ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD **11th May 2023**

COUNCIL DECARBONISATION PLAN TRACKER

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The Council's Decarbonisation Plan sets a 3 year framework to continue our climate journey and routemap to net zero which was approved in December 2021. Our Council has made a clear commitment to be a net zero organisation by 2045 and has also declared a climate emergency befitting the importance

-Carbonisation Tracker.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Policy – This paper content is entirely consistent with climate change policy and action at local, national and international level.

3.2 Financial – Not specific but many actions will have individual and cumulative financial implications.

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3.5.2 Socio economic Duty –

Appendix A – Climate Change Tracker

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W3 –Reduce Council use of disposable and single use plastic across all departments and settings	(L) Procurement and Commercial Services, all Council Services	Adoption ofnew working practices and procurement	No specific funding in place, research required to impact o operation costs	A report on Single Use Plastic went to the Policy and Resources Committee on 9 December 2021, and the following recommendations were approved: x Note and consider that the various Services that currently purchase SUP products consider whether these products are essential or if there is a potential

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				regarding SUP Changes in legislation were brought into force by the ScottishGovernment on the 1st June 2022 restricting singleuse plastic cutlery, plates, straws, drink stirrers and balloon sticks, expanded polystyrene food containers and expanded polystyrene cups and other beverage containers, as well as all products made of oxo degradable plastic Some products already changed and others under review.

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			(subject to business case approvals) and/or external funding.	support. Current work in progress, intended to be market tested during 2023.
E2 – Delivery of Non-domestic Energy Efficiency Framework (NDEEF) Projects	(L) Commercial Services	Evidence of delivery of projects	Project development work is funded by combinations of the Scottish Government and the procured provider (costs absorbed within the tender process). Funding for project implementation will come from Council approved capital allocations: x Climate Change 20/21 - £500K x Climate Change 21/22 - £600K x Asset Sustainability - £175K	NDEEF Energy Performance Contract

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				approach as services change and evolve post pandemic.

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				successfully securing external challenge funds. As all active travel work is currently reliant on securing external funding, therefore the projects which are progressed are those whi can successfully secure external challenge funding. **Argyll and Bute Active Travel Strategy:** Officers are working to develop an Argyll and Bute Active Travel Strategy and present it for Council by summer 2024. The Active Travel Strategy would provide the overarching context for the Council to support and promote active travel across the Council area. Having an adopted and current Active Travel Strategy is increasingly becoming a pre-requirement to access Scottish Governme derived active travel funding. Active Travel Delivery Plan

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				Following approval of Active Travel Strategy, an Active Travel Delivery Plan will be developed to create a prioritised list of active travel projects for the whole of Argyl and Bute. **Active Travel Projects:** The majority of external funding available is provided by the Scottish Government via a number of third sector organisation who are paid to administer these funds. The focus for Scottish Governmen Active Travel funding is to develop and deliver infrastructure projects and associated behaviour change. As such, the focus for the very limited staff capacity in the Active Travel Team has been to develop and deliver infrastructure projects across Argyll and Bute with a focus o our main towns and locations

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				Travel Plan is commenced aft a decision has been made on future staff working patterns and office rationalisation as these will have a significant impact on the Council Staff ar their travel. There is currently no funding secured to enable this work to be progressed.
PA1 – Review Council Flooding & Coastal Protection Policy	(L) Roads and Infrastructure Services	Review of policy	No specific funding in place, research required to impact o operation costs	Reviews are in process.

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				see 50 hectares of Rainforest cleared of invasive rhododendrons. ACT have entered agreemen

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				jobs, we will be offering a 1-year trainee position in 2024. ACTNow project officer has delivered Carbon Literacy Training to A&BC Elected Members and Senior Council Officers. Now working on a carbon literacy initiative for schools and youth groups. Al delivering Bikes Back to the Community with the support o Smarter Choices, Smarter Places funding. ACT has recently taken ownership of two electric bikes available fo groups and businesses to tria A successful bid to the Community Led Local Development Fund resourced engagement materials and communications plan to launc a regional natural capital strategy. Initial project concluded, Stakeholder

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				workshop to progress scheduled May 2023. ACT received development funding from the Nature Restoration Fund to survey invasive rhododendron within Rainforest zones in Knapdale Currently working with landowners. Full bid for rhodo clearance will be submitted July 2023.

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				friendly Argyll and Bute. For example: x Promoting Scottish x Cost of living support - warmspaces x Gigha Primary School Green Flag award x £5.58 million secured to deliver energy efficiency savings x Pupils from Appletree Nursery and Gigha and Rosneath Primary Schools won Keep Scotland Beautiful Pocket Garden Competition x Supporting Communities Fund x Advertised job vacancy to develop Local Heat and Energy Strategy x Progress updates abou Campbeltown Flood Protection Scheme

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				x Lochgilphead to Crinan Active Travel Route x Promotion of school uniform recycling scheme x Christmas recycling tip – how to dispose of your tree responsibly, re-use wrapping paper and how to recycle Christmas cards etc x Promotion of HEEPS x Ongoing recycling reminders x Working in partnership with Argyll Community Housing Association ACHA Group, 406 households across Argyll and Bute set to benefit from new energy efficiency measures.

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COMM2- Engage with community and partners and deliver Climate Change Directory for our region	(L) Community Planning and Development Team	Delivery of engagement map	In place until end of financial year	The CPP Climate Change signposting page is live

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				10-year Argyll and Bute Outcomes Improvement Plan
COMM3- Monitor the delivery of actions in the Climate Change Action Plan and review in 2024	(L) Climate Change Board	Review of this plan by December 2024		Monitored through Tracker to be submitted quarterly to Policy & Resources Committe Completed–next review Dec 2024