

AGENDA ITEM NO 9

REPORT NO 110/23

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 25 APRIL 2023

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 the programme agreed by the Scrutiny and Audit Committee in June 2022 (Report 163/22/ refers) and confirmed in August 2022 (Report 207/22 refers).

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee 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

The following timetable for individual risk presentations, based on the Corporate Risk Register at 17 May 2022, was agreed for 2022/23:

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S&A meeting date	Lead officer	Risk to be presented	Risk Score May 2022	Risk Target	Revision
23 August 2022	Director of Finance	Financial Sustainability	20	9	December 2022 Score 25
27 October 2022	Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform	Partnerships	12	9	August 2022 Score 9 Target 6
29 November 2022	Chief Executive	Transforming for the Future	9	6	October Score 15
31 January 2023	Director of HR, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support	IT resilience & Cyber-attack (Business Continuity)	16	8	
9 March 2023	Depute Chief Executive	Health & Safety Compliance	12	6	December 2022 Score 9
25 April 2023	Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth	Climate Change	16	12	

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 There will be a short presentation on the Climate Change risk. The related information from the Corporate Risk Register is included in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 There have been no changes to the Corporate Risks scores since this was last reported to the January 2023 Scrutiny & Audit committee in Report number 8/23.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct 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 risk mitigation if applicable.

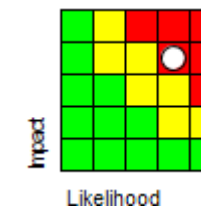
Background Papers

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 interim targets by 2030 and 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 and Habitats regulations Appraisal	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.


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-00037 Delivery and monitoring of Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Action Plan (SECAP) actions	31-Mar-2022	 Completed	Contribution to Public Bodies Duties Report Achieving targets Regular reporting	Manager – Development Plan, Environment and Climate Change	The post has been moved to the Environment and Climate Team and the recruitment process is now complete. An officer began in post on 4th Jan 2023.	10 Mar 2023
AC-COR-00038 Submit annual Public Bodies Duties Report (mandatory)	30-Nov-2022	 Completed	Progress on performance towards targets Continued self-assessment	Team Leader - Environment & Climate Change; Project Officer - Climate Change	Complete. Report to Full Council 03/11/22 for submission to Scottish Govt by 30/11/22 deadline. Action to be updated for 2023 timescales.	10-Mar-2023
AC-COR-00064 Establish Council Boundary emissions	31-Dec-2022	 Completed	Determine a boundary to monitor emissions reductions against.	Team Leader - Environment & Climate Change; Project Officer - Climate Change	Complete based on 2019 data. Data for 2020 now available so documents and graphs to be updated.	10 Mar 2023
AC-COR-00065 Calculate Angus's carbon insetting potential	31-Dec-2023	 In progress	Determine Angus Council's insetting potential for offsetting 'unavoidable' emissions.	Team Leader - Environment & Climate Change; Project Officer -	Awaiting guidance from Scot Govt, due early 2023. Timescale amended to reflect this and available resource to complete.	10 Mar 2023

					Climate Change		
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	 Completed	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	action complete - strategy published	20-Dec-2022
AC-COR-00067 Produce Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategy		31-Dec-2023	 In progress	Set out the long-term plan for decarbonising heat in buildings and improving their energy efficiency across an entire local authority.	Team Leader - Environment & Climate Change; Service Leader - Planning and Sustainable Growth;	Consultants appointed and work underway.	10-March-2023
AC-COR-00068 Mandatory e-Learning for staff		31-Mar-2024	 In progress	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, timescale amended due to available staff resource	10 March 2023
AC-COR-00069 Embed climate change impacts into all Angus Council activities and decisions.		31-Mar-2024	 In progress	Councillors & management will have an awareness of carbon emissions costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions. Climate Change impacts will be quantified during the decision-making process.	Service Leader - Planning and Sustainable Growth	Sustainable Scotland Network Climate Change Impacts Assessment working groups guidance and templates was due to be released end Dec 2022. Timescale moved due to available staff resource to progress.	10 March 2023
AC-COR-00070 Access to funding via council monies and loans to progress net zero projects		31-Mar-2023	 In progress	Various small to large scale projects are completed to ensure	Service Leader - Planning and	Work ongoing. One off commitment of Council funding of	10 March 2023

				we reach our interim targets and Net Zero by 2045.	Sustainable Growth	£1M towards climate change, net zero and biodiversity activity. Support from AHRA.	
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	 In progress	Climate change mitigation and adaptation will be achieved on a large scale.	Team Leader - Environment & Climate Change	Work ongoing.	10 March 2023

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
Risk reviewed and updated. No change to scores needed at this time.	Jill Paterson	23-Mar-2023