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PART 1: Profile of Reporting Body

1(a) Name of reporting body
Fife Council

1(b) Type of body
Local Authorities

1(c) Highest number of full-time equivalent staff in the body during the report year
15,608

1(d) Metrics used by body

Metric	Units	Value	Comments
Floor area	m2	91.88	Gas consumption measured in kWh per m² of Gross Internal Area. Values are calculated against assets where the GIA is available AND there is consumption recorded for the utility.
Floor area	m2	70.51	Electricity consumption measured in kWh per m² of Gross Internal Area. Values are calculated against assets where the GIA is available AND there is consumption recorded for the utility.
Floor area	m2	184.78	Oil (burning oil/kerosene) consumption measured in kWh per m² of Gross Internal Area. Values are calculated against assets where the GIA is available AND there is consumption recorded for the utility.
Floor area	m2	100.30	Green electricity consumption measured in kWh per m² of Gross Internal Area. Values are calculated against assets where the GIA is available AND there is consumption recorded for the utility.
Floor area	m2	27.66	Carbon measured in kg CO_2 per m² of Gross Internal Area. Values are calculated against assets where the GIA is available AND there is consumption recorded for the utility.

1(e) Overall budget of the body

Specify the approximate £/annum of the report year

Budget	Budget Comments
£1,184,092,000m	This is figure is from the 2025-26 Annual Accounts

1(f) Report type

Specify the report year type

Reporting type	Report year comments
Financial/Calendar/Other	Financial 25/26

1(g) Context
Provide a summary of the body's role and functions that are relevant to climate change reporting.
As a Local Authority we are considered to be a major player under the Climate Change Act's public duties reporting requirements. As a major player we feel that it is important to offer leadership within our wider region. While the Council's direct footprint only represents 3% of Fife's total carbon footprint, through our policies, projects and service delivery we have an influence over upwards of 33% of Fife's total carbon footprint. Our influence on Fife-wide emissions can be direct or indirect. After the NHS, the Council is the largest employer in the region. We are a major landowner in Fife. We also operate a large property portfolio within Fife which comprises thousands of properties from leisure centres, offices, schools, landfill sites, and care homes to social housing units. We also set planning policy and make strategic decisions about where and how Fife should be developed in the future. These decisions will shape Fife's future resilience to the projected impacts of climate change and our future emissions trajectory. As a Local Authority in an area with an expanding population, Fife Council provides a wide range of services that are relevant to climate change reporting. Some of the ways that the Council influences emissions and adaptive capacity include: • The development of strategic transport policy; • Roads design and maintenance works; • Operation and maintenance of street lighting; • Our decisions about where to site assets and how we build, operate and maintain them (such as schools and leisure centres) and how these will be linked to the transport network, powered, landscaped; • Development of low carbon transport networks such as electric and hydrogen vehicles; • Development of active travel networks to encourage walking and cycling; • Council subsidy of commercial passenger transport (i.e. bus routes); • Council provision of accessible transport for vulnerable residents (Fifebus); • Contracting bus and taxi transportation for school children; • Our procurement of low carbon transport technologies (EVs, hybrid EVs and hydrogen / diesel hybrids) for Council and community use; • Supporting fuel efficient driving schemes both within the Council fleet and with fleet operators across Fife (ECOStars scheme); • How and where we place residents who are seeking social housing (i.e. close to family and their place of work); • How Council staff work; • The development of planning policy and planning guidance; • Granting planning permission; • Building standards inspections; • Decisions about the Council's affordable housing programme; • Providing discounted insulation and other energy efficiency measures to private and social housing residents; • Working with local businesses to share best practice in terms of emissions reductions. Fife Council influences emissions from land use and land use change in a number of ways too, including: - Waste management and waste disposal options; - Management of our own significant land-holdings; - Expanding our use of biofuel powered heating systems; - Flood risk management and coastal protection; - Encouraging biodiversity, reforestation and natural flood management by the use of blue –green infrastructure; - Using regeneration to achieve sustainability and climate change objectives;- Building local networks (e.g. Fife Environmental Partnership) to share environmental best practice and partnership solutions; - Working with local landowners to share best

practice in terms of emissions reduction and using the land to enhance adaptive capacity. The list above is not exhaustive but illustrates the sheer depth and breadth of services provided by the Council and some of the ways that we can influence climate change mitigation and adaptation in Fife.

PART 2: Governance, Management and Strategy

Governance and Management

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 in relation to climate change sit outside its own governance arrangements (in relation to, for example, land use, adaptation, transport, business travel, waste, information and communication technology, procurement or behaviour change), identify these activities and the governance arrangements. Provide a diagram / chart to outline the governance structure within the body.
Policy and strategy regarding climate change are agreed by Committee. This includes the Cabinet Committee which approved the refreshed Climate Fife 2024 Strategy and Action Plan (March 2024) and scrutinises and approves the annual Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Report. Fife has a series of Committees established with a scrutiny and audit function; the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee monitors the performance of services and funded third party organisations, consider decisions of the Cabinet Committee, and can scrutinise and investigate any particular matter determined by the Committee. Planning Committees scrutinise planning and related applications, and Local Area Committees approve implementation of projects at a local level. For the forthcoming review of the Local Development Plan, Fife Council will consider approval of key stages of the Plan. Throughout 2025/26 a new Integrated Impact Assessment is being developed that will be required as part of all Committee papers, including a section on climate; this will facilitate review of climate impacts of all proposals to Committee. Fife Council also operates within the Fife Partnership (the Community Planning partnership which includes wider public sector organisations). They produce Fife's Local Outcome Improvement Plan / Community Plan called 'A Plan for Fife' (https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0024/340656/Recovery-and-Renewal-Plan-for-Fife-2021-24.pdf), with cross-partner environmental strategy and action undertaken by the Fife Environmental Partnership (FEP). FEP's role within The Plan for Fife is to develop and deliver environmental projects. The Addressing the Climate Emergency (ACE) Board reports to the Fife Partnership Board and Recovery and Renewal Leadership Group. Membership includes Executive Director, Place, (Lead); Head of Planning Climate & Sustainability, Head of Finance, Director of Property and Management (NHS), Chair of Fife Environmental Partnership, Chief Executive of Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Asset Management & Development Director of Kingdom Housing Association, Fife College and University of St Andrews. The ACE Board monitors implementation of Fife's Strategy "Climate Fife" and annual reporting is undertaken to the Fife Partnership on progress, with quarterly reporting.

2(b) How is climate change action managed and embedded in 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 to the body's senior staff, departmental heads etc. If any such decision-making sits outside the body's own governance arrangements (in relation to, for example, land use, adaptation, transport, business travel, waste, information and communication technology, procurement or behaviour change), identify how this is managed and how responsibility is allocated outside the body. Provide a diagram to show how responsibility is allocated to the body's senior staff, departmental heads etc.
Climate change strategy is implemented and managed through the Addressing the Climate Emergency Board. With overall decision making in relation to climate change and delivery of services conducted by the Council Executive Team (CET). CET is the most senior management body in the council, made up of the Chief Executive and the five Executive Directors. Duties and responsibilities are cascaded through directorate and service management teams.

Strategy

2(c) Does the body have a specific climate change mitigation ad adaptation objective in its corporate plan or similar document?

Provide a brief summary of objectives if they exist.

Wording of objective	Name of document	Document Link
Reducing the impact of the climate emergency	Plan4Fife	https://our.fife.scot/plan4fife/plan-for-fife-2021-24
Greater resilience to climate change	Plan4Fife	https://our.fife.scot/plan4fife/plan-for-fife-2021-24
Increased community capacity to tackle climate change	Plan4Fife	https://our.fife.scot/plan4fife/plan-for-fife-2021-24
Reduced carbon emissions	Plan4Fife	https://our.fife.scot/plan4fife/plan-for-fife-2021-24

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

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

Climate Fife 2024 Strategy and Action Plan: https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/560072/Climate-strategy-2024-final.pdf

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 timeframe covered.

Topic area	Name of document	Link	Time period covered	Comments

Adaptation	Climate Fife	https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/560072/Climate-strategy-2024-final.pdf	2024-2028	The Climate Fife strategy includes the Big Resilience Move, which sets the Council's high-level approach to climate adaptation.
Energy efficiency	Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES)	https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/environment2/local-heat-and-energy-efficiency-strategy-lhees-and-delivery-plan	2023-2028	This strategy sets out an approach for improving buildings' energy efficiency and changing to climate friendly heating in Fife.
Topic area	**Name of document**	**Link**	**Time period covered**	**Comments**
Sustainable/renewable heat	Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES)	https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/environment2/local-heat-and-energy-efficiency-strategy-lhees-and-delivery-plan	2023-2028	This strategy sets out an approach for improving buildings' energy efficiency and changing to climate friendly heating in Fife.
Waste management	Zero Waste Fife. Resource Strategy & Action Plan	https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/file/0015/41253/Resources-Strategy-and-Action-Plan-2018-28.pdf	2018-2028	This strategy is currently being reviewed and updated in line with upcoming national policy changes
Other (please specify in comments)	Fife Electric Vehicle Strategy	https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0023/626162/Fife-Council-EV-Strategy-10-February-2025.pdf	2024 onwards	Travel & Transportation
Other (please specify in comments)	Climate Fife	https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/560072/Climate-strategy-2024-final.pdf	2024-2028	"Climate Fife 2024" provides a revised, refreshed, and focussed strategy on what Fife Council will deliver over the next 4 years. This offers an opportunity to look to the future at what we can scale-up, going further and faster, and to build on our achievements so far.

Other (please specify in comments)	Fife Air Quality Strategy	https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0029/639524/Fife-Council-Air-Quality-Strategy-2025-to-2030_final.pdf	2025-2030	Original strategy has been updated for 2025-30 and is endorsed by a number of external partners and stakeholders, including the Scottish Government and SEPA.
Other (please specify in comments)	Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan	https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/file/0019/40078/active-travel-strategy-and-action-plan.pdf	2025-2033	
Other (please specify in comments)	Local Transport Strategy for Fife	https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/file/0012/41430/Local-Transport-Strategy-for-Fife-2023-2033.pdf	2023-2033	Sets out Fife Council's vision and priorities for transport for the next ten years, until 2033.

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.

With Climate Fife 2024 being launched, and a review of the Plan for Fife underway, the ACE Board will be working to maintain momentum of climate actions. A series of collaborative partnership projects were established in 2024/25, and a Delivery Group is driving their development and deployment while the ACE Board continues to deliver strategic leadership through Fife Council and the partner organisations.

To assist all levels of Governance, a Climate Fife Portal is being developed, initially for internal use, and then for partner organisations and the public to access to look into how the climate emergency is being addressed in Fife.

The Head of Planning Climate & Sustainability Services has attended all Council Directorate Leadership Teams with an aim to establish responsibilities and improvements related to climate, via all future Service Change Plans.

An internal Climate Audit has identified the need for clearer routes to embed climate actions in all Council Services, this will be progressed through 26/27 with establishment of a Climate Training Framework and a Climate Champions Network to inform staff, their decisions and service change plans.

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.
(a) This refers to the tool developed by Resource Efficient Scotland for self-assessing an organisation's capability / performance in relation to climate change.

Fife Council has not used the Climate Change Assessment Tool from Resource Efficient Scotland. Fife Council has participated in the Adaptation Scotland Benchmarking exercise.

Further Information

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 strategy.

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PART 3: Corporate Emissions, Targets and Project Data

Emissions

3(a) Emissions from the start of the year which the body uses as a baseline (for its carbon footprint) to the end of the report year

Complete the following table using the greenhouse gas emissions total for the body calculated on the same basis as for its annual carbon footprint / management reporting or, where applicable, its sustainability reporting. Include greenhouse gas emissions from the body's estate and operations (a) (measured and reported in accordance with Scopes 1 & 2 and, to the extent applicable, selected Scope 3 of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (b). If data is not available for any year from the start of the baseline year to the end of the report year, provide an explanation in the comments column.

(a) No information is required on the effect of the body on emissions which are not from its estate and operations.

(b) This refers to "The greenhouse gas protocol. A corporate accounting and reporting standard (revised edition)", World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Geneva, Switzerland / World Resources Institute, Washington DC, USA (2004), ISBN: 1-56973-568-9.

Reference year	Year	Year type	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3	Total	Units	Comments
Baseline Year	2011/12	Financial/Calendar/Other			95,803	95,803.00	tCO_2e	Used as baseline year because this was the first year we reported using the WRI 3 scopes methodology (but no record of 3 scopes)

Year 1 carbon footprint	2012/13	Financial/Calendar/Other			92,124	92,124.00	tCO_2e	(no record of 3 scopes)
Year 2 carbon footprint	2013/14	Financial/Calendar/Other			91,813	91,813.00	tCO_2e	(no record of 3 scopes)
Year 3 carbon footprint	2014/15	Financial/Calendar/Other			93,431	93,431.00	tCO_2e	This figure is a revision as an error was discovered in our fleet fuel consumption figures (the feeder data used for capturing fuel consumption uses a slightly different date range to the reporting year).
Year 4 carbon footprint	2015/16	Financial/Calendar/Other	34,588	48,270	6,003	88,860.80	tCO_2e	Full audit of carbon footprint data undertaken.
Reference year	**Year**	**Year type**	**Scope 1**	**Scope 2**	**Scope 3**	**Total**	**Units**	**Comments**
Year 5 carbon footprint	2016/17	Financial/Calendar/Other	34,882	42,497	5,753	83,132.80	tCO_2e	Calculated in line with the lessons learned from previous audits of the footprint (in 15-16 and 16-17).
Year 6 carbon footprint	2017/18	Financial/Calendar/Other	36,069	34,619	5,125	75,813.50	tCO_2e	Calculated in line with lessons learned from previous submissions and Fife Council footprint policy.
Year 7 carbon footprint	2018/19	Financial/Calendar/Other	32,733	25,489	4,103	62,325.10	tCO_2e	
Year 8 carbon footprint	2019/20	Financial/Calendar/Other	31,359	21,236	2,990	55,585.10	tCO_2e	
Year 9 carbon footprint	2020/21	Financial/Calendar/Other	27,367	16,089	6,200	49,655.37	tCO_2e	
Year 10 carbon footprint	2021/22	Financial/Calendar/Other	30,954	17,035	6,369	54,357.70	tCO_2e	
Year 11 carbon footprint	2022/23	Financial/Calendar/Other	29,315	15,147	5,691	50,153.00	tCO_2e	
Year 12 carbon footprint	2023/24	Financial/Calendar/Other	28,927	16,468	6,803	52,197.42	tCO_2e	

Year 13 carbon footprint	2024/25	Financial/Calendar/Other	26,395	15,894	6,712	49,001.00	tCO_2e	
Year 14 carbon footprint	2025/26	Financial/Calendar/Other	25,014	13,348	4,225	42,586.43	tCO_2e	Waste team have had a changeover in data management software and are therefore unable to provide 25/26 figures due to the data no longer being available.

3(b) Breakdown of emissions sources

Complete the following table with the breakdown of emission sources from the body's most recent carbon footprint (greenhouse gas inventory); this should correspond to the last entry in the table in 3(a) above. Use the 'Comments' column to explain what is included within each category of emission source entered in the first column. If there is no data consumption available for an emission source enter the emissions in kgCO2e in the 'Consumption' column of one of the "Other" rows and assign the scope and an emission factor of 1.

(a) Emissions factors are published annually by the UK Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

Emission Factor Year	2025

Emission Type	Emission source	Scope	Consumption data	Units	Emission factor	Units	Emissions (tCO_2e)	Comments
Electricity	Electricity: UK	Scope 2	74,020,423	kWh	0.17700	kg CO2e/kWh	13101.61487	FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts plus Infrastructure and EV charging points.
Electricity	Transmission and distribution - Electricity: UK	Scope 3	74,020,423	kWh	0.01853	kg CO2e/kWh	1371.59844	FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts plus Infrastructure and EV charging points.
Fuels	Natural gas	Scope 1	79,822,006	kWh	0.18296	kg CO2e/kWh	14604.23422	FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts.
Fuels	Gas oil	Scope 1	1,068,141	kWh	0.25650	kg CO2e/kWh	273.97817	FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts.

Fuels	Burning oil (Kerosene)	Scope 1	24,657	kWh	0.24677	kg CO2e/kWh	6.08461	FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts.
Renewables	Renewable Heat Purchase Direct Supply	Scope 2	8,860,437	kWh	0.00000	kg CO2e/kWh	0.00000	RWE biomass plant supply to Glenrothes district heat network
Fuels	LPG	Scope 1	194,553	kWh	0.21450	kg CO2e/kWh	41.73162	FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts.
Emission Type	**Emission source**	**Scope**	**Consumption data**	**Units**	**Emission factor**	**Units**	**Emissions (tCO_2e)**	**Comments**
Bioenergy	Wood chips	Scope 1	12,208,690	kWh	0.01150	kg CO2e/kWh	140.39994	FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts. Plus Dunfermline District Heat and Anaerobic Digester.
Water	Water treatment	Scope 3	402,570	cubic metres	0.17000	kg CO2e/cubic metres	68.43690	*Incomplete* FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts that are on our monitoring system.
Water	Water supply	Scope 3	402,570	cubic metres	0.08000	kg CO2e/cubic metres	32.20560	*Incomplete* FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts that are on our monitoring system.
Fuels	Diesel (average biofuel blend)	Scope 1	3,815,846	litres	2.57082	kg CO2e/litres	9809.85321	Fleet use and plant at the resource recovery sites.
Fuels	Petrol (average biofuel blend)	Scope 1	66,418	litres	2.06916	kg CO2e/litres	137.42947	Fleet and tools.
Transport - car	Average car - Unknown	Scope 3	6,448,411	miles	0.26915	kg CO2e/miles	1735.58986	FC staff business mileage obtained from mileage expense claims, do not log the vehicle fuel used.

Waste	Commercial and industrial waste - Landfill	Scope 3	-	tonnes	520.53270	kg CO2e/tonnes	0.00000	Waste team have had a changeover in data management software and are therefore unable to provide 25/26 figures due to uncertainty of data accuracy
Waste	Commercial and industrial waste - Combustion	Scope 3	-	tonnes	4.68568	kg CO2e/tonnes	0.00000	Waste team have had a changeover in data management software and are therefore unable to provide 25/26 figures due to the data no longer being available.
Emission Type	**Emission source**	**Scope**	**Consumption data**	**Units**	**Emission factor**	**Units**	**Emissions (tCO_2e)**	**Comments**
Waste	Organic: garden waste - Anaerobic digestion	Scope 3	-	tonnes	8.98311	kg CO2e/tonnes	0.00000	Waste team have had a changeover in data management software and are therefore unable to provide 25/26 figures due to the data no longer being available.
Waste	Organic: food and drink waste - Composting	Scope 3	-	tonnes	8.98311	kg CO2e/tonnes	0.00000	Waste team have had a changeover in data management software and are therefore unable to provide 25/26 figures due to the data no longer being available.
Electricity	Electricity: UK	Scope 2	182,623	kWh	0.17700	kg CO2e/kWh	32.32429	FC fleet EV charging
Electricity	Electricity: UK	Scope 2	1,209,932	kWh	0.17700	kg CO2e/kWh	214.15796	Public EV charging
Homeworking	Homeworking (office equipment + heating)	Scope 3	2,841,300	FTE Working Hour	0.33378	kg CO2e/FTE Working Hour	948.36911	Annual estimate based on 2500 workers 70% WFH

Water	Water treatment	Scope 3	402,570	cubic metres	0.17000	kg CO2e/cubic metres	68.43690	FC owned non-domestic buildings including inhabited by Trusts. Biomass is measured on heat meters after the boilers, so is divided by boiler efficiency (assumed to be 88%) for consumption data.
							42,586.445	

3(c) Generation, consumption and export of renewable energy

Provide a summary of the body's annual renewable generation (if any), and whether it is used or exported by the body.

Technology	Renewable Electricity		Renewable Heat		
	Total consumed by the body (kWh)	Total exported (kWh)	Total consumed by the body (kWh)	Total exported (kWh)	Comments
Biomass			12,208,690		
Air Source Heat Pump	277,348				
Solar PV	101,852				
Landfill gas CHP			2,155,344		

Targets

3(d) Organisational targets

List all of the body's targets of relevance to its climate change duties. Where applicable, targets for reducing indirect emissions of greenhouse gases, overall carbon targets and any separate land use, energy efficiency, waste, water, information and communication technology, transport, travel and heat targets should be included. Where applicable, you should also provide the body's target date for achieving zero direct emissions of greenhouse gases, or such other targets that demonstrate how the body is contributing to Scotland achieving its emissions reduction targets.

Name of target	Type of target	Target	Units	Boundary/scope of target	Year used as baseline	Baseline figure	Units of baseline	Target completion year	Progress against target	Comments
Zero direct estate emissions	Absolute	Net Zero	tCO2e reduction	Scope 1	2020/21	33,305	tCO2e	2044/45	1,468	We have made a 1,468tCO2e cut through works completed to date, as the electricity grid decarbonises, we need to reduce estate emissions by 6,264 tCO2e.
Climate Emergency Carbon Reduction Target	Absolute	Net Zero	tCO2e reduction	Scope 1	2014/15	62,485	tCO2e	2038/39		
36,000 social housing to be energy performance certificate band B by 2032	Absolute	Energy Performance certificate	Other (please specify in comments)	Energy use in buildings	2022/23		Please select from drop down box	2029/30		From LHEES Strategy
Name of target	**Type of target**	**Target**	**Units**	**Boundary/scope of target**	**Year used as baseline**	**Baseline figure**	**Units of baseline**	**Target completion year**	**Progress against target**	**Comments**

69,000 owner occupied homes to be energy performance certificate band C by 2033	Absolute	Energy Performance certificate	Other (please specify in comments)	Energy use in buildings	2022/23		Please select from drop down box	2029/30		From LHEES Strategy
All fuel poor homes to have energy performance certificate band B by 2040	Absolute	Energy Performance certificate	Other (please specify in comments)	Energy use in buildings	2022/23		Please select from drop down box	2029/30		From LHEES Strategy
Zero emissions heating for 4,600 non-domestic building by 2030	Absolute	Net Zero	tCO2e reduction	Energy use in buildings	2022/23		Please select from drop down box	2029/30		From LHEES Strategy
Name of target	**Type of target**	**Target**	**Units**	**Boundary/scope of target**	**Year used as baseline**	**Baseline figure**	**Units of baseline**	**Target completion year**	**Progress against target**	**Comments**
6,500 off-gas homes using high emission fuels to use zero emissions heating by 2030	Absolute	Net Zero	tCO2e reduction	Energy use in buildings	2022/23		Please select from drop down box	2029/30		From LHEES Strategy

84,000 on-gas homes to use zero emissions heating by 2030	Absolute	Net Zero	tCO2e reduction	Energy use in buildings	2022/23		Please select from drop down box	2029/30		From LHEES Strategy

3d)a) How will the body align its spending plans and use of resources to contribute to reducing emissions and delivering its emission reduction targets?

Provide any relevant supporting information.

Fife Council's corporate plan identifies Addressing the Climate Emergency as a priority. Services are therefore expected to take actions to reduce emissions and deliver on its emissions reduction target in a phased way. A capital allocation of £13.6 million was approved for non-domestic buildings (from 2021/22 to 2026). This was updated on 22 June 23 as Full Council approved £14.9m for Net Zero works. To maximise the impact of this investment, it is being deployed for ASHP systems with capacity sized to meet 60% of the peak heat demands in buildings, with the existing gas boilers being retained for back-up and top-up. This will allow for up to 90% of the annual heat demand for these buildings to be met with ASHP, dramatically cutting their CO2 emissions. Not sizing ASHP for the peak demands and largely staying within the existing electric supply capacity to each site, means that less pressure will be put on the electricity grid, meaning a greater grid capacity will remain for EV charging, solar pv and other ASHP installations in the locality of each site. As fewer internal works are required, each building can operate as normal with no decanting of building users required - this is especially important for schools as there are limited Summer holiday periods between now and 2045. Pragmatic easily implemented insulation works will be done where these are identified. Where possible projects will be undertaken when opportunities arise during major refurbishment works and for extensions. As well as investment in energy efficiency and CO2 cutting projects, the council has recruited people to implement the works - principally a Net Zero Lead Professional, a trainee BEMS officer, 2 M&E designers and 2 project managers to support the programme and increasingly integrate NZ solutions through the council assets management.

3d)b) How will the body publish, or otherwise make available, it's progress towards achieving its emissions reduction targets?

Provide any other relevant supporting information, including links to published reports.

In addition to the PBDR published on SSN's website, this is included in the Council web pages.
Prior to the submission of the PBDR to SSN, a summary Committee paper is submitted to Fife Council's Cabinet Committee, which is annually published via Fife Council's public website.
In March 2024 Fife Council produced a focussed action plan covering 2024-27, which includes the progress to date to achieve carbon emissions reduction, and set out the priority actions for the next 3 years to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change. A progress reporting portal is also being established to make a summary of ACE Board reporting available via the Council's website.
The Climate Fife milestone events in November 2025 and March 2027 engage stakeholders across the public, private and third sectors to understand progress to date and where further collaborations and planned works will continue to progress climate action in Fife.

Projects and changes

3(e) Estimated total annual carbon savings from all projects implemented by the body in the report year

If no projects were implemented for an emissions source, enter "0".
If there is body does not have any information for an emissions source, enter “Unknown”.
If the body does not include the emissions source in its carbon footprint, enter “N/A”.

Emissions source	Total estimated annual carbon savings (tCO_2e)	Comments
Electricity	141	Internally funded EMRF (Energy management revolving fund) 6 LED projects and 1 Solar PV project
Natural gas	218	Air source heat pumps installed in 3 buildings, alongside 2 controls upgrade projects (EMRF funded).
Other heating fuels		
Waste		
Water and sewerage		
Travel		
Fleet transport		
Other (please specify in comments)		
Total	**359**	

3(f) Detail the top 10 carbon reduction projects to be carried out by the body in the report year

Provide details of the 10 projects which are estimated to achieve the highest carbon savings during report year.

Project name	Funding source	First full year of CO_2e savings	Are these savings figures estimated or actual?	Capital cost (£)	Operational cost (£/annum)	Project lifetime (years)	Primary fuel/emission source saved	Estimated carbon savings per year (tCO_2e/annum)	Estimated costs savings (£/annum)	Behaviour Change	Comments
St Agatha's Primary School	Capital and SPSHDF funding	2026-2027	Estimated	1,495,645		15	Natural gas		29.82	No	
Carnegie Primary School	Capital and SPSHDF funding	2026-2027	Estimated	336,944		15	Natural gas		87.84	No	
Aberhill Primary School	Capital and SPSHDF funding	2026-2027	Estimated	429,659		15	Natural gas		49.33	No	
Levenmouth Academy, Upgrade Lighting	EMRF (Energy Management revolving Fund)	2026-2027	Estimated	660,220		15	Electricity: UK	90	52103	No	
Lomond Community Centre, Upgrade Lighting	EMRF (Energy Management revolving Fund)	2026-2027	Estimated	92,070		15	Electricity: UK	9	7323	No	
Balwearie High School, Solar PV install	EMRF (Energy Management revolving Fund)	2026-2027	Estimated	92,378		25	Electricity: UK	10	12582.5	No	
Project name	**Funding source**	**First full year of CO_2e savings**	**Are these savings figures estimated or actual?**	**Capital cost (£)**	**Operational cost (£/annum)**	**Project lifetime (years)**	**Primary fuel/emission source saved**	**Estimated carbon savings per year (tCO_2e/annum)**	**Estimated costs savings (£/annum)**	**Behaviour Change**	**Comments**

Auchmuty High School, Controls upgrade	EMRF (Energy Management revolving Fund)	2026-2027	Estimated	39,787		15	Natural gas	49	3340.9	No	
Michael Woods Leisure Centre, Lighting Upgrade	EMRF (Energy Management revolving Fund)	2026-2027	Estimated	18,353		15	Electricity: UK	25	2500	No	
Ballast Community Centre, Upgrade Lighting	EMRF (Energy Management revolving Fund)	2026-2027	Estimated	31,787		15	Electricity: UK	4	3415.38	No	
Cadham Library, Upgrade Lighting	EMRF (Energy Management revolving Fund)	2026-2027	Estimated	20,810		15	Electricity: UK	1	1013	No	
Dunfermline District heating, Resilience and expansion works	Property Maintenance Budget	2026-2027	Please select from drop down box	1,100,000		20-25	District heat and steam			No	Project was to improve system resilience and reliability, allowing full efficiency and maximum carbon reductions.

3(g) Estimated decrease or increase in the body's emissions attributed to factors (not reported elsewhere in this form) in the report year

If the emissions increased or decreased due to any such factor in the report year, provide an estimate of the amount and direction

Emissions source	Total estimated annual emissions (tCO_2e)	Increase or decrease in emissions	Comments
Estate changes			
Service provision			
Staff numbers			
Other (please specify in comments)			
Total			

3(i) Anticipated annual carbon savings from all projects implemented by the body in the year ahead

If no projects are expected to be implemented against an emissions source, enter “0”.
If the organisation does not have any information for an emissions source, enter “Unknown”.
If the organisation does not include the emissions source in its carbon footprint, enter “N/A”.

Emissions source	Total estimated annual carbon savings (tCO_2e)	Comments
Electricity	149	Internal Fund EMRF (Energy Management Revolving Fund)
Natural gas	167	From net zero programme
Other heating fuels		
Waste		
Water and sewerage		
Travel		
Fleet Transport		
Other (please specify in comments)		
Total	**316**	

3(j) Total carbon reduction project savings since the start of the year which the body used as a baseline for its carbon footprint
If the body has data available, estimate the total emissions savings made from projects since the start of that year ("the baseline year").

Total savings	Total estimated emissions savings (tCO_2e)	Comments
Total project savings since baseline year		

Further information

3(k) Supporting information and best practice

Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to corporate emissions, targets and projects.

Property Services are implementing phase 4 of a programme to install ASHP (Air Source Heat Pump) systems in buildings to supply the majority of the heating demand while retaining site gas boilers for top-up and back-up duties. This programme of ASHP works has been developed specifically to reach an intermediate target to cut 68% off CO2 emissions from non-domestic buildings by 2030, in the most pragmatic and economic way possible. The council are seeking opportunities to reduce electric demands via LED lighting and solar pv roof installations which will aid the grid in coping with additional demands from ASHP and EV charging, thus assisting in the decarbonisation process. Where possible, refurbishment and maintenance is being done in a way that mitigates CO2 emissions. For example, if gas boilers are reaching the end of life, ASHP and/or district heating are being considered rather than as imple like for like as per previous practice.

PART 4: Adaptation

Assessing and managing risk

4(a) Has the body assessed current and future climate-related risks?

If yes, provide a reference or link to any such risk assessment(s).

Fife Council has assessed current and future climate-related risks through corporate risk management, statutory flood risk management, local climate impact assessment, coastal change evidence, regional partnership working, and the Climate Fife risk and vulnerability assessment process.

Climate change is recognised as a corporate risk within Fife Council's Corporate Risk Register and is monitored through corporate risk management arrangements. Climate-related risks are also considered through service planning, emergency planning, flood risk management, coastal adaptation work and delivery of Climate Fife 2024: Strategy and Action Plan.

Flood risk is assessed through the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009. SEPA's Flood Risk Management Strategies and National Flood Risk Assessment inform Local Flood Risk Management Plans and associated flood risk studies, including coastal flood and erosion risk. Fife Council has also supported the Scottish Government's

Dynamic Coast project, which provides national evidence on coastal change and erosion risk: http://dynamiccoast.com/

Fife Council previously produced a Local Climate Impacts Profile covering 2000–2010, assessing the vulnerability of Council services to severe weather events. This is available through Climate Fife: https://climatechange.fife.scot/

As part of its Covenant of Mayors commitments, Fife Council completed a regional Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment through the Climate Fife Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan 2020–2030: https://www.fife.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0028/219970/Climate-Fife-Sustainable-Energy-and-Climate-Action-Plan-2020-2030.pdf The assessment is reviewed every 2 years, including 2025, to reflect emerging evidence, updated climate projections and changing local risk. The most recent review is informing the development of the Fife Climate Resilience Delivery Programme to set out actions to deliver against the Big Resilience Move in Climate Fife 2024. Fife Council also contributes to Climate Ready South East Scotland, including regional work to understand shared climate risks and opportunities across South East Scotland.

4(b) What arrangements does the body have in place to manage climate-related risks?

Provide details of any climate change adaptation strategies, action plans and risk management procedures, and any climate change adaptation policies which apply across the body.

Fife Council manages climate-related risks through corporate risk management, service contingency planning, statutory flood risk management, coastal adaptation work, regional partnership working and delivery of Climate Fife 2024: Strategy and Action Plan.

Climate change is recognised within the Corporate Risk Register, with relevant services maintaining contingency and emergency plans for severe weather events. The Council reviews its Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment periodically, with the latest review informing the Big Resilience Move and emerging five-year Resilience Delivery Programme.

Flood risk management continues through duties under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, with SEPA's Flood Risk Management Plan and Local Flood Risk Management Plans, guiding studies and actions on river, surface water and coastal flooding. Ongoing coastal work, including evidence gathering initiated in March 2025, is helping assess coastal impacts and inform future coastal management. Installation of Coast Snap points in winter 25/26 will provide images of sedimentary coastal locations, and be analysed to identify improvements in coastal management.

Fife Council also participates in Climate Ready South East Scotland to support regional understanding of shared climate risks and collaborative adaptation action.

The following strategies, plans and policy areas consider or support climate change adaptation and climate-related risk management:

- Climate Fife 2024: Strategy and Action Plan
- Big Resilience Move
- Fife Climate Resilience Delivery Programme
- Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
- Shoreline Management Plan

• Plan4Fife / Local Outcomes Improvement Plan • Flood Risk Management Plans & Local Flood Risk Management Plans • Flooding Emergency Procedures • Fife Local Development Plan • Fife Council Transportation Development Guidelines • Local Transport Strategy • Fife Safeguarding of Infrastructure Programme, including roads and bridges • Roads Maintenance Policies and Standards; Bridge Strengthening Programme • SEStran Regional Transport Strategy • Fife Electric Vehicle Strategy • Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan

Taking action

4(c) What action has the body taken to adapt to climate change?

Include details of work to increase awareness of the need to adapt to climate change and build the capacity of staff and stakeholders to assess risk and implement action. The body may wish to make reference to the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme (“the Programme”).

The following adaptation actions were undertaken during the reporting year:
• Continued delivery of Climate Literacy training to increase awareness of climate change, including the need to adapt, and to build staff capacity.
• Progressed work on the Big Resilience Move within Climate Fife 2024, including engagement with colleagues and partners to inform the emerging Climate Resilience Delivery Programme.
• Completed the Adaptation Scotland Climate Risk Benchmarking exercise in March 2025, following the previous exercise completed in March 2023.
• Continued pre-flood checking and maintenance of Flood Pods in high-risk areas across Fife.
• Continued promotion of the Property Flood Resilience Grant to support residents and businesses to install measures that reduce flood damage.
• Progressed flood studies, Surface Water Management Plans and Natural Flood Management work, with sustainable and adaptive approaches embedded where appropriate.
Progressing Cardenden Flood Protection Scheme detailed design.
• Continued use of Vaisala weather data from the Met Office, shared with Emergency Resilience colleagues to issue severe weather notifications to services, including waste services and winter maintenance/gritting teams.
• Continued service-level adaptation actions and contingency plans for severe weather events, supported by Council-wide emergency response arrangements.
• Progressed coastal adaptation work, including evidence gathering in Spring 2025 to survey and assess coastal impacts and inform future coastal management. This is informing engagement internally and externally to identify & agree climate resilience improvements.
• Continued participation in Climate Ready South East Scotland to support regional work on shared climate risks and collaborative adaptation action.
Working in partnership remains an essential part of Fife Council's adaptation approach. Fife Council is a core member of the Fife Local Resilience Partnership, which maintains a Severe Weather Plan for Fife covering snow, wind storms, ice and flooding. LRP partners:
• Maintain, test and exercise multi-agency plans and procedures for severe weather events;
• Distribute early notification of severe weather forecasts;
• Work with communities to develop local community emergency plans;
• Identify and target assistance to vulnerable members of communities;
• Run an annual severe weather exercise, with Fife Council officers participating as core partners.

4(d) Where applicable, what contribution has the body made to helping deliver the Programme?

Provide any other relevant supporting information

As a ‘Major Player’, Fife Council has progressed flood studies, Surface Water Management Plans, Natural Flood Management work and flood scheme design to address the potential impacts of climate change on flooding from multiple sources across Fife. This work supports long-term adaptation by improving understanding of flood risk and identifying sustainable, adaptive responses.

Fife Council is also involved in a number of nature-based solutions projects with adaptation outcomes, including:
• Back Burn River Restoration – restoring watercourses to a more natural condition, supporting biodiversity and local climate resilience.
• Rosyth Rivers Restoration – re-meandering rivers and improving freshwater habitat to support biodiversity, community wellbeing and climate resilience.
• Lyne Burn Project – naturalisation of 800m of culverted burn, planting of 2,000 trees, nature education activity, community garden improvements, wildflower meadows and tree adoption.
• River Leven Project – naturalising parts of the lower catchment to support environmental improvement and climate resilience.

Fife Council continues to embed adaptation within relevant strategies and plans, including the Open Space Strategy, Forest and Woodland Strategy and Local Biodiversity Action Plan all due for publication in 2026.

Climate Fife 2024: Strategy and Action Plan includes the Big Resilience Move, which supports the aims of the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme by strengthening local climate resilience. Work is progressing on the Climate Resilience Delivery Programme to identify priority actions across Council services and partners.

Fife Council has also supported community resilience through funding and engagement, including coastal community adaptation work and local projects that help communities understand and respond to climate risks. Working with Fife Climate Hub, Fife Council is improving community collaboration and support.

Review, monitoring and evaluation

4(e) What arrangements does the body have in place to review current and future climate risks?

Provide details of arrangements to review current and future climate risks, for example, what timescales are in place to review the climate change risk assessments referred to in Question 4(a) and adaptation strategies, action plans, procedures and policies in Question 4(b).

Fife Council includes climate risk within its Corporate Risk Register. This is monitored and updated every six months to ensure it remains current and informed by emerging evidence, with a formal review every two years, the most recent being completed in summer 2025, the next will be 2027.

Fife Council also reviews its Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment periodically. Reviews were completed in 2023 and 2025, with findings used to inform the Council's climate risk profile, Climate Fife 2024, the Big Resilience Move and the emerging Resilience Delivery Programme.

Climate risk is also reflected in corporate performance reporting through a climate risk indicator introduced in 2023. The Addressing the Climate Emergency Board considers relevant findings and supports the ongoing review and updating of adaptation plans, actions and priorities.

4(f) What arrangements does the body have in place to monitor and evaluate the impact of the adaptation actions?

Please provide details of monitoring and evaluation criteria and adaptation indicators used to assess the effectiveness of actions detailed under Question 4(c) and Question 4(d).

Fife Council monitors the impact of adaptation actions through a combination of operational data, corporate performance reporting and Climate Fife action monitoring. Operational indicators include the frequency of winterisation activities, such as gritting and snow clearing, which are recorded on the corporate reporting system and allow year-to-year comparison of winter weather impacts. Transportation Services also records time spent by road operations crews responding to flooding events on an ad hoc basis, helping to understand impacts on service delivery, staff deployment and work schedules.

Construction contractors record wet-day information, where work is delayed or suspended due to inclement weather, in line with Fife Council contract requirements. Passenger transport standstill costs are also collated where severe weather prevents services from operating. Distribution of bottled water to households on private water supplies is monitored through submissions to SEPA/Scottish Government.

Progress against Climate Fife 2024 actions, including adaptation actions within the Big Resilience Move, will be monitored through agreed action measures and reported to the Addressing the Climate Emergency Board. The Climate Resilience Delivery Programme will be submitted to Committee in November 2026, and include monitoring and evaluation arrangements to further strengthen monitoring by reporting against priority actions, owners and delivery arrangements across Council services and partners.

Future priorities for adaptation

4(g) What are the body's top 5 climate change adaptation priorities for the year ahead?

Provide a summary of the areas and activities of focus for the year ahead.

1. Complete the Fife Climate Resilience Delivery Programme
   Develop and finalise the Resilience Delivery Programme, including priority actions, ownership, governance, delivery arrangements and monitoring.
2. Strengthen community climate resilience
   Incorporate climate resilience into local community planning and support communities to understand local climate risks and adaptation opportunities.
3. Build capacity through Climate Literacy
   Continue delivery of the Climate Literacy programme for staff and Elected Members, including the need to adapt to current and future climate risks.
4. Deliver flood risk management actions
   Continue delivery of statutory duties under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009, and local flood risk management plans across Fife's Potentially Vulnerable Areas. This includes translating flood study recommendations into practical mitigation works where feasible.
5. Support community emergency resilience
   Work with the Emergency Resilience Team and partners to engage local communities and support the establishment and development of Community Resilience Groups.

Work with Fife Climate Hub to deliver the Fife Community Climate Adaptation Fund which will support place based adaptations: https://fccan.org.uk/community-climate-grants/
This will augment the progress of building specific resilience from Fife's Property Flood Resilience Grant: https://www.fife.gov.uk/environment/flooding/property-flood-resilience-grant

Further information

4(h) Supporting information and best practice
Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to adaption.

Working with Fife Climate Hub to deliver the Fife Community Climate Adaptation Fund will support communities to deploy place based adaptations and build local climate resilience: https://fccan.org.uk/community-climate-grants/

PART 5: Procurement

Assessing and managing risk

5(a) How have procurement policies contributed to compliance with climate change duties?
Provide information relating to how the procurement policies of the body have contributed to its compliance with climate changes duties.

Fife Council's Procurement Strategy 2025–2030 positions procurement as a key enabler of the Council's Public Sector Climate Change Duties, embedding climate, sustainability and community wealth building considerations into procurement decision-making and contract delivery. Procurement supports the Council's commitment to net zero, a Just Transition and the circular economy, ensuring environmental, social and economic impacts are considered alongside value for money.

Key policy commitments include:
• Embedding climate and sustainability considerations within regulated procurement activity.
• Introduction of WARPit into the Council's disposals process to promote reuse instead of disposal and/or buying new. This enables reuse of materials throughout Fife as Council membership enables third sector and community organisations to participate in this reuse platform.
• Applying circular economy principles, including reuse, repair, remanufacture and waste reduction.
• Considering whole-life costing and carbon impacts when developing requirements and evaluating options.
• Supporting local businesses, SMEs and Community Wealth Building objectives while promoting sustainable growth.
• Engaging suppliers to develop innovative solutions that contribute to climate and net zero ambitions.
• Improving the content of Annual Procurement Reports following feedback from the Scottish Government, in particular content in diversity and inclusion.

During 2025/26, the Council continued its promotion/encouragement of its approach through increased use of the Scottish Government Sustainable Procurement Prioritisation Tool and Sustainability Test, helping identify procurement categories with the greatest climate impact and supporting more informed decision making.

Fife Council's procurement policies also support delivery of the Climate Fife Strategy through investment in energy-efficient buildings, fleet decarbonisation, low-carbon infrastructure, sustainable food procurement, waste reduction and circular economy initiatives.

Overall, procurement continues to be a strategic lever for delivering climate action, supporting the Council's compliance with climate change duties while generating wider environmental, social and economic benefits for Fife.

5(b) How has procurement activity contributed to compliance with climate change duties?

Provide information relating to how procurement activity by the body has contributed to its compliance with climate changes duties.

During 2025/26, Fife Council used procurement as a practical tool to support delivery of its Public Sector Climate Change Duties by embedding climate and sustainability considerations throughout procurement activity, supplier engagement and category management. Procurement activity supports the Council's net zero ambitions, circular economy principles and Just Transition objectives.

Key activity included:
• Incorporating climate, sustainability and circular economy requirements into procurement exercises and contract delivery where relevant.
• Applying whole-life costing and considering carbon impacts and supply chain resilience when developing procurement solutions.
• Expanding use of the Scottish Government Sustainable Procurement Prioritisation Tool and Sustainability Test to identify procurement categories with the greatest climate impact.
• Developing climate-focused category strategies and prioritisation exercises across key spend areas including Construction, Environment & Fleet, Travel & Transportation and Corporate & Facilities Management.
• Supporting delivery of Climate Fife priorities through procurement activity relating to building decarbonisation, energy efficiency, fleet decarbonisation, low-carbon infrastructure, sustainable food procurement and waste reduction initiatives.
• Strengthening sustainable procurement capability through guidance, training, case studies and collaboration with climate specialists and Sustainable Procurement Limited.

Procurement activity also contributed to Community Wealth Building objectives by supporting local businesses and SMEs, encouraging resilient supply chains and delivering wider environmental, social and economic benefits for Fife communities.

Overall, procurement continues to make a significant contribution to Fife Council's climate change duties by aligning procurement decisions and investment with net zero, climate resilience and sustainable development objectives.

Further information

5(c) Supporting information and best practice

Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to procurement.

Fife Council continues to use procurement as a key driver of climate action, embedding sustainability, circular economy principles and Community Wealth Building objectives across procurement activity. Through its Procurement Strategy 2025–2030 and continued use of Scottish Government Sustainable Procurement Tools, the Council is strengthening its contribution to net zero, climate resilience and sustainable development.
Examples of procurement best practice during 2025/26 include:
• Climate prioritisation of procurement spend, using the Sustainable Procurement Prioritisation Tool and Sustainability Test to identify categories with the greatest environmental impact and target improvement activity accordingly.
• Low-carbon construction and housing procurement, supporting energy-efficient buildings, building decarbonisation, modern methods of construction and consideration of low and zero-emission heating solutions. Examples include
- Implementation of the Carbon & Building Strategy – Templehall and Caledonia High School
- Ongoing assessments of alternatives to gas (Clean Heat/Heat Pumps)
- Housing Stock – Ongoing investment in energy efficiency measures (fabric first)
• Sustainable food procurement, supporting local supply chains, ethical sourcing and the Food4Fife strategy to encourage more sustainable and climate-friendly food choices. Examples include
- Increasing opportunities for local food producers
- Improving visibility of food provenance and origin
- Supporting ethical and sustainable sourcing for schools and care services
• Fleet and environmental services procurement, supporting fleet decarbonisation, lower-emission vehicle technologies and climate-focused category management. Examples include
- Supporting the Fleet Service's transition to a lower emission fleet
- Replacing end-of-lease vehicles with EVs
- Collaborating with other regional partners on the development and procurement of an expanded charging infrastructure for both public and Council fleet requirements.
• Sustainable transport procurement, incorporating environmental performance criteria into passenger transport contracts and supporting cleaner vehicle technologies and improved air quality outcomes. Examples include
- Inclusion of contractual requirements for a EURO V engines on all buses from 2024 and EURO VI engines on all buses from 2028
- Support and co-ordinate Fife wide carbon sequestration opportunities
- Supping via appropriate Community Benefit opportunities Fife Climate Forst initiatives
• Capability building and continuous improvement, including climate-focused guidance, training, case studies and collaboration with Sustainable Procurement Limited to improve sustainable procurement practices.
• Procurement also supports wider Community Wealth Building objectives by promoting local supplier participation, resilient supply chains, Fair Work and community benefits, demonstrating how climate action can be aligned with social and economic outcomes.
• The Fife Council WARPit (Waste Action Reuse Portal) pilot was launched in September 2025 with an aim to increase awareness and drive reuse action across our organisation. This pilot has been invaluable in connecting people and resources and has quickly demonstrated significant savings for Fifers who would otherwise buy new or pay for disposal. Fife Council have diverted over 4 tonnes of waste, saved over 8 tCO2e, and saved the council and it's partners over £19,000 in avoided procurement costs.
• Fife Council's PPE suppliers have demonstrated an improvement in sustainability measures via a combination of improvements across the supplier network and project portfolio, saving a total of 3.44tCO2e. A significant driver behind these savings is the use of products sourced from manufacturers that have invested in recycled materials, carbon reduction initiatives, responsible packaging, and sustainability programmes such as tree planting.
Overall, procurement continues to be a strategic tool for delivering environmental improvement, supporting the Council's climate change duties while generating wider benefits for the people and communities of Fife.

PART 6: Validation

Validation and Declaration

6(a) Internal validation process

Briefly describe the body's internal validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

Fife Council's audit team undertakes regular audits of our performance across the range of Council Performance Indicators (including carbon emissions). Internal audits are undertaken on a 3 to 5 year cycle. An internal audit of Council climate activities was undertaken in 25/26 and recommendations will be implemented from spring 2026.
Validation and sign off of this Public Sector Bodies Duties Report, the report was submitted for scrutiny and sign off to the following Fife Council officers and Committee:

Cabinet Committee
Executive Director of Place
Head of Planning, Climate and Sustainability
Head of Property Service
Head of Protective Services
Head of Housing
Head of Roads & Transportation
Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods
Head of Finance
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Head of Revenue & Commercial Services
Chief Executive Officer, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust

6(b) Peer validation process

Briefly describe the body's peer validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

6(c) External validation process

Briefly describe the body's external validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

6(d) No Validation Process

If any information provided in this report has not been validated, identify the information in question and explain why it has not been validated.

6(e) Declaration

I confirm that the information in this report is accurate and provides a fair representation of the body's performance in relation to climate change.

Name:	Shona Cargill
Role in the body:	Lead Officer
Date:	9/4/2026

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Recommended Reporting: Reporting on Wider Influence

Wider Impact and Influence on GHG Emissions

Q1) Historic Emissions (Local Authorities Only) - Still based on most recently available data from July 2025

Please indicate emissions and unit of measurement (e.g. tCO_2e) and years. Please populate data by selecting from the drop-down lists. Use (1) as the default unless targets and actions relate to (2).
(1) UK local and regional CO2e emissions: **subset dataset** (emissions within the scope of influence of local authorities):
(2) UK local and regional CO2e emissions: **full dataset**:
https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-local-authority-and-regional-greenhouse-gas-emissions-statistics-2005-to-2023

Local Authority:(Please State)	Fife
DESNZ Dataset:(full or sub-set)	Full

Source	Sector	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Units	Comments
DESNZ Sectors	Total Emissions	3,576.3	3,209.1	2,895.9	2,936.9	2,876.5	2,827.6	2,741.7	2,409.5	2,517.9	2,332.7	2,457.0	2,490.0	**ktCO2e**	
DESNZ Sectors	Industry and Commercial	2,037.2	1,707.1	1,525.0	1,577.4	1,562.4	1,517.2	1,460.3	1,157.0	1,416.7	1,121.7	1,346.9	1,394.4	**ktCO2e**	
DESNZ Sectors	Domestic	903.9	876.8	738.1	732.7	669.7	654.8	635.1	625.1	592.4	610.7	507.1	499.1	**ktCO2e**	
DESNZ Sectors	Transport total	635.2	625.2	632.8	626.8	644.5	655.6	646.4	627.4	508.8	600.4	602.9	596.4	**ktCO2e**	
DESNZ Sectors	Per Capita	12.5	11.3	10.3	10.5	10.2	10.0	9.7	8.8	9.1	8.6	8.9	8.9	**ktCO2e**	

Source	Sector	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Units	Comments
Other Sectors	Other (please specify in comments)	144.52	120.08	96.62	90.29	72.42	74.33	65.71	57.71	52.69	56.39	68.83	51.63	ktCO2e	Public Sector
Other Sectors	Other (please specify in comments)	315.16	307.45	305.32	320.93	313.37	309.76	297.99	303.06	294.60	315.90	285.78	293.97	ktCO2e	Agriculture
Other Sectors	Waste	186.51	148.43	152.72	188.58	165.46	154.10	149.19	163.94	163.71	162.51	163.89	153.86	ktCO2e	
Other Sectors	Land Use	344.06	342.00	337.39	332.39	333.52	333.82	334.01	337.27	343.41	339.46	339.25	335.28	ktCO2e	

2(a) Targets

Please detail any wider influence targets

Sector	Description	Type of Target (units)	Baseline value	Start year	Target	Target/End year	Saving in latest year measured	Latest Year Measured	Comments
Overall Reduction Target	Net Zero Carbon Emissions in Fife by 2045	Absolute (TCO2)		1990	Net Zero	2045		Please select from drop down box	
Overall Reduction Target	Replace IT desktops and older monitors with modern laptops and hub monitors. This will lead to both less devices and a power reduction per desk (200W v's 100W x 3000)	Other (please specify in comments)	200w per hour	2026	100w	2027	N/A	Please select from drop down box	Estimates based on manufacturers ratings
Homes and Communities	Improve the energy efficiency of 1850 council and private properties through a combination of energy	Other (please	House Condition Survey	Please select from	1850	Please select from		Please select from drop down box	Target of 1850 properties

	efficiency improvements, external wall, loft and internal wall insulation. Target is energy performance rating.	specify in comments)		drop down box		drop down box			

2b) Does the body have an overall mission statement, strategies, plans or policies outlining ambition to influence emissions beyond its corporate boundary?

Q3) Policies and Actions to Reduce Emissions

Please detail specific policies and actions underway to achieve emission reduction targets

Sector	Start year for policy/action implementation	Year that the policy/action will be fully implemented	Annual CO_2 saving once fully implemented (tCO_2)	Latest Year measured	Saving in latest year measured (tCO_2)	Status	Metric/indicators for monitoring progress	Delivery Role	During project/policy design and implementation, has ISM or an equivilent behaviour change tool been used?	Please give further details of this behaviour change activity.	Value of Investment (£)	Ongoing Costs (£/year)	Primary Funding Source for Implementation of Policy/Action	Comments
Energy	2024	2024		N/A		In Implementation	Fife Councils 'A Vision for Low Carbon Construction' sets ambition for construction work to achieve carbon reductions and to follow a targeted approach to realising a reduction in emissions.	Direct delivery	No				Please select from drop down box	
Transport	2012	N/A		2025		In Implementation	eFife in 2025-26 , there was no further expansion to the public network. We currently have a tender out to procurement appoint a Charge Point Operator (CPO) to take over the running and expansion of the eFife EV charging network.	Direct delivery	No	We can monitor take up and use of each unit, as well as the different EV users on the eFife network. The network is marketed through ChargePlace Scotland as well as on the Fife Council website.			Other (please specify in comments)	No funding required as it a document which needs to be drafted with input from staff, pupils, parents/guardians, with support from Travel Plan team.
Transport	2006	N/A		2025		In Implementation	School Travel Plans: Engagement with schools continues - All 133 Primary Schools and all 18 High Schools have a School Travel Plan	Influencing	No	Encourages staff, pupils and parents/guardians to consider the way they travel to/from school and during the school day. They are also given an action plan to implement to improve active travel to the schools from the catchment areas.			Other (please specify in comments)	No funding required as it a document which needs to be drafted with input from staff, pupils, parents/guardians, with support from Travel Plan team.
Transport	2012	N/A		2025		In Implementation	Bikeability is the Scottish Cycle Training Scheme for school pupils aimed at P4's to S2's. Level 1 (Teaches basic skills such as balance, controlling the bike and making turns) – 53 schools delivering to 1984 pupils. Level 2 (Teaches rules of the road and basic skills for riding on road) – 41 schools delivering to 1237 pupils. Overall this increases the number of pupils	Direct delivery	No	We monitor all training of staff and pupils that the Bikeability is delivered to.			Grant funding (UK)	This is funded through Cycling Scotland

							completing Level 2. Level 3 was not delivered last year, as no schools were able to deliver.							
Sector	**Start year for policy/action implementation**	**Year that the policy/action will be fully implemented**	**Annual CO_2 saving once fully implemented (tCO_2)**	**Latest Year measured**	**Saving in latest year measured (tCO_2)**	**Status**	**Delivery Role**	**Please give further details of this behaviour change activity.**	**Value of Investment (£)**	**Ongoing Costs (£/year)**	**Primary Funding Source for Implementation of Policy/Action**	**Comments**		
Transport	2023	2033		2025		In Implementation	Active Travel routes were increased by a total of 15km throughout the 2025 period.	Direct delivery	No	New routes implemented have included a new path for encouraging pupils and parents to walk to school in Kinghorn. This path also links the town centre and train station to the new build properties to the North of the town to encourage walking, wheeling and cycling over vehicle use.			Please select from drop down box	
All Sectors	2023	N/A		N/A		In Implementation	The Specialist Business Advice programme, led by Business Gateway Fife provided businesses with free consultancy support for audit, energy and carbon reduction.	Indirect delivery	No				Please select from drop down box	
All Sectors	2024	N/A		N/A		In Implementation	The Ec Dev property & land team are commissioning a survey of all FC commercial property that will ascertain the Energy rating for each property- A programme of investment (or disposal) will be developed to ensure the properties meet the highest Energy efficiency rating they can achieve as part of embedding energy efficiency measures into the planned refurbishment programme. The I3 programme through the Edinburgh City Deal investment will continue to see the building of energy efficient new commercial properties across Fife.	Direct delivery	No				Please select from drop down box	

Please provide any detail on data sources or limitations relating to the information provided in Table 3

Q4) Partnership Working, Communications and Capacity Building

Please detail climate change partnerships, communications or capacity building initiatives below.

Key Action Type	Description	Organisation's project role	Lead Organisation (if not reporting organisation)	Private Partners	Public Partners	3rd Sector Partners	Outputs	Comments
Partnership Working	The Big Community Move Action Plan 2026 sets out a coordinated programme of action to empower and support communities across Fife to take meaningful climate action. Developed through extensive community and youth engagement and delivered in partnership with Climate Action Fife, the Plan focuses on building community capacity, strengthening climate education and youth participation, improving collaboration between partners, and making it easier for communities to access support and deliver local climate initiatives. By placing communities at the centre of climate action, the Plan aims to create a fairer, greener and more resilient Fife while supporting the delivery of the wider Climate Fife Strategy.	Lead		Coalfield regeneration Trust	NHS Fife, Fife HSCP	FCCAN, Fife Climate Hub, Greener Kirkcaldy, Climate Action Fife Partnership	Big Community Move Action Plan	

Capacity Building (ie. staff training and development initiatives)	Fife Council's Climate, Nature and Sustainability Team has delivered Climate Literacy training to over 400 council employees and representatives from partner organisations. Plans are in place to expand the programme further, including making Climate Literacy training mandatory for all staff at Service Manager level and above. In December 2025, the Planning, Climate and Sustainability Service successfully renewed its Carbon Literate Organisation Award, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to carbon reduction and climate action. This is further demonstrated by Fife Council's Bronze Carbon Literate Organisation Award, which recognises the Council's ongoing efforts to embed carbon literacy across the workforce, ensuring that employees have the knowledge and understanding needed to incorporate climate considerations into their roles and contribute to the achievement of the Council's net zero ambitions. As part of the first Fife Climate Youth Festival, 17 young people from Bell Baxter High School became Carbon Literate through accredited training. They were the first group of young people in Fife to achieve this accreditation, marking an important milestone in the development of climate awareness and action among young people across the region. Accredited Climate Fresk workshops have also been delivered to 35 staff from Fife Council's Community Learning and Development team, alongside community workers from partner organisations. This allows these staff to develop their knowledge of climate change and develop the confidence and skills needed to support the individuals and communities they work with to take climate action.	Lead		Coalfield regeneration Trust	NHS Fife, Fife HSCP, Fife Bell Baxter High School	Greener Kirkcaldy	17 Young people and over 400 Staff Carbon Literate trained. 35 staff received other climate training sessions.	
Key Action Type	**Description**	**Organisation's project role**	**Lead Organisation (if not reporting organisation)**	**Private Partners**	**Public Partners**	**3rd Sector Partners**	**Outputs**	**Comments**

Communications	Community Events: Fife Council, in partnership with Climate Action Fife, delivered the Climate Fife Milestone Event at the Adam Smith Theatre, Kirkcaldy, on 3 November 2025. The event brought together residents, community groups, organisations and partner agencies to celebrate progress made in delivering the Climate Fife Strategy and to reflect on the next phase of climate action across Fife. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about local climate initiatives, engage with community projects and partner organisations, and explore achievements under the Strategy's three key themes: the Big Community Move, the Big Resilience Move and the Big Energy Move. The event highlighted the importance of continued collaboration and encouraged wider participation in building a greener, fairer and more climate-resilient Fife. The Fife Climate Youth Festival was delivered on 24 September 2025 at Fife Council Chambers and Rothes Halls, Glenrothes. It was led by Fife Council's Climate, nature and Sustainability Team in partnership with education, and third-sector organisations. The festival brought together more than 170 young people from all 18 Fife high schools to engage with climate change, sustainability, and green career pathways through keynote talks, workshops, and networking opportunities.	Lead			Fife Education, NHS Fife, Fife College	Climate Action Fife Partnership and partner organisations		
Partnership Working	Climate Action Fife is a regional project composed of multiple partner organisations working together to take climate action across Fife.	Supporting	Greener Kirkcaldy		Fife Council, Fife College	CLEAR Buckhaven & Methil, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Fife Communities Climate Action Network (FCCAN), StAndEN, PLANT, EATs Rosyth, Youth 1st, Ore Valley Housing Association, Transition University St Andrews.	Climate change engagement events and training sessions, climate ready local place plans, households receiving home energy advice, referrals to statutory energy efficiency schemes, climate friendly gardening workshops, students taking part in chefs for the future programmes, cycling and walking events organised, climate friendly holiday events, community tree plans developed and trees planted.	
Key Action Type	**Description**	**Organisation's project role**	**Lead Organisation (if not reporting organisation)**	**Private Partners**	**Public Partners**	**3rd Sector Partners**	**Outputs**	**Comments**

Partnership Working	Fife Council is an active partner in SGN's H100 Fife project, supporting the world's first end-to-end green hydrogen network supplying homes with 100% green hydrogen for heating and cooking. Located in Buckhaven and Denbeath, the pioneering demonstration project will connect up to 300 homes and provide vital evidence to inform future UK and Scottish low-carbon heating policy. Construction of the dedicated hydrogen network has been completed, with commissioning of the hydrogen production and storage facilities at Energy Park Fife now underway. Customer connections will be introduced on a rolling basis as the project moves into its operational phase.	Supporting	SGN				A green hydrogen generation and storage facility, a demonstration facility & hydrogen network connecting to up to 300 homes, participation is voluntary. Community engagement and links with local schools is active, with apprenticeship programmes and school visits a key highlight for the area.	Fife Council has worked with SGN to connect with the local community to raise awareness about SGN's offer in attracting council tenants, other RSLs and private households.
Partnership Working	Brockwell Energy has successfully delivered the Westfield Energy Recovery Facility (WERF), a major low-carbon infrastructure investment within Westfield, Fife. The facility processes up to 240,000 tonnes of residual waste annually, generating up to 24MW of reliable baseload electricity while supporting Scotland's circular economy, landfill diversion and net zero ambitions. The project has transformed a former opencast coal site into a strategic clean energy asset, creating long-term skilled employment and acting as a catalyst for further investment at Westfield. The availability of secure, competitively priced low-carbon energy is expected to attract additional businesses, reinforcing the site's role as a key location within Fife's growing clean energy economy.	Supporting	Equitix and Viridor	Kanadevia Inova handles daily plant operations (Brockwell, operational management)			Waste processing capacity: 240,000 tonnes per year; Electricity generation capacity: Up to 24 MW; Equivalent homes powered: approx 76,000 average-sized households	WERF provides reliable baseload electricity from residual waste, supporting Scotland's landfill diversion and circular economy objectives while complementing renewable generation such as wind and solar.
Partnership Working	Tay Cities Investment Group	Participant	On Rotation	Fife Council, Dundee City Council, Perth & Kinross Council, Chamber of Commerce, SDI				Partnership working towards attracting low carbon/green investments in the Tay Cities Region. Typically looking at inward investment, business growth, foreign direct investment, regional promotion and knowledge sharing.
Key Action Type	**Description**	**Organisation's project role**	**Lead Organisation (if not reporting organisation)**	**Private Partners**	**Public Partners**	**3rd Sector Partners**	**Outputs**	**Comments**

Partnership Working	Since January 2025, in line with the evolving strategic direction led by Scottish Renewables and supported by SOWEC, the Clean Energy Cluster has been established as the national coordinating body for Scotland's offshore wind supply chain activity. Under this model, Forth and Tay Offshore is recognised as the regional delivery partner for the east coast - including northeast Scotland - where significant offshore wind development and infrastructure investment are concentrated. Forth & Tay Offshore works on behalf of its members to promote the capabilities of companies and organisations in the offshore wind sector and to assist them in accessing new opportunities.	Participant	Scottish Engineering	Angus, Dundee City, East Lothian, Fife and Scottish Borders Councils, Scottish Enterprise, SOSE, Developers, Forth Ports, Montrose Port				Partnership working to develop local supply chain for offshore wind activities, and creating opportunities at a local and regional level. There continues to be ongoing discussion with Scottish Renewables about a blended offshore wind hub called the Clean Energy Cluster. Additionally, FTO was awarded a Place Based Impact Acceleration Account (PBIAA). The £2.5 million award, led by the Universities of Edinburgh and Dundee, recognises the strategic importance of the Forth and Tay region in supporting offshore wind innovation, supply-chain growth and industry-academic collaboration.
Partnership Working	Race to Zero is an interactive enterprise and sustainability learning programme developed by Fife Council's Economic Development and Employability teams. It places young people in the role of running an energy company and challenges them to transition a virtual town from fossil fuels to renewable energy while achieving Net Zero targets.	Lead		Harmony (Developer), Fife Council Education			Currently this tracks the number of downloads	This was previously rolled out to schools via a roadshow and has since been evaluated and updated. Currently looking to get this put onto Ipads for schools and see whether there can be a teaching element introduced.
Partnership Working	Business Gateway Fife's Specialist Business Advice programme	Lead		Business Gateway Fife				Funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, provided 5 businesses with 11 days of fully funded support from an environmental consultant to undertake energy efficiency audits.
Key Action Type	**Description**	**Organisation's project role**	**Lead Organisation (if not reporting organisation)**	**Private Partners**	**Public Partners**	**3rd Sector Partners**	**Outputs**	**Comments**

Partnership Working	Business Gateway Fife's SME Development Grant	Lead		Business Gateway Fife				The scheme supported 11 businesses with grants totalling £48,387.66 to undertake measures to help them reduce energy costs and progress towards net zero.
Partnership Working	The Levenmouth Reconnected Programme (LRP) is a £10 million fund managed by Fife Council, which aims to maximise the economic and social opportunities presented by the new Leven rail link, the regeneration of the River Leven and its proposed path network, investments in renewable energy, as well as other initiatives being implemented within Levenmouth. This funding has been disbursed as a series of grants to a variety of projects delivering on the above themes and objectives. 100% of the fund is now committed and 60% of the projects funded are complete.	Lead			Transport Scotland, Visit Scotland, Scotrail, Network Rail, SEPA, Scottish Government		Projects delivering on the Programme Themes	
Key Action Type	**Description**	**Organisation's project role**	**Lead Organisation (if not reporting organisation)**	**Private Partners**	**Public Partners**	**3rd Sector Partners**	**Outputs**	**Comments**

Partnership Working	Levenmouth Connectivity - On road active travel network - We are looking to upgrade approximately 24km of Levenmouth's existing roads and paths to accommodate the safer travel of walkers, wheelers and cyclists traveling. Of this, 10km will be segregated from vehicles. This part of the project is being managed by Fife Council on behalf of The Leven Programme. River park routes - We are also looking to upgrade existing paths as well as creating new ones along the River Leven, linking residential areas and allowing communities to access the river and existing assets of the area. This part of the project is being managed by Green Action Trust on behalf of The Leven Programme. Routes will be delivered within existing road corridors and along the River Leven Corridor linking all communities to the river park, new rail stations, employment, retail and leisure centres. Phase 1 and 2 of the on road network has been delivered and all of the River Park route.	Lead				Green Action Trust	24km of Safe Active Travel Routes.	

Key Action Type	Description	Organisation's project role	Lead Organisation (if not reporting organisation)	Private Partners	Public Partners	3rd Sector Partners	Outputs	Comments
Partnership Working	Rosyth Waterfront and Burntisland Port are now formally identified by HMRC as Forth Green Freeport (FGF) tax sites. Rosyth will comprise 158Ha of development land including space for the Arrol Gibb Innovation Campus (AGIC). At Burntisland, a conjoined tax site and cluster (150Ha) is identified with Leith (named 'Mid Forth') and will serve to create an innovative floating offshore wind facility for marshalling and high-capacity integration of floating offshore wind components. For the Fife Council area directly, relevant seed capital proposals are funding delivery support to the Arrol Gibb Innovation Campus and Integrated Energy System respectively at Rosyth. In addition, support has been secured for feasibility scoping of the reactivation for the Rosyth rail freight network which has been completed and is positive in outcome, with work continuing to secure re-activation. Forth Green Freeport operating company have also commenced a study into utility power network capability/s across the whole FGF programme area. The FGF Operating Company and its relevant 'Infrastructure, Placemaking and Communities' subcommittee will support the Council and partners in delivering these and other proposals as monies are approved and allocated through FBC conclusion. A Fiar work and Skills charter (including the development of a skills fund) economic place-led reinvestment fund and Net Zero Charter are also in place commitments.	Participant	Forth Green Freeport Operating Company	Ineos, Calachem, Forth Ports, Edinburgh Airport, Babcock International, Scarborough Muir Group, Defence Infrastructure Organisation	Fife Council, City of Edinburgh, Falkirk Council , Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Futures Trust, Key Agencies group		Forth Green Freeport (FGF) is committed to leading Scotland's just transition to net zero emissions by 2045, supporting inclusive growth for communities and industries alike. Central to this ambition is FGFs Decarbonisation Plan, ensuring all Freeport-backed investments and activities contribute to reducing carbon emissions and protecting the environment for future generations. As a national and international hub for renewable energy, chemicals, alternative fuel, logistics (rail, air, shipping), shipbuilding, and high value engineering, FGF's strategic sites – Grangemouth, Rosyth and Mid-Forth (Leith and Burntisland) – are driving progress for Scotland's and the UK's low-carbon economy. To achieve our ambition, FGF is supporting innovation and economic growth while tackling emissions from industry, transport, and energy use in buildings. In line with this, FGF have set clear targets: •A commitment for the investment within the Forth Green Freeport tax site area to be operationally Net Zero by 2045 or earlier, in line with the Scottish Government's target. •Whole lifecycle carbon assessments to be completed for all	Project managers within the Economic development team (Hazel Cross/ Andrew Sim) can also assist with implementation detail and governance.

							investments within tax sites. •Progress is already underway, with major new investments being onboarded through the Net Zero charter. This ensures new projects are aligned with rigorous net zero standards and the region's climate ambitions, and that expectations are clear from the outset of a project. A dedicated Net Zero Committee promotes alignment with Scottish Government objectives and encourages collaboration and shared learning. An economic impact assessment, prepared by KPMG, has projected that the FGF will drive almost £7.9 billion of public and private investment over a 10-year period, delivering gross value added of estimated £8.1bn. The Forth Green Freeport (FGF) aims to contribute significantly to the just transition to net zero emissions by 2045 through a comprehensive Decarbonisation Plan. Baseline Carbon Emissions Impact The Decarbonisation Plan includes detailed estimates of carbon emissions impacts (see Annex E1, section 5 of FGF FBC for further information and workings): • Operational Emissions: The baseline operational emissions over the next 30 years are estimated to be approximately 88,244 tonnes CO2e. Embodied Carbon Emissions: The total embodied carbon emissions for the same period are projected to be about 1,266,198 tonnes CO2e. • Total Carbon (Baseline): 1,354,442 tonnes CO2e. Indirect Emissions: Additional emissions are influenced by external factors such as energy production and supply chains. • Carbon Savings from Renewables (30-year period): Approximately 12.7 million tonnes CO2e, leading to a net carbon saving of 11.3 million tonnes CO2e. Milestones, Targets, and Monitoring Interim Targets • By 2030: Significant progress towards reducing operational and	

							embodied carbon emissions by integrating renewable energy sources and improving energy efficiency. • By 2045: Achieve net zero emissions across all FGF operations.	
Key Action Type	**Description**	**Organisation's project role**	**Lead Organisation (if not reporting organisation)**	**Private Partners**	**Public Partners**	**3rd Sector Partners**	**Outputs**	**Comments**
Partnership Working	Automate to Accelerate, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), was a dynamic series of workshops and tailored support for Fife-based companies. Delivered by Fife Council's Trade Development Programme, in partnership with Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Manufacturing and Advisory Service (SMAS), SP Technologies, and The Data Lab, the programme was designed to help businesses unlock growth through data, process improvement, and automation.	Lead	Fife Trade Development Programme	SP Technologies, and The Data Lab	Fife TDP, Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Manufacturing and Advisory Service (SMAS)		21 Fife businesses engaged in a series of three workshops, followed by individual site visits delivered through collaborative partnership working. Businesses were upskilled on opportunities for growth through process improvement, data utilisation, and automation, helping them identify efficiencies, increase productivity, and support future business development.	The programme will be condensed into a hands-on, interactive workshop during Fife Business Week in November 2026, enabling more businesses to benefit from the learning and best practice identified through the programme.
Partnership Working	The Fife Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan sets a delivery programme for active travel across Fife for the next ten years. Funding will be sourced from the Scottish Government Active Travel Infrastructure fund Tier 1 and 2.	Lead			Scottish Government (funding)		Fife Active Travel Network	
Partnership Working	Partnership working with Changeworks, Home Energy Scotland and Energy Saving Trust to delivery yearly EES:ABS programme	Lead			Energy Saving Trust, Home Energy Scotland	Changeworks	Succesful delivery of EES:ABS programmes	
Communications	Since April 2025, Fife Council has provided free reusable period products to residents across Fife, with 891 people benefiting from the programme. The initiative supports both the reduction of period poverty and the transition to more sustainable menstrual products. Going forward. the scheme will be expanded further, with free reusable period products to be made available through all OnFife libraries and theatres, making sustainable period products more accessible to residents across Fife and helping to encourage a wider shift away from single-use alternatives.	Lead				On Fife	891 residents opted to switch from disposable to reusable period products	

Other Notable Reportable Activity

Q5) Please detail key actions relating to Food and Drink, Biodiversity, Water, Procurement and Resource Use in the table below

Key Action Type	Key Action Description	Organisation's Project Role	Impacts	Comments
Biodiversity	FCCT engagement programme to broaden public engagement in nature and biodiversity.	Lead	Annually delivering around 90 engagement events and activities across Fife within the theme of connecting environment and people.	
Biodiversity	FCCT conservation designated sites managed as per site management plans which all include working towards biodiversity enhancement. Eden Estuary (SSSI, SPA, RAMSAR), Birnie & Gaddon Lochs LNR, Coul Den LNR, Craighall Den SSSI and Dalbeath Marsh SSSI are all managed by FCCT with detailed 5 year site management plans.	Lead	Maintenance and improvements to all sites for biodiversity as well as public access and engagement.	
Water	River Eden and Motray Water Woodland Development Plan Project (Riverwoods funded) is a collaborative partnership initiative delivering a catchment-scale approach to restoring the ecological health and climate resilience of the River Eden. Working alongside farmers, landowners, and local partners the project promotes tree integration, woodland creation and enhancement at riparian and wider catchment locations, where it delivers multiple benefits for biodiversity, water quality, flood resilience and sustainable land management.	Lead	Develop a strategic River Woodland Development Plan with identified constraints, opportunities and priority areas for riparian and wider catchment woodland creation and habitat connectivity.	
Biodiversity	Climate Action Fife - Community Tree Planting project. FCCT are leading this activity strand within the partnership.	Lead	Developing and delivering on community planting plans in urban areas throughout Fife.	
Biodiversity	Nature Finance Fife and Dreel Burn Investment Readiness partnership	Lead	Blending public, philanthropic and private financing to restore natural ecosystems in the Dreel Burn catchment.	

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Biodiversity	Transforming Fife's Greenspaces (Nature Town's and Cities). Led by Fife Council. As part of this partnership project FCCT are applying learning from Nature Finance Fife and work on the Dreel Burn Investment Readiness project to the urban context with a focus on: - Developer obligations for nature under Section 75 and National Planning Framework 4 - Nature as business critical infrastructure - solving nature related problems in the landscape through a blend of finance - Demonstrating the social, economic, and environmental value of the proposed changes in these urban landscapes - Understanding the potential role of carbon markets in the urban context	Lead		FCCT is leading this particular part of the wider partnership project.
Resource Use	The Fife ECO Stars Fleet and Taxi Recognition Schemes is a free, voluntary scheme that provides recognition, guidance and advice on best practice to operators of goods vehicles, buses and coaches and taxis/private hires. It's being rolled out in Fife to help fleet operators improve efficiency, reduce fuel consumption and reduce emissions - all helping to improve local air quality and make cost savings at the same time.	Lead	Fife currently have 273 Fleet members enrolled in the scheme with 10,366 vehicles, of which 67 are 5 star and 120 are zero emission. Fife currently have 174 Taxi members enrolled in the scheme with 703 vehicles. The projected carbon saving from these fleet improvements is 12,810,619 CO2e kg. A co-benefit to the ECOStars work is air quality improvements. While local authorities are not required to produce one, Fife Council has published an Updated Air Quality Strategy (2025-2030) to outline our ongoing local air quality management work. A workshop was held with key stakeholders in January 2026 with a presentation provided by ECOStars highlighting our achievements in Fife.	

Key Action Type	Key Action Description	Organisation's Project Role	Impacts	Comments
Resource Use	The Fife Council WARPit (Waste Action Reuse Portal) pilot was launched in September 2025 to reduce waste, lower procurement and disposal costs, and support Scotland's circular economy ambitions. The platform currently supports 508 members across Fife Council and is linked to the WARPit portals of NHS Fife and Fife College, expanding opportunities for collaborative asset reuse across partner organisations. During 2025/26, WARPit diverted more than 4 tonnes of material from disposal, avoided over 8 tonnes of carbon emissions, and delivered procurement cost avoidance exceeding £19,000.	Lead	The initiative is further supported by Matrix Fife, operated by Fife Council's Employability Service, which repairs and refurbishes items to extend asset life and maximise social, environmental and financial value. The platform has also been extended to schools, charities and third sector organisations across Scotland, enabling the donation of surplus resources valued at £6,971 and supporting wider community benefits. In recognition of its success, the project was awarded Silver at the APSE Striving for Excellence Awards 2026.	With the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act highlighting the need for reuse via the redistribution of goods, Fife's use of WARPit has successfully addressed the challenge of reducing the consumption and whole-life-cycle carbon emissions of goods, products, and materials. This is benefitting the Council in terms of financial, time and carbon savings; it is now also benefiting wider community groups. What first started as a tool to embed reuse within Fife Council has been developed into an online Fife-wide reuse network which connects organisations, resources and communities across the region, reducing waste impact and creating wider community benefit. This project is completed through collaboration with private partners WARPit, public partners NHS Fife and Fife College alongside 3rd sector partners such as schools, charities and others (Big House Multibank, Kingdom Housing, YMCA, Mens Shed and many others.)
Biodiversity	The Climate, Nature and Sustainability Team have completed the mapping of the Fife Nature Networks. This has two parts; the first is a series of detailed habitat maps, the second is a high-level strategic overview of the networks. A route map has been developed, and the ambitions for nature networks have been reflected in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan and Local Development Plan.	Lead	Detailed habitat maps and possible networks.	A nature networks strategy (or alternative format, to be decided) will be developed throughout 2026 and will be informed by a dedicated working group. The working group will include internal and external partners from across Fife, including FCCT and NatureScot.

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Biodiversity	Ancient Woodland Expansion linked to recreational improvements at Lochore Meadows Country Park.	Lead	Regeneration of locally and nationally significant ancient broadleaf woodland, expanding its range and improving its resilience to climate change and biodiversity loss.	Funded via the Scottish Government Nature Recovery Fund
Biodiversity	Coastal Path Resilience and erosion remediation across Fife	Supporting	Ongoing coastal erosion is making sections of the Fife Coastal Path highly susceptible to failure and inundation. This programme seeks to employ nature based solutions to this challenge where possible, making biodiversity a direct beneficiary of these resilience works.	Funded via the Scottish Government Nature Recovery Fund
Biodiversity	Fife Climate Forest is a regional project aiming to develop a well connected landscape (hedges and trees) throughout rural and urban Fife. FCF will aim to support the delivery of the Fife Forest and Woodlands Strategy and focus on: maintaining existing woodlands, planting new woodland, increasing urban canopy coverage and linking up nature networks.	Lead	Connect communities together with a shared vision about trees, woods, and forests. Help nature to recover by creating bigger, better, connected areas Grow the number of trees in Fife and help communities to care for them. Support thriving and resilient places for people and nature.	Fife Climate Forest is a partnership of national, regional and local organisations.
Water	Fife River Restoration Programme is a collaboration between FCCT, Fife Council, and SEPA. Developing and delivering river restoration projects through the Water Environment Fund (WEF). So far this programme has attracted significant investment in Fife rivers with the WEF element acting as a powerful catalyst to attract further investment and deliver multiple benefits across water catchments.	Lead	Enhance the biodiversity and overall health of our Rivers through projects including: The River Park in Levenmouth, the Dreel Burn, Rosyth Rivers and the River Eden projects. Landscape scale projects supporting local people as well as their rivers.	