

Minute of Meeting Climate Change Sub-Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 09 February 2022	10:00	Remotely via MS Teams,

Present: Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Neill Graham, Councillor John Hood, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Eileen McCartin, Councillor Cathy McEwan, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor John Shaw

Chair

Councillor Nicolson, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Commissioning, A Morrison, Head of Economy & Development Services, D Love, Chief Planning Officer, P Moss, Strategy, Policy & Insight Manager, R Smith, Climate Emergency Lead Officer and G Crawford, Senior Communications Officer (all Chief Executive's), F Carlin, Head of Housing Services and F Taylor, Youth Services Manager (both Communities & Housing Services), G Hutton, Head of Operations & Infrastructure, (Environment & Infrastructure); J Lynch, Head of Property Services, D Pole End User Technician, and C MacDonald and P Shiach, Senior Committee Services Officers, (all Finance & Resources).

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting would be recorded for subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

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Councillor McCartin joined the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

1 Youth Services and Climate Emergency

The Youth Services Manager introduced a presentation on Youth Services and Climate Emergency.

A short video was played which featured Play Rangers and the partnership work with the YMCA in Paisley and Renfrew teaching young people to lead other young people in playing outdoors safely.

The presentation highlighted the youth work and youth service delivery in schools and in the community; detailed the outdoor learning programme; including EVOLVE, a personal social and learning development programme; supported Duke of Edinburgh programmes; and COP26 ambassadors.

The Youth Services Manager was then heard in answer to questions on the presentation from Members.

Members thanked the Youth Services Manager for her presentation.

DECIDED: That the presentation be noted.

2 Climate Emergency Work Programme : Progress Update

There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy & Commissioning regarding the work which has been undertaken by the Council in response to the climate emergency.

Reference was made to the report considered at the meeting of this Sub-committee held on 17 November 2021 outlining progress in connection with the work undertaken in response to the climate emergency declared by the Council in June 2019. At the meeting held on 1 September 2021, the Climate Change Sub-Committee considered a paper outlining progress on the work being undertaken in response to the climate emergency.

The Sub-Committee had agreed a number of key priorities to be progressed by Officers and recognised that it was a priority to continue to develop Renfrewshire's plan to achieve the target of net zero carbon emissions by 2030 alongside a programme of engagement with citizens, community planning partners and businesses.

The report provided an update on the work undertaken to progress these priority actions and highlighted some of the key activities that had been undertaken since the last update to Sub-committee. Section 5 of the report also outlined key areas officers proposed to focus on over the coming quarter, particularly around the further development and phasing of Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero.

DECIDED:

(a) That the progress achieved in relation to the current work programme as outlined in Section 4 of the report be noted; and

(b) That the key priorities for progression over the course of the next quarter, as set out in Section 5 of the report be approved, noting the timeline of the programme.

3 Climate Change Action Fund

There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy & Commissioning relative to an overview of progress to date in relation to a number of funding proposals approved by the Climate Change Sub-committee as part of the budget approved by Council on 9 March 2020.

The report advised that £1M of funding had been allocated to establish a Climate Change Action Fund which would support the next steps outlined in the report "Climate Change Emergency", approved by Council on 27 February 2020.

The report indicated that the Climate Change Action Fund was intended to fund innovative projects and initiatives being developed by Council services in response to the climate emergency; provide initial funding to pilot new ideas and approaches; to support engagement and partnership working across Renfrewshire; or to accelerate the pace of change already being delivered through existing initiatives. This process was vital to the Council being able to lever in the external funding that would support climate change initiatives at the scale and pace required.

An update on projects supported by the Climate Change Action Fund was detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 detailed funding proposals being developed for February 2022.

DECIDED:

(a) That the progress update provided on the initiatives funded through the Climate Change Action Fund to date be noted;

(b) That the proposals detailed in Appendix 1 of the report to support two further initiatives, with £45,000 of funding requested from the Climate Change Action Fund, be approved; and

(c) That it be noted that subject to agreement, these proposals will be submitted to the Leadership Board for formal approval.