

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Climate Change Sub-Committee

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

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Iain Nicolson (Chair): Councillor John Hood (Vice Chair) Councillor Bill Brown:
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Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

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To: Climate Change Sub-Committee

On: 9 February 2022

Report by: Head of Policy and Commissioning

Heading: Climate Emergency Work Programme – Progress Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 At its meeting on 17 November 2021, the Climate Change Sub-Committee considered a paper outlining progress on the work being undertaken by the organisation to respond to the climate emergency declared by Council in June 2019.
- 1.2 The Sub-Committee agreed a number of key priorities to be progressed by officers, recognising that it was a particular priority to continue to develop Renfrewshire's plan for achieving the target of net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and to do so alongside a programme of engagement with citizens, community planning partners and businesses.
- 1.3 This paper provides an update on the work undertaken to progress these priority actions and highlights some of the key activities that have been undertaken since the last update to Board. Section 5 of the report also outlines key areas officers propose to focus on over the coming quarter, particularly around the further development and phasing of Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of the Climate Change Sub-Committee:

- Note the progress achieved in relation to the current work programme as outlined in section 4 of the report;
- Agree the key priorities for progression over the course of the next quarter, as set out in section 5 of the report, noting the timeline for this programme.

3. Background

- 3.1 As elected members will be aware, following the Council's declaration of the climate emergency in 2019, officers have been working very closely with partners to develop a programme of work which will drive the collective response to climate change in Renfrewshire. The work programme was paused in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however work recommenced on this in Autumn 2020. The core focus of the local programme of work has been to develop a plan which sets out how the Council will work with partners, communities and stakeholders to achieve the net zero carbon emissions target by 2030, which was set by Renfrewshire Council.
- 3.2 As previously agreed, at the core of the Council's approach is to meaningfully engage with partners, stakeholders and citizens throughout the development of Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero and our engagement activities are outlined in more detail in section 4 of this report.
- 3.3 As previously outlined to the Sub-Committee, there is significant learning and research that also needs to take place to support the organisation and partners to make the extensive changes that will be required to achieve the net zero emissions target by 2030. £1m of funding was previously allocated by Council to establish a Climate Change Action Fund within the organisation, with a view to this being used to support services to tests new approaches or technology and undertake work that could allow the Council to potentially lever in external funding to take forward its climate response at greater pace and scale.
- 3.4 A separate paper has been prepared for this Sub-Committee to provide a progress update for the projects that were allocated funding. Many of these projects involve feasibility studies on projects which could potentially be identified and scaled up as interventions which would help Renfrewshire to meet the 2030 target. The learning and experience from these projects will help to feed into the next phase of Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero as outlined in section 4.
- 3.5 More broadly, the work programme agreed by the Sub-Committee has continued to be progressed by officers in line with the priorities agreed in April 2021. Section 4 below provides a full update on the key actions that have been progressed between November 2021 and February 2022.

4. Update on work programme

Renfrewshire Climate Panel and Representative Groups

- 4.1 In order to ensure Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero is accessible, relevant and meaningful for citizens, the Sub-Committee agreed that a small-scale, informal 'citizen's panel' should be developed, recruited through the climate survey carried out in September 2021 which was circulated to the Public Services Panel and also publicised more widely and open to any Renfrewshire citizen.
- 4.2 Renfrewshire Climate Panel has been established, and sessions have successfully taken place in November, December and January with further sessions planned for February. The panel offers the opportunity for both daytime and evening sessions in order to meet the needs of as many people as possible. The sessions were, and will continue to be, held remotely via teams due to the pandemic.
- 4.3 The first session focused on introducing the Panel and the reasons for establishing it; outlining the background to the global climate emergency; and explaining why Renfrewshire declared a climate emergency and what this means. The session in December explored in more details the findings from the climate survey. In discussions over these two sessions, the panel members had requested a focus on particular areas – the January session focused on waste and recycling and it is planned that at the February session there will be a focus on active travel, biodiversity and tree planting.
- 4.4 Whilst efforts have been taken to ensure the panel is as representative as possible, officers remain committed that, as part of our engagement programme, that specific outreach takes place in early 2022 with particular representative organisations to ensure that priority areas, challenges and barriers are taken into consideration with the voice and views of a wide range of people with different needs and experiences.
- 4.5 Youth Services have developed an extensive programme of work with young people focusing on the climate emergency including delivering an "Outdoor Academy" in response to COVID-19, and a focus on outdoor learning and raising awareness of nature and the environment as a focus on building back education recovery and investing in positive mental health and wellbeing. The team also delivered a range of events and legacy projects as part of the Scottish Government's COP26 Youth Climate Programme. A key component of this is supporting Renfrewshire's COP26 Local Ambassadors through a programme of training and engagement. Officers from the Chief Executive's Service were invited to attend a Renfrewshire COP26 Local Ambassador's

meeting in January 2022 and the young people who are Renfrewshire's Local Ambassadors also attended Renfrewshire's Climate Panel. It is also hoped that Renfrewshire Youth Assembly will include climate change on the agenda and action plan for 2022.

- 4.6 Officers have also met with Engage Renfrewshire and Council colleagues leading on Renfrewshire's Social Renewal Plan to discuss further engagement with particular groups on areas of overlap such as climate justice, food and fuel insecurity.

Wider engagement activity

- 4.7 There was a particular focus of activity in November and December 2021 to tie in with COP26, this included officers holding a climate session with Council employees through the RENTalks series. This was well-received, engagement was very positive and work is underway to consider how to develop ongoing climate engagement with interested employees.
- 4.8 Also within the organisation, officers gave a climate presentation to the Leaders Forum – the forum of senior managers across the Council, which was attended by around 100 officers. At this session, a call to arms was made, seeking support to work together to help make Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero a success by working together across all service areas, Renfrewshire's Health and Social Care Partnership and Renfrewshire Leisure.
- 4.9 Officers were also invited to attend the Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership to give a presentation on Renfrewshire's work on the climate emergency, which was also well-received and prompted interesting and engaging discussions.
- 4.10 Renfrewshire's Net Zero Network met in late January 2022, the previous session in late 2021 having been rescheduled due to the emergence of the omicron variant and the pressures experienced by partners. The session focused on the findings of the climate survey and updates from all partners on their own planning for net zero. A further session is scheduled to share the high-level findings from the baseline evidence report in Spring and identify shared areas of focus (see paragraph 4.15).
- 4.11 The work to distribute the Business Survey was also paused due to the emergence of the omicron variant and the pressures experienced by the business community in the lead up to Christmas with changing restrictions. The survey question set has already been developed by officers and the work scoped and agreed by the Council's consultant partner to carry out the survey. It is proposed to launch the survey in Spring 2022 and findings will therefore be available to inform phase 2 of Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero.

Community Climate Fund Grant Scheme

- 4.12 Following agreement at the Climate Change Sub-Committee and Leadership Board in November 2021, officers have been progressing the roll out of the Community Climate Fund. At November's meeting, it was agreed that the Community Climate Fund would provide awards of up to £3,000 to community organisations to develop localised, green community projects and initiatives which are tailored to the needs of individual communities. It was agreed that funding of £50,000 be allocated from the Climate Change Action Fund to support this activity.
- 4.13 The fund was launched on 31 January 2022 and is open for applications until 14 March 2022. It is proposed that this first round of award recommendations be submitted a future meeting of the Climate Change Sub-Committee prior to submission at Leadership Board. Award recommendations would follow consideration by a panel comprising of service representatives and a community representative.
- 4.14 Following the approval of awards, officers will work with all successful applicants to monitor the outcomes delivered by projects and initiatives supported through the Fund, as part of a wider evaluation of the local response to the climate emergency in Renfrewshire.

Plan for Net Zero

- 4.15 In June 2021, the Climate Change Sub-Committee approved the commissioning of technical support to establish a robust carbon evidence base to underpin Renfrewshire's Plan for Net Zero and to identify exemplar options and ideas for further initiatives and interventions that could help Renfrewshire meet the ambitious 2030 net zero target. As reported to this Sub-Committee a procurement exercise in relation to this commission in late summer 2021 was unsuccessful. Procurement colleagues received feedback which highlighted a lack of capacity to deliver the full scope within the outlined timescales due to other ongoing commissions. Officers have since revisited elements of this commission, reviewed other approaches used elsewhere and the work is now being commissioned on a phased basis.
- 4.16 The first phase of the technical support focuses on the baseline evidence for Renfrewshire as a geographical area and Renfrewshire Council as an organisation. Relevant organisations were invited to quote for this work in early January, a supplier has been identified and officers are finalising the scope with them.
- 4.17 Following this first phase, more detailed feasibility work will be commissioned to map the interventions needed to meet the 2030 target and form a more detailed route map to net zero for Renfrewshire. This provides the solid basis

for targeted action plans, ensuring that Renfrewshire Council and partners are focused on the key areas to make the biggest difference and can evidence projections and options for budget decisions and funding applications across all partners.

- 4.18 This support is fundamental to being able to produce a meaningful and action-focused plan for Renfrewshire and, as agreed at the previous meeting of the Sub-Committee, officers have reviewed the broader timeline and tasks required to produce Renfrewshire’s Plan for Net Zero.
- 4.19 Whilst work is underway on the baseline evidence, officers are collating the views from the climate survey, the priorities of Renfrewshire’s Climate Panel and from the other engagement activities as outlined above and are undertaking a desktop mapping exercise, engaging with services and partners on current gaps and opportunities which have been identified across a number of themes.
- 4.20 A summary position on the first phase of the development of Renfrewshire’s Plan for Net Zero will be provided at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee

5. Key priority areas

- 5.1 Looking ahead to the quarter, key priority areas for the climate emergency work programme are as follows:

Review the commissioned work on baseline carbon emissions and share findings with Elected Members, partners and citizens, as outlined in section 4	March to June 2022
Continue to progress the development of phase 1 of Renfrewshire’s Plan for Net Zero, with summary position reported to next meeting of Sub-Committee	For next Sub-Committee meeting
Develop approach for phase 2 of Renfrewshire’s Plan for Net Zero and prepare tender for technical support for scope interventions and impact	May/June
Review submissions and agree awards for Community Climate Fund as noted in section 4	May/June
Carry out business survey	Spring 2022
Engagement with underrepresented groups	Ongoing throughout January to May 2022

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council Planning** – this report includes updates and further proposals to support engagement and collaboration with local businesses, partners and communities on the climate emergency agenda.
4. **Legal** - none
5. **Property/Assets** - none
6. **Information Technology** - none
7. **Equality and Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website. As outlined in section 4, officers are seeking to engage with equality or underrepresented groups through the wider engagement programme to ensure all voices and views are heard.
8. **Health and Safety** - none
9. **Procurement** – the Council's procurement team continue to provide support to the programme, including on the specific issue outlined in section 4
10. **Risk** – none
11. **Privacy Impact** – none
12. **COSLA Policy Position** – none
13. **Climate Risk** – this report outlines work being undertaken by the Council to respond to the climate emergency.

List of Background Papers:

Climate Emergency Work Programme: Progress Update, 1 September 2021 and 17 November 2021
Climate Change Sub-Committee

Author: Pauline Moss, Strategy, Policy and Insight Manager
Chief Executive's Service



To: Climate Change Sub-Committee

On: 9 February 2022

Report by: Head of Policy and Commissioning

Heading: Climate Change Action Fund

1. Summary

1.1 As part of the budget approved by Council on 9th March 2020, £1M of funding was allocated to support the organisation in progressing its response to the climate emergency through a Climate Change Action Fund.

1.2 The Sub-Committee has considered a number of funding proposals developed by the organisation during 2021. Following detailed discussion and engagement with members of the sub-committee, these proposals have been formally approved by the Leadership Board, with £933,000 of funding allocated to date from the Climate Change Action Fund.

1.3 This paper provides a high-level overview of the progress that has been achieved to date in terms of the projects and initiatives supported through this funding.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that members of the Climate Change Sub-Committee:

- Note the progress update provided on the initiatives funded through the Climate Change Action Fund to date;
- Consider the proposals detailed at Appendix 1 of this report to support two further initiatives, with £45,000 of funding requested from the Climate Change Action Fund, and;

- Note that subject to agreement, these proposals will be submitted to the Leadership Board for formal approval.

3. Background

3.1 In the budget approved by Council on 9th March 2020, £1 million was 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 27th February 2020. The report set out the initial findings and recommendations of the Climate Emergency Working Group, which had been convened following the Council’s declaration of a climate emergency in June 2019.

3.2 The Climate Change Action Fund is 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 is vital to the Council being able to lever in the external funding that will be required to support climate change initiatives at the scale and pace required.

4. Progress – projects and initiatives supported by the Fund

4.1 To date, £933,000 of funding has been allocated to support 12 projects through the Climate Change Action Fund. A number of these projects relate to feasibility studies or engagement work with local businesses and communities, and good progress has been made in terms of progressing these and appointing relevant suppliers and specialists to support this work. Appendix 1 provides specific detail on this progress which includes:

- The purchase of new electric light commercial vehicles as part of the ongoing expansion of the Council’s electric fleet.
- A feasibility study looking at the opportunity for a large-scale solar farm on the former landfill site at Moss Road, Linwood (see Figure 1, below).



Figure 1: Example of solar farm

- Energy modelling at Bridge of Weir Primary School to develop energy efficient refurbishment options, which could potentially be replicated across the school estate.
- Completion of our residents' Climate Survey, including weighting and analysis of results to ensure a representative view as part of the evidence base for Renfrewshire's net zero plan (see Figure 2, right). A representative sample of residents who responded then formed the Climate Panel.
- Development of a local response to ensure resilient town centres by addressing current and issues within our towns and local centres in Renfrewshire. Work includes interventions to mitigate climate change impacts and support local centres from further economic impact.
- Establishing the Community Climate Fund to provide awards of up to £3K to community organisations to develop localised green community projects and initiatives. This was launched on the 31st January 2022 and closes on the 14th March 2022.

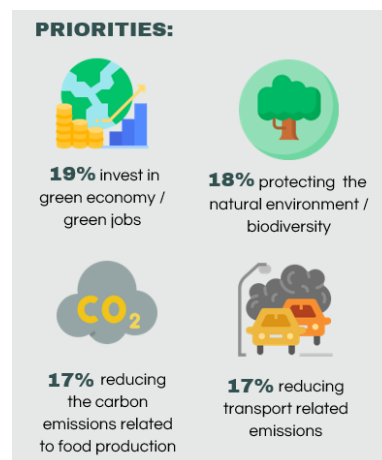


Figure 2: Top priority areas according to Survey respondents



4.2 Further project proposals for allocations of the remaining fund will be brought to future Sub-Committee meetings and Leadership Board for approval.

5. New funding proposals

5.1 Two further proposals have been developed by services in relation to the Climate Change Action Fund, with a total of £45,000 of funding being requested this cycle. Further detail on these proposals is outlined within Appendix 2 of this report and these would seek to deliver:

- A Charity Shop Gift Card pilot, which would support local work in relation to the circular economy, whilst also being a potential source of support to low income households.
- Funding to support the development of a Renfrewshire Sustainable Procurement programme which would strengthen and accelerate the local approach and support net-zero ambitions across Renfrewshire.

5.2 Subject to the views of the Sub-Committee, these proposals would be submitted to the Leadership Board for formal approval. If approved, £22,000 would remain within the Climate Change Action Fund for future allocation.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – the content of this report relates to allocated funding of £1M from the Climate Change Action Fund
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council Planning** – this report includes funding proposals to support engagement and collaboration with local businesses, partners and communities on the climate emergency agenda.
4. **Legal** - none
5. **Property/Assets** – none
6. **Information Technology** - none
7. **Equality and Human Rights** - The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health and Safety** - none
9. **Procurement** – none
10. **Risk** – none
11. **Privacy Impact** – none
12. **COSLA Policy Position** – none
13. **Climate Risk** – this report outlines work being undertaken by the Council to respond to the climate emergency.

List of Background Papers:

Climate Action Fund: Progress Update, 1 September 2021 Climate Change Sub-Committee

Author: Roz Smith, Climate Emergency Lead Officer
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Appendix 1 – Update on projects supported by the Climate Change Action Fund

Name/Description	Funding Allocated	Summary	Short summary of progress
<p>Housing led Regeneration and Renewal Programme – Zero Energy Buildings (RenZEB)</p>	<p>£75,000</p>	<p>Renfrewshire Council will develop a collaborative and an innovative partnership with a research organisation to design and deliver a social housing new build development within the context of the Council approved Regeneration and Renewal Programme.</p>	<p>The University of Strathclyde are leading the partnership in the delivery of research work. This element is due for completion by 31st March 2022.</p> <p>Follow on works, to inform the Council’s commitment to minimise the extent of embedded and operational carbon in new building stock we are building, will commence in financial year 2022-23.</p>
<p>Enhancement of Electric Vehicle Programme</p>	<p>£258,000</p>	<p>As the organisation moves through its vehicle replacement programme, all opportunities and external funding sources are being utilised to develop the electric fleet. In the next phase of its approach, Environment and Infrastructure are seeking to introduce electric to different categories of the fleet, i.e. light commercials. It is proposed that several panel vans or transit sized vehicles will be purchased which will allow the service to consider options for introducing these across the rest of the fleet, with the opportunity to unlock further external funding and to inform the future vehicle replacement programme at potentially a faster pace.</p>	<p>A total of 27 electric vehicles were purchased by the Council utilising funding from the Climate Change Action Fund and Transport Scotland. The 27 electric vehicles consisted of 20 off Large 3.5Tonne Vans, 18 off Light Vans and 7 off Cars. These EVs bring the total number of Fleet EVs to 127 or around 30% of the Council Fleet. All 27 vehicles have now been delivered for operational use.</p>

		This is the single largest vehicle category within Renfrewshire Council's fleet and if electrified would significantly reduce our carbon emissions while delivering frontline services.	
Feasibility Study - Photovoltaic Project	£30,000	The Energy Management Unit (EMU) has identified an opportunity to deliver largescale renewable electricity from Photovoltaic Panels (PV). The proposed site is Moss Road in Linwood, this was previously used as a land fill site, with a feasibility study to be undertaken.	The Council have appointed a consultant to carry out the feasibility, with the project completion set for mid to late March 2022.
Climate Change Response – Programme Governance	£125,000	Given the scale of the response to the climate change by Renfrewshire Council and the need to move this forward at pace, a climate change officer post will be recruited on 2 year fixed term basis, with the initial focus of the role being to support the drafting of the climate change adaptation plan, the climate change sub-committee and to take forward proposed partnership and citizen engagement forums on climate change issues which have been identified by the Climate Change Sub-Committee as key priorities.	The Climate Emergency Lead Officer was appointed in September 2021 and is now in post.
Community Food Growing Proposal	£50,000	<p>It is proposed that a large-scale community food growing initiative within the Johnstone area is supported.</p> <p>As well as bringing land back into purposeful use, the main aim of the project would be to maximise the availability of locally available and fresh food to people experiencing financial insecurity and/or health and wellbeing issues. It is anticipated that this project will be progressed in partnership with local community groups and organisations, with clear links being established to community justice services, community projects and organisations and local school and care services to maximise community involvement and benefit.</p>	Work has been undertaken to develop initial options for discussion with local community groups and organisations. A community meeting was held in late 2021 to gain support for the project and to identify local groups and organisations that would wish to participate.

<p>Renfrewshire Active Travel Network - Feasibility</p>	<p>£75,000</p>	<p>Investment in Renfrewshire's Active Travel Network is a priority of the approved Economic Recovery Plan (Dec 2020). From an economic perspective there are gaps in the strategic network and to and from that strategic network, that would better connect communities to places of work and study, town centres, and other economic destinations. Developing the network and its local connections would be a significant driver in offering attractive alternatives to the use of private cars, particularly for short journeys and make progress towards delivering 20-minute neighbourhood living across Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reducing carbon emissions from travel - healthier lifestyles - more sustainable local economies and services 	<p>Procurement exercise in June failed to attract a bidder due to a very buoyant market for active travel consultants. The study has been retendered and returns are currently being evaluated, with an award and start anticipated in February 2022.</p> <p>A key part of this work is engagement with major employers and their employees to jointly develop active travel solutions that will support moves towards a net zero Renfrewshire.</p>
<p>Town Centres Climate Resilience Programme</p>	<p>£75,000</p>	<p>A certain degree of climate impact is built into established climate agreements meaning that some level of climate warming is expected, leading to greater variability in climate including heat events and wetter periods of the year. Streets and public spaces in town and local centres will have a role to play in providing shelter and would benefit economically by offering good environments for people. Work is required to develop a local response to these issues aimed at delivering programmes of beneficial interventions in centres with property owners, residents and users.</p> <p>Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more climate resilient communities - supporting local centres from further economic impact 	<p>Commission awarded to a consultant of multi-disciplinary engineers, environmental scientists and architects to advise on potential applicable climate resilience measures for Renfrewshire's town centres.</p> <p>Part 1 of the commission to report in January with the definition of particular projects to follow.</p> <p>Stakeholder consultation on future areas of work for particular town centres also taking place in January.</p>

		- providing enhanced and local places as attractive alternatives to those further afield (e.g. climate controlled indoor centres) - and therefore reducing the need to travel	
Peatland Restoration	£10,000	<p>The degradation and erosion of upland and blanket peat bogs is contributing to the loss of carbon sinks. There are significant peatland resources in the ownership of the council albeit under tenancy to farmers on Glennifer Braes and Muirshiel, and there are lowland peat bogs within the extended site at Bishopton. The feasibility of a programme of peat moss restoration, as part of the NatureScot (NS) programme - Peatland ACTION, should be tested to inform further discussions with owners, tenants and conservation experts. Benefits - carbon storage - enhanced biodiversity - enhance water/flood retention in upland catchment areas</p> <p>£10,000 is required to support an initial feasibility study, so as to be well positioned to bid for external funding from a national programme, Peatland ACTION, which has £250m to invest over the next 10 years.</p>	<p>The 3 sites in Renfrewshire remain, 2 of which are Council owned - Sergeantlaw Moss (Glennifer Braes); West Tandlemuir (Clyde Muirshiel) and Barochan Moss, Bishopton (owned by BAE).</p> <p>The assessment of the potential for Sergeantlaw Moss has been completed and works on restoration will begin in the summer months where drier ground is required for vehicular access. This investment is being funded entirely from the Peatland Action Fund.</p> <p>The survey of West Tandlemuir is being conjoined with a survey within the Inverclyde Council area to form an extensive survey of peatland restoration potentials across the Renfrewshire Heights. This work is to report in 2022.</p>
Adaptation Plan – Carbon Budget	£50,000	Technical expertise is needed to support the development of an evidence base in Renfrewshire in relation to carbon emissions, and the actions required to achieve the net	This work is now focused on the development of a net zero plan for Renfrewshire and has been rephased. For phase one in relation

		zero target set by Council in 2019.	to baseline evidence on carbon emissions, we are currently seeking experienced consultants to carry out this piece of work.
Business Survey & Climate Change Panel Survey	£20,000	Two immediate priorities are to carry out a climate emergency survey of Renfrewshire's businesses and to survey and then recruit a representative sample of Renfrewshire's population to participate in a Climate Panel. Both activities require to happen at pace in order to influence the content of Renfrewshire's net zero plan and it is proposed that using a research partner, similar to the approach used for the Council's Public Services Panel, will allow the administrative element of this work to be completed in a robust and independent manner	The timeline around distributing the business survey has been altered to reflect the emergence of the Omicron variant on the business community and to avoid the Christmas period. It is now planned for distribution in Spring 2022. The survey content has been developed in partnership with Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce. The survey of local residents took place in September 2021 and the results were reported to the Climate Change Sub-Committee. Members of Renfrewshire's Climate Panel were successfully recruited from the respondents to the survey.
Net Zero Business Grant Support	£100,000	This proposal aims to encourage local businesses to embrace net zero ambitions and to support Renfrewshire's goal of net zero emissions by 2030. With one in three small businesses worried about rising energy prices, including more than half of SMEs in hospitality and leisure, this proposal ensures business get the support they need to cut emissions and their bills at the same time.	The grant programme will be developed following the appointment of the new Green Economy Officer, with a projected launch date of March 2022.

		<p>50% grant support (up to £10k per grant) will be offered to support local businesses to make changes to business premises and operations. For example, a move to low carbon heating systems, solar powered energy and other measures to reduce emissions.</p> <p>The grants will be delivered through the Economic Development Team in line with other similar business grant funds</p>	
Energy Modelling – Bridge of Weir PS	£15,000	<p>Proposal to undertake detailed energy modelling of Bridge of Weir Primary School to facilitate design and development of enhanced and integrated energy efficient ‘Enerphit’ refurbishment options.</p> <p>Bridge of Weir PS is an archetype of a number of Primary Schools in the portfolio and the modelling exercise/data will inform potential options for other properties across the school estate.</p>	<p>A specialist consultant has been identified and engaged to undertake detailed energy modelling.</p> <p>Further internal resources are now being identified to survey and digitally plot base information in response to consultant technical requirements.</p>

Appendix 2 – Climate Change Action Fund – Funding Proposals February 2022

Name/Description	Funding Required	Summary
Charity Gift Shop Pilot – promoting the circular economy	£5,000	<p>Proposals are being developed to pilot an initiative in Renfrewshire which would promote local efforts in terms of the circular economy, whilst also offering a potential source of additional support for low income households.</p> <p>The pilot is anticipated to work by gift cards being made available to individuals and families working with local community organisations to purchase clothing and other items.</p> <p>The CSGC organisation would cover all administration costs, liaison with charity shops and partners and promotion of the service. This initiative not only helps families in need, but also fits with climate emergency work as it demonstrates an example of the circular economy. Agreement has been reached with one charity shop in Paisley to take vouchers at present. The pilot would be expected to start in 2022.</p>
Sustainable Procurement Programme	£40,000 max	<p>As previously discussed by the Climate Sub-Committee, the Council potentially contributes in the region of 3-4% of Renfrewshire’s carbon emissions, and therefore the leadership role of the organisation is crucial in terms of working with citizens and businesses to reduce wider carbon emissions. An important element of leadership is through the Council’s spending arrangements.</p> <p>Scottish public procurement legislation includes in law a Sustainable Procurement Duty which requires that procurement consider how our contracts can improve the social, environmental and economic wellbeing of our own area with a particular focus on reducing inequality. The core principles of the Sustainable Procurement Duty are reflected in our Procurement Strategy and the goals and objectives for the procurement team and there is good practice across the procurement team in this regard.</p> <p>The pace of change across markets and in terms of service requirements in terms of sustainable procurement is exponential, and it is essential that the Procurement function is able to maximise sustainable procurement opportunities to ensure contracting activities support net-zero aspirations</p>

		<p>throughout the contract lifecycle, using all relevant tools and support available and maximising engagement with supply chains.</p> <p>Our ambition is to ensure that the Council not only keeps abreast of best practice but has an opportunity to engage and consult with our suppliers, our colleagues and the wider public sector to help shape and form future Council policy and innovation. Funding from the Climate Change Action Fund will help to develop initial resource to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of a clear framework for training and development to ensure that our processes support embedding sustainable procurement in all of our practice and we actively contribute to the Council's Net Zero goal; • the development of an approach to monitoring and recording climate change and circular economy initiatives throughout the life of contracts; • active engagement with Economic Development to help run events for local businesses about sustainable procurement and to help them become more sustainable and focused on tackling the Climate Emergency; • the development of cross functional roadmaps for major and targeted impact areas setting out key milestone and targets for action and implementation.
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