costs for the disposal of waste, through a hard-hitting campaign		
Reduce the capacity for householders to dispose of residual waste		
Provide householders with improved segregated recycling services, with clear labelling on what can and cannot be put in each bin.		
Improve public engagement on the awareness of the benefits of recycling and on what happens to the recycle.		
Identify the waste and recycling infrastructures which are in place across Community Planning Partners and highlight areas where joint working could be implemented to improve processes		

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Maximise the resources available nationally from Zero Waste Scotland and Recycle for Scotland to ensure a consistent approach.		
Increase charges for the collection of commercial residual waste, compensated by free/low cost recycling fees		
Improve the infrastructure relating to the collection of food waste		
Improve enforcement activities around waste collection and disposal		
Deliver waste reduction and recycling information activities at large scale Paisley 2021 events		
Priority: Identify Funding Streams for Carbon Reduction and Energy Efficiency Projects		
Establish a database of funding streams containing key eligibility criteria, establishing a procedure to ensure it is kept up to date. (distinguish between development and capital support.		

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Agree a list of priority projects and determine partnership opportunities to deliver these		
Strengthen the chances of securing funding by identifying opportunities to submit joint funding applications with Community Planning Partners and other stakeholders		
Work up potential SEEPs bids to access capital grants funding for joined up approaches with		
Roll up projects to create packages for LCiTP funding		
Identify good examples of local groups and organisations who have successfully secured funding for projects which help reduce carbon (e.g. LEAP, UWS)		
Identify employee resources to research funding opportunities		