

## Public Sector Climate Change Duties 2018 Summary Report: Angus Council

### **PART 2: GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY**

#### **2(a) How is climate change governed in the body?**

Provide a summary of the roles performed by the body's governance bodies and members in relation to climate change. If any of the body's activities are outside its own governance arrangements (in relation to, for example, land use, adaptation, transport, business travel, waste, information technology, communication technology, procurement or behaviour change), identify these activities and the governance arrangements.

Responsibility for governing delivery of carbon management and wider climate change obligations lies with the Climate Change Memk by dedicated working groups dealing with carbon emissions, adaptation and sustainability. Progress on both tiers is reported to the Co regional Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan group. See attached diagram. (Figure 1)

#### **2(b) How is climate change action managed and embedded by the body?**

Provide a summary of how decision-making in relation to climate change action by the body is managed and how responsibility is allocated etc. If any such decision-making sits outside the body's own governance arrangements (in relation to, for example, land use, adaptation, communication technology, procurement or behaviour change), identify how this is managed and how responsibility is allocated outside

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Climate Change Member Officer Group - comprises elected members & senior staff. The remit was recently extended from just CO2 to group meets twice yearly to steer and monitor delivery of work plans of the three working groups on carbon emissions (equivalent), and meet three times p.a. (See Figure 1)

Each working group is chaired by a senior manager and comprises specialist officers and support staff for their topic area. The groups are developing delivery plans spanning the Council's functions.

SECAP Working Group (Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan) - lead officers & senior managers in work areas with CO2 and adaptation potential for utilising the SECAP model.

Angus Council has adopted targets to reduce carbon emissions, energy and water use by 2020. Targets have been allocated to operational areas. Responsibility for attaining these targets lies with relevant senior managers who receive quarterly reports on progress against targets.

### 2(c) Does the body have specific climate change mitigation and adaptation objectives in its corporate plan or similar documents?

Provide a brief summary of objectives if they exist.

Objective	Doc Name
LOIP outcomes include:  Inclusive & sustainable economy Safe, secure, vibrant & sustainable communities Reduced carbon footprint	Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-2030

### 2(d) Does the body have a climate change plan or strategy?

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If yes, provide the name of any such document and details of where a copy of the document may be obtained or accessed.

Carbon Management Plan 2014-2020

<http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-committee2013/CorporateServices/353.pdf>

The previous climate change and sustainability strategy is due to be replaced by a Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan, (SECAF SEA). The Council does have a draft SECAP but it is not publicly available by link. A copy can be supplied.

### 2(e) Does the body have any plans or strategies covering the following areas that include climate change?

Provide the name of any such document and the timeframe covered.

Topic area	Name of document	Link	Time period
Adaptation	Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2012 - 2016	<a href="http://www.angus.gov.uk/downloads/file/1393/climate_change_strategy_and_action_plan_2012_-_2016">http://www.angus.gov.uk/downloads/file/1393/climate_change_strategy_and_action_plan_2012_-_2016</a>	2012-2016
Business travel	Angus Council Travel Plan 2017	Link not yet publicly available	2017
Staff Travel	Angus Council Travel Plan 2017	Link not yet publicly available	2017
Energy efficiency	Carbon Reduction Action Plan	<a href="http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-">http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-</a>	2014-2020
Fleet transport	Vehicle replacement programme 2017/18	<a href="https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/attachment_data/file/18117/genda_item_20_report_no_18117_">https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/attachment_data/file/18117/genda_item_20_report_no_18117_</a>	2017/18
Information and communication technology	Angus Council Change Programme	<a href="https://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-09/278.pdf">https://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-09/278.pdf</a>	
Renewable energy	Carbon Reduction Action Plan	<a href="http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-">http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-</a>	2014-2020
Sustainable/renewable heat	Carbon Reduction Action Plan	<a href="http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-">http://archive.angus.gov.uk/ccmeetings/reports-</a>	2014-2020

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Waste management		<a href="https://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/waste/waste-data/waste-data-reporting/waste-data-for-scotland/">https://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/waste/waste-data/waste-data-reporting/waste-data-for-scotland/</a>	
Water and sewerage	Water Management - A Corporate Commitment	<a href="https://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-08/257_Sch3.pdf">https://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-08/257_Sch3.pdf</a>	
Land Use	River South Esk Catchment Partnership Management Plan	<a href="http://theriversouthesk.org/assets/Documents/river-south-esk-plan-dec09.pdf">http://theriversouthesk.org/assets/Documents/river-south-esk-plan-dec09.pdf</a>	2009 onwards
Other (state topic area covered in comments)			
Business travel	Car Park Management Plan	Link not yet publicly available	2017
Land Use	Angus Local Development Plan 2016 - 2021	<a href="https://www.angus.gov.uk/directoriest/document_category/development">https://www.angus.gov.uk/directoriest/document_category/development</a>	2016-2021
Land Use	Strategic Development Plan (Tayplan) 2012 - 2032	<a href="http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/strategic_development_plan">http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/strategic_development_plan</a>	2012-2032
Land Use	Angus Shoreline Management Plan 2	<a href="https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/smp2-main-document">https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/smp2-main-document</a>	2017 onwards
Other (state topic area covered in comments)	Angus Economic Strategy	<a href="http://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-">http://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-</a>	2013-2020
Adaptation	Tayside Local Biodiversity Action Plan	<a href="http://www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk/wp-">http://www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk/wp-</a>	2016-26

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Energy efficiency	Carbon Reduction Commitment Annual Report 2016/17	<a href="https://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-08/257_Sch1.pdf">https://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-08/257_Sch1.pdf</a>	2016/17
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### 2(f) What are the body's top 5 priorities for climate change governance, management and strategy for the year ahead?

Provide a brief summary of the body's areas and activities of focus for the year ahead.

- Strengthen governance, management and strategy utilising outputs of Climate Change Assessment Tool. Develop mechanism & project Group & dedicated work groups on Carbon, Adaptation & Sustainability to embed considering of each in all Council functions.
- Optimise sustainability opportunities through implementation of the Council's Change Programme which offers resource efficiencies & reduced staff travel and commuting.
- Deliver recommendations of the CCAT event by producing:
  - (1) An Adaptation Plan
  - (2) A Carbon Management Plan
  - (3) A SECAP for the Council area

### 2(g) Has the body used the Climate Change Assessment Tool(a) or equivalent tool to self-assess its capability / performance?

If yes, please provide details of the key findings and resultant action taken.

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The Council's 2nd Climate Change Assessment Tool (CCAT) workshop was carried out in July 2017 through a workshop comprising 11 members of staff who appraised and scored the Council's existing performance on the specified areas as follows:

1. Governance (39%, previously 43%)
  2. Emissions (77% previously 77%)
  3. Adaptation (46% previously 43%)
  4. Behaviour (55% previously 50%)
  5. Procurement (13% previously 19%)
- Overall score (56% previously 49%)

The paper set out a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses opportunities and threats) analysis for Angus Council which identified key strengths and weaknesses:

- The long standing Carbon Member Officer Group superseded by more widely ranging climate change MOG, supported by Working Group on Climate Change and sustainable development;
- Corporate commitment to both annual and 2020 climate change related targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions plus building on existing targets;
- Area wide commitment evidenced through signing up to deliver a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan moving beyond operational measures;
- Track record of assessing impacts of severe weather events through conducting two Climate Change Impact Assessments, approving and implementing a number of additional natural flood management strategies through partnership working;
- Angus Council had been ranked in the top five Scottish Local Authorities for household recycling rates and a strong record for public participation in the Climate Change Declaration.

The paper also detailed key areas for improvement relating to emissions, adaptations and procurement. The paper set out an action plan for the Council to address these areas.

### 2(h) Supporting information and best practice

Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to governance, management and performance.

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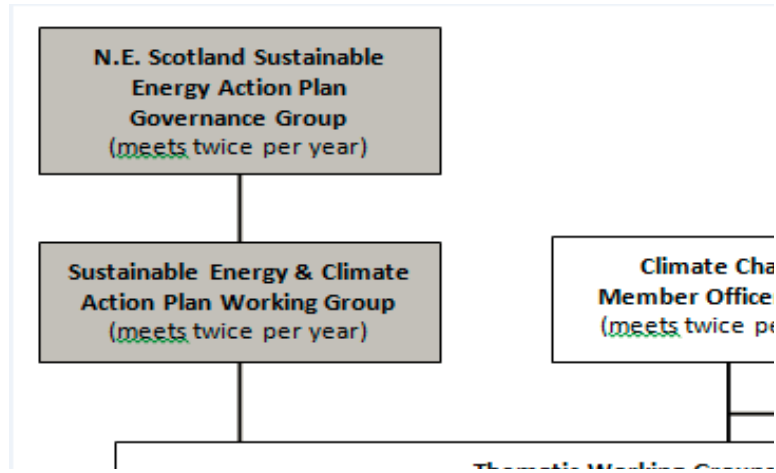
- The principal of promoting sustainable transport supported by well-located and accessible development, incorporated in the TAYplan LDP Proposed Plan. This was further enhanced by the Active Travel Strategy which was produced during 2015/16.
- 48% of schools in Angus have a Travel Plan in place or are currently undertaking travel plan activities.
- Long term Adaptation projects are included strategies such as:
  - The 2nd Edition Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan (covering the period 2016-26).  
<http://www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk/>
  - Sustainability and resource efficiency are central to Angus Council's transformation agenda with significant progress during 2015/16 (Improved Customer Experience; Agile Working and Estates Review).  
[http://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-07/323\\_0.pdf](http://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-07/323_0.pdf) & [http://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-07/46\\_0.pdf](http://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/angus-cms/files/2017-07/46_0.pdf)
- Waste - Angus Council currently had the 3rd highest household recycling rate in Scotland in 2016/17 and one of the highest diversion Council in partnership with Dundee City Council commenced a 28 year contract with MVM Environmental Baldovie for the treatment of Dundee. This means that all household residual waste in Angus will now be delivered to a thermal Waste to Energy plant rather than to Restenrath, Forfar closed on 31 March 2018.  
A review of recycling centre provision in Angus is ongoing and recommendations to be submitted to Council later in 2018 and a key objective is to increase recycling via these facilities. There is currently no overarching strategy document for waste management and direction continues to be set in the Council Plan.

body's activities in relation to climate change sit on and communication technology, procurement or

er Officer Group, which oversees and is informed mmunities Committee. It is also fed up to the

ated to the body's senior staff, departmental heads n, transport, business travel, waste, information and e the body (JPEG, PNG, PDF, DOC)

Figure 1.





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have agreed remits and are commencing work on

adaptation remit. Responsible for exploring the

additional areas of the Council estate. Responsibility for

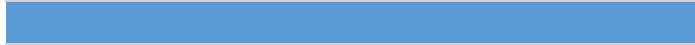
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### Thematic Working Groups

<b>Sustainability</b> Estates Mgt Transforming Angus (inc IT) Procurement Low Carbon & Circular Economy Digital Connectivity Sustainable Tourism  <b>Lead: Service Manager - Economic Development</b> <b>Supported by: Senior Sector Officer (Economic Development)</b>	<b>Adapti</b> Adaptive I Biodivers Property & I Hous Roads & Fl Contingenc  <b>Lead: Servic</b> <b>(Plan</b> <b>Supported by: E</b> <b>Strategy Pro</b>
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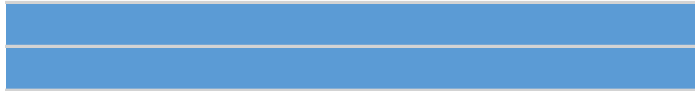
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Comments	
	To be replaced by SECAP which is currently under development
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	The Change Programme incorporates rationalisation of estate, a move to agile

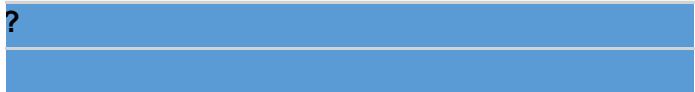
	There is currently no overarching strategy document for waste management and direction continues to be taken from the Zero Waste Plan for Scotland and the Council Plan. See question 2H for further information.
	One of the outcomes of Angus council's first application for the Carbon Trust Standard for Water in 2015 was a recommendation to
	Document produced September 2017
	Economic development with links to circular and low carbon economy

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through estate rationalisation, greater use of IT,



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4 officers from across all services. The group

is including:-

Groups focusing on adaptations, carbon reduction

and street lighting energy use;  
additional boundaries to lead the wider area by example;  
setting policies and flood management, coastal

reporting on climate change through Scotland's

plan, as undernoted.

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SDP, has been carried forward in the new Angus

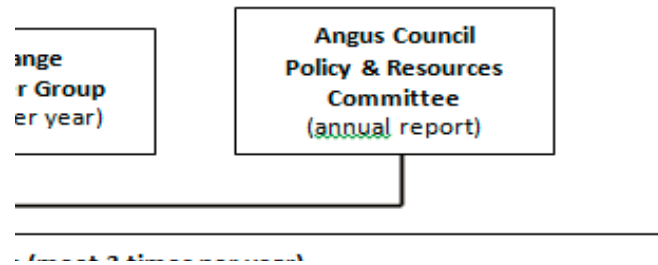
on: Angus Digital; Improved Business Processes;

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landfill, and as a result the Angus Council landfill at

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