

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 1 MARCH 2022

DETAILED RISK REPORTING TO SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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ABSTRACT

This report presents detailed risk information to the Scrutiny and Audit Committee in line with proposals agreed by the Scrutiny and Audit Committee in August 2021 (Report 256/21 refers).

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee:

- (i) Scrutinise and note the information presented about the Climate Change risk.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

The contents of this report, and the related presentation provide the Committee with a deeper understanding of a key corporate risk that may prevent achievement of the Council Plan, and the steps being taken to mitigate the risk.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 It was agreed that individual risk presentations would be made to Scrutiny and Audit Committee meetings in line with an agreed programme.
- 3.2 The following timetable for 2021/22 is based on the Corporate Risk Register at August 2021. This covers one risk that was new at January 2021, and the three highest scoring risks which are all red. The presentation for the 1 March 2022 meeting was confirmed at the 25 January 2022 meeting following a review of the risk register.
- 3.3 The risk score for Climate Change has been reviewed since December 2021 and is now 16, with a target score of 12.

S&A meeting date	Lead officer	Risk to be presented	Risk score August 2021	Risk Score December 2021r	Risk Target
24 August 2021	Director of Finance	Financial Sustainability	16	20	9
23 September 2021	Director of HR, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support	IT resilience & Cyber-attack (Business Continuity)	16	16	8
30 November 2021	Chief Executive	Pandemic - Covid-19	20	20	15
25 January 2022	Depute Chief Executive	Health & Safety	12	12	6
1 March 2022	Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth	Climate change (New)	9	9	6

4. CURRENT POSITION

There will be a short presentation on the Health & Safety risk. The related information from the Corporate Risk Register is included in Appendix 1.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required, as this report does not impact on people. It does not impact on people because this report provides information about risks and their mitigation. Any people impact would be dealt with at other active stages of mitigation if applicable.

Background Papers

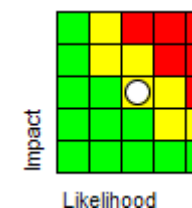
NOTE: No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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Appendix 1- Corporate Risk Register – Climate change

Appendix 1



Risk Title

R-AC-COR-00004 Climate Change

Risk Description

Failing to comply with the requirements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 to achieve net zero emissions by 2045 and a failure to manage climate change adaptation will reduce the resilience of communities, businesses, and ecosystems within Angus.

Likelihood

High - action is required immediately within Angus Council, and the wider Angus area, to ensure the Council achieves its specific climate change strategic aim of reducing the impact of climate change by being a major contributor to achieving Scotland's national climate change goals, as leaders in clean growth, environmental stewardship, and sustainability.

Potential Impact

Failure to meet statutory duty including carbon emission targets
 Unacceptable impact on the environment
 Inability to deal with climate change impacts including severe weather events and unforeseen emergencies
 Reputational impact of lack of action or perceived lack of action





Existing Controls






Climate Change Duties of Public Bodies Reporting Requirements (Scotland) Order 2015	Mandatory annual reporting for compliance with the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.
Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009	Underpinning legislation to tackle climate change.
Strategic Environmental Assessments	Of statutory plans, policies and strategies ensures Climate Change is considered in their development
Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets (Scotland) Act 2019	Scotland's emissions reduction targets to net zero by 2045, and interim emissions reduction targets.
Update to the Climate Change Plan 2018 – 2032 Securing a Green Recovery on a Path to Net Zero	Sets out the Scottish Government's pathway to the ambitious targets set by the Climate Change Act 2019.
Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies order (draft)	Statutory duty on Scottish local authorities to produce Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (LHEES)
Planning (Scotland) Act 2019	Determines the future structure of the modernised planning system. Includes NPF4 which is a crucial element of our planning reforms. NPF4 will set out a new plan for Scotland in 2050.
Scottish Biodiversity Strategy (post 2020) - A Statement of Intent	Sets the direction for a new biodiversity strategy which will respond to the increased urgency for action to tackle the twin challenges of biodiversity loss and climate change.



Angus Shoreline Management Plan 2	A large-scale assessment of the risks associated with erosion and flooding at the coast.
Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin Flood Risk Management Plan	Developed to detail the actions adopted to reduce the devastating and costly impact of flooding in the Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin local plan district.
Elected Member Updates	Interim arrangement, Climate Change Working Group to be superseded by SECAP Working Group

Risk Likelihood Score: 4
Risk Impact Score: 4
Overall Risk Score: 16

Additional Controls/Actions to Reduce Likelihood and/or Impact Scores

Controls/Actions	Due Date	Status	Desired Outcome	Owner	Latest Update	Date
AC-COR-00036 Publish the Sustainable Energy & Climate Change Plan	30-Sep-2021		Publication of plan	Manager - Tay Cities Deal (Angus)	SECAP report approved by committee 4th Nov. Report no 337/21	05-Nov-2021
AC-COR-00037 Delivery and monitoring of SECAP actions	31-Mar-2022		Contribution to Public Bodies Duties Report Achieving targets Regular reporting	Manager - Strategic Policy & Planning	Funding has been confirmed for a SECAP officer to coordinate and take this work forward. This work will be reported alongside the Community Plan Performance Report. New governance structure to be considered as part of delivering the SECAP.	20-Dec-2021
AC-COR-00038 Submit annual Public Bodies Duties Report (mandatory)	30-Nov-2022		Progress on performance towards targets Continued self-assessment	Team Leader – Environment & Climate Change & Project Officer - Climate Change	Work ongoing.	11-Feb-2022
AC-COR-00064 Establish Council Boundary emissions	31-Dec-2022		Determine a boundary to monitor emissions reductions against.	Team Leader – Environment & Climate Change & Project Officer - Climate Change	Work ongoing.	11-Feb-2022

AC-COR-00065 Calculate Angus's carbon insetting potential		31-Dec-2022		Determine Angus Council's insetting potential for offsetting 'unavoidable' emissions.	Team Leader – Environment & Climate Change & Project Officer - Climate Change	Work ongoing.	11-Feb-2022
AC-COR-00066 Carry out a net zero review of Angus Council	to inform a Net Zero plan to 2030 (Interim target of 75% reduction compared to baseline).	31-Dec-2022		Ensure Angus Council has a clear plan to meet the interim carbon reduction target of 75% (against base year) by 2030.	Team Leader – Environment & Climate Change & Project Officer - Climate Change	Work ongoing.	11-Feb-2022
AC-COR-00067 Produce Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategy		31-Dec-2023		Set out the long-term plan for decarbonising heat in buildings and improving their energy efficiency across an entire local authority.	Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform & Service Leader Assets & Service Leader Planning and Sustainable Growth	Work ongoing.	11-Feb-2022
AC-COR-00068 Mandatory e-Learning for staff		31-Mar-2023		Staff will be well informed about climate change and how it affects Angus Council, and Angus as a whole. Staff will consider climate change impacts in their work.	Team Leader – Environment & Climate Change & Project Officer - Climate Change	Work ongoing.	11-Feb-2022
AC-COR-00069 Embed climate change impacts into all Angus Council activities and decisions.		31-Mar-2023		Councillors & management will have an awareness of carbon emissions costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and	Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform	Work ongoing.	11-Feb-2022

				motivation to reduce emissions. Climate Change impacts will be quantified during the decision-making process.			
AC-COR-00070 Access to funding via council monies and loans to progress net zero projects		31-Mar-2023		Various small to large scale projects are completed to ensure we reach our interim targets and Net Zero by 2045.	Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform	Work ongoing.	11-Feb-2022
AC-COR-00071 Develop and deliver a programme of land use adaptation projects	at a landscape scale, corporately and with stakeholders. Secure external funding for delivery.	31-Mar-2023		Climate change mitigation and adaptation will be achieved on a large scale.	Team Leader – Environment & Climate Change & Project Officer - Environment	Work ongoing.	11-Feb-2022

Target Likelihood: 3
Target Impact: 4
Overall Target Score: 12

Risk Owner:	Alison J Smith, Director - Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth
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Latest Update	By	Date
Reviewed and updated the whole document, added new controls / actions, and updated the risk and target scores.	Project Officer – Climate Change	10 Feb 2022