

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 3 MARCH 2015

CARBON REDUCTION MEMBER/OFFICER GROUP

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

The previous Carbon Reduction Member/Officer Group pre-dates the council's management and Committee restructure and Members are asked to consider future arrangements.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) agrees in principle to continue with the Member/Officer Group (MOG);
- (ii) agrees representation from Elected Members on the MOG.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

2.1 This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our communities are sustainable
- Our carbon footprint is reduced.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The previous Carbon Reduction MOG was set up before the revised Committee structure and the management structure. It was established by Report 668/10 to Strategic Policy Committee on 7 September 2010.

3.2 The Group was chaired by the Leader of the Administration, and included Depute Leader, Convener of Corporate Services, Convener of Infrastructure Services and three non-administration members.

3.3 It was supported by officers including the Director of Corporate Services Director of Infrastructure Services along with Head of Property and Head of Planning and Transport, when required to provide advice.

3.4 There was an action plan set out in Report 277/13 and Report 353/13 and there has been progress on some of these actions.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 It is timely to review the membership of the MOG both at Member and officer level.

4.2 In considering this review it is appropriate to note there is a considerable amount of successful work being undertaken to reduce both our energy use and our carbon footprint, and within the new structure this comes under Technical and Property Services. The work supplements the work of Climate Change Strategy through Planning and Place colleagues. The energy related works are often of a technical nature and are linked to potential budget savings and spend to save considerations. A significant area of future work however is likely to be in regard to the council's property rationalisation.

- 4.3 Members are asked to consider representation on the group with the likelihood of quarterly meetings. It is suggested that a total of three Elected Members form the group.
- 4.4 It is proposed that appropriate officer support will be provided through Technical and Property Services notably the Energy Team with periodic support by a colleague in Planning and Place who are involved in Climate Change strategy and the Programme Lead for Transforming Angus who is involved in the office rationalisation. Secretarial support to the group will be provided as previously by Legal and Democratic Services.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of the recommendations of this report.

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

Report 668/10 - Strategic Policy Committee - 7 September 2010.

Report 277/13 Corporate Carbon Management Action Plan -Strategic Policy Committee – 20 April 2013

Report 353/13 Carbon Reduction Action Plan – Corporate Services Committee – 6 June 2013

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