



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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PUBLIC SECTOR CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORTING

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides feedback on Renfrewshire Council's Public Sector Climate Change Duties Report which was submitted to the Sustainable Scotland Network in November 2015. The overall aim of the feedback analysis is to assess the completeness of the reports and not the performance of the organisation and can be found at appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.2 The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 introduced ambitious targets and legislation to reduce Scotland's emissions by at least 80 per cent by 2050. The Act additionally placed duties on public bodies relating to climate change. Further to the Act, the Scottish Government introduced in 2015 an Order requiring all 151 Public Bodies who appear on the Major Player list to submit an annual report to SSN, detailing their compliance with the climate change duties.
- 1.3 Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning to a low carbon economy will help create a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board:
 - a. notes the content of Sustainable Scotland Network's Feedback Report to Renfrewshire Council on the submission of the 2014/15 Climate Change Duties Report; and



- b. notes that a summary of the 2015/16 Climate Change Duties Report submission will be presented to the next Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board.

Background

- 3.1 In 2007, all 32 local authorities in Scotland signed up to Scotland's Climate Change Declaration (SCCD). Signatories to the SCCD acknowledge the importance of climate change and are committed to:
- mitigating their impact on climate change through reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
 - taking steps to adapt to the unavoidable impacts of a changing climate; and
 - working in partnership with their communities to respond to climate change.
- 3.2 Renfrewshire Council has voluntarily submitted climate change data as part of its commitment to the SCCD over a number of years. This requirement became mandatory in November 2015, with a standardised template for all reporting bodies. This has been refined for the 2015/16 submission which has a deadline of 30th November 2016.
- 3.3 A summary of the 2015/16 submission will be presented to the Environment Policy Board in November 2016, for approval and to the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board in November 2016, for noting.

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Feedback to Renfrewshire Council



On Public Bodies Climate Change Duties 2014/15 Report

February 2016



Thank you for your report

This is the first year that all 151 'major players'¹ in the public sector were encouraged to report their climate change activity in the same format. While not every organisation managed to submit a report in this trial year, a significant majority did and there have been some very valuable lessons learned for next year, when reporting becomes mandatory through the Climate Change (duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015.

The SSN team at Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) is using the wealth of information in the reports to produce :-

- Individual feedback to each reporting organisation (this document).
- A functional review of the process to inform design of the support programme for 2016.
- An analysis report of the information provided in the reports.

Individual feedback

This document contains feedback on the quality of the information provided in the report submitted by your organisation. **It is not an assessment of your organisation's performance on climate change activity, only on the content you have provided.** As this is the first year of reporting for some organisations, and the first year for using this format, there is no previous information to assess performance against.

The aim of this feedback is to support your organisation to improve the quality of reporting for next and subsequent years, working to increase the use of reporting as a tool for learning and to support continuous performance improvement.

Functional Review

The Functional Review will be available in late March 2016 and will provide an assessment of the reporting process to date and the effectiveness of the support provided. The findings will inform the content of programme of support which will start in April 2016.

More feedback

If you would like more detailed feedback on your report, please email us at ssn@keepscotlandbeautiful.org and include in the subject line 'feedback' and the name of your organisation. You can include any specific questions you have. We will endeavour to provide further feedback, as soon as possible and depending on staff capacity/availability

Analysis report

The information in the reports received by the deadline is being collated and an analysis report will be produced at the end of March 2016. This will include:-

- Key findings from each of the six sections of the reporting template.
- High-level overview of the CO₂e emissions and activity data.
- An analysis of recommended, wider-influence activities.
- Examples of good practice covering governance/management, emission reduction projects, sustainable procurement and adaptation initiatives.

Support programme

Starting in April 2016, SSN will be organising a range of support and training for reporting. This will include:-

- Improved guidance notes.
- Online resources – including the reports submitted in 2015.
- On-line reporting database for submission of reports in Nov 2016.
- Support / training events.
- Opportunities for peer-group support amongst the 151 major players.
- One-to-one support from the SSN officers.

¹ Public sector organisations above a certain size and/or with a significant wider influence on climate change activity



Feedback table

Section 1 - Organisational Details	
Good	The body has provided responses to all of the questions in this section and provided enough information to give a clear picture of the size and context of the body.
Section 2 - Governance and Management	
Satisfactory	The information provided by the body provides a satisfactory description of its strategic, governance and management functions.
Section 3 - Corporate Emissions	
Satisfactory	The body has provided satisfactory information in relation to its corporate emissions through responses to questions in this section.
Section 4 - Adaptation	
Satisfactory	The body has provided a satisfactory amount of information in relation to adaptation activities and/or responsibilities.
Section 5 - Procurement	
Satisfactory	The body has provided a satisfactory response to some/all questions in this section.
Section 6 - Validation	
Satisfactory	The body has provided information to explain the validation arrangements in their organisation.
Section 7 - Recommended	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renfrewshire has previously reported more actions (15 last year compared to 7 this year).• The quality of the targets and actions reported is good. The actions presented are of particularly good quality and the estimations of the relative impacts in terms of reduced emissions is welcome.	

This feedback has been produced through a qualitative analysis process and focuses on the completeness of the responses within each section. Each section of the report has been reviewed and attributed a placing within the feedback category range in relation the overall completeness of the reports received.

List of Resources and Toolkits

There is a list on the SSN website which provides links to resources and toolkits which help with the preparation of reports.

www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/sustainable-scotland-network/climate-change-reporting/support-and-resources/

Partner Organisations Providing Support

Adaptation Scotland - www.adaptationscotland.org.uk

Resource Efficient Scotland - www.resourceefficientscotland.com



Keep Scotland Beautiful is the charity that enables action on sustainable development by working with organisations and communities to change behaviour to reduce carbon emissions and environmental impact. It's part of our work to make Scotland clean, green and more sustainable.



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