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Agenda Item No. 6

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## Enterprise and Environment Directorate: Services Performance Reporting

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**Report by:** Ken Gourlay, Executive Director

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**Wards Affected:** All

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### Purpose

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To present the performance scorecard for Enterprise and Environment Directorate Services for 2021/22.

### Recommendation(s)

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Members are asked to consider and review:

1. Note the arrangements set out in **Section 1.0** to fulfil the Council's obligation to comply with Audit Scotland's 2021 SPI Direction.
2. The performance information in **Section 2.0**, including current challenges/priorities and Risks. A high-level overview of services KPIs is attached in Appendices 1 to 6 – covering 4 lenses: Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF), Plan for Fife (P4F), Customer, Resources and Service Operations.

### Resource Implications

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None.

### Legal & Risk Implications

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There are legal requirements highlighted within this report, linked to a risk of regulatory intervention if the Council does not adhere to the standards and expectations set by Audit Scotland.

### Impact Assessment

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An EqIA is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

### Consultation

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None required

# 1.0 Background

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- 1.1 Audit Scotland published an update on Statutory Performance Direction in December 2021. The Council is required to report a range of information setting out:
- i. Its performance in improving local public services, provided by both (i) the council itself and (ii) by the council in conjunction with its partners and communities
  - ii. Its progress against the desired outcomes agreed with its partners and communities
  - iii. Its performance in comparison (i) over time and (ii) with other similar bodies including information drawn down from LGBF in particular and from other benchmarking activities
  - iv. Its assessment of how it is performing against its duty of Best Value, and how it plans to improve against this assessment.

Below is a Link to the Direction Statutory Performance Indicators published in December 2021: -

[SPI Direction - December 2021 \(revised\)](#)

# 2.0 Performance Reporting

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- 1.1 Appendices 1 to 6 to this report is presented in the form of a balanced scorecard covering the areas of LGBF/P4F, Customer, Resources and Service Operations. A current snapshot of Service Challenges is included along with a section on Risks.
- 1.2 Planning Service reports across two Scrutiny Committees, with wider Planning functions reporting to the Finance, Economy & Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee. The report presented here (Appendix 2) focusses on those climate activities specific to the Planning Service.
- 1.3 Planning Service also produce the annual corporate Climate Change Public Bodies Duties Report. This report is submitted to Cabinet Committee (17th November 2022) for approval before submission to the Scottish Government. The Addressing the Climate Emergency Board provide leadership and direction in this area, monitoring delivery through its action plan.

## List of Appendices

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### Appendix 2 – Planning Services (Climate Change) Performance Template

#### Background Papers

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Planning Services report to the Finance, Economy & Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee  
[\[Finance, Economy and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee \(fife.gov.uk\)\]](#)

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Appendix 2 - Planning Services (Climate Change) Performance Template

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### PLANNING

#### Current Challenges & Priorities

Addressing Climate Emergency is critical for Fife. The Service leads with the Addressing the Climate Emergency Reform and Recovery board. Further work is being progressed to ensure that actions are worked up to have a lead, costed, and timescales clarified.

- Key climate challenges over the past year include:
  - Development and delivery of the Addressing the Climate Emergency Actions Plan, which includes the priority themes of:
    - Climate Ready Buildings (Reduce Carbon Emissions)
    - Climate Resilient Communities (Greater resilience to Climate Change)
    - Climate Action Communities (Increase Community Capacity to Tackle Climate Change)
    - Maximising our Environmental Capital (Community Wealth Building)
  - Managing the strategic climate risks.
  - Delivering Climate literacy across Fife Council – achieving Bronze level Carbon Literate Organisation for Fife Council, and working towards Gold for Planning Service.
  - Early work to the review of the Local Development Plan. This review provides the Council the opportunity for the Local Development Plan to be the spatial expression of both Plan4Fife and Climate Fife and embed Place Leadership.
- Priorities for Planning Service under the Addressing the Climate Emergency Action Plan include:
  - Climate Ready Buildings (Reduce Carbon Emissions)
    - Support H100 Project in Levenmouth
    - Revise policy and investment in new approaches to new and retrofit buildings to meet net zero carbon standards.
    - Developing joint approach to Net Zero Carbon plans for all public sector partner’s estates.
    - Prepare for the requirement for Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and Plans
  - Climate Resilient Communities (Greater resilience to Climate Change)
    - Developing a regional approach to Climate Risk with the Edinburgh & South East Scotland Regional Prosperity Framework.
    - Undertake risk and vulnerability assessment for Fife Partnership assets.
  - Climate Action Communities (Increase Community Capacity to Tackle Climate Change)
    - Support the update of Local Community Plans to include climate action.
    - Being a partner in Climate Action Fife, a community led capacity building approach to climate action.
    - Development of the Food4Fife Strategy, including delivering the South-west Fife Love Food / Hate Waste project.
  - Maximising our Environmental Capital (Community Wealth Building)
    - Support the development of community solar co-operative approach, using vacant & derelict land.
    - Reviewing the Sustainable Procurement Policy and approach.

## RISKS/EMERGING RISKS

- The Service contributes in particular to strategic risks EE003 Climate Change and EE002 Risk to the Fife Economy.
- There is and increasing risk from climate impacts. The initial climate risk & vulnerability assessment undertaken as part of Climate Fife (Strategy and Action Plan 2020) noting key risks including:
  - Risks to business sites, infrastructure and housing from river, surface water and coastal flooding, erosion and sea level rise
  - Risk of sewer flooding due to heavy rainfall
  - Risks to energy, transport and ICT infrastructure from wind storms, electrical storms, storm surges and high waves and from extreme temperatures
  - Risks to business from disruption to supply chains and distribution networks
  - Risk of 'climate blight' as land or properties become unsellable as a result of climate change

A review, update and development of action plan are planned to be undertaken in early 2023.

- Emerging economic risks relate to climate include:
  - increase in costs to deliver low-carbon infrastructure and development. In respect of infrastructure this impacts on the Council's capital programme and is linked to facilitating development growth as set out in the Local Development Plan, to assist Fife's economic growth.
  - The cost of living crisis, including the cost of fuel and its wider climate impact related to food and transportation.
- Emerging legislative and policy risks related to climate include:
  - The *Scottish Government's Heat in Buildings Strategy (2021)* – which requires the preparation of Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and Plans by the local Authority, which Planning Service will lead.
  - The *Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020* – which will require a review of our waste collection services.
  - The *Scottish Government and Scottish Green Party: shared policy programme* – which includes consultation on phased targets for decarbonising publicly-owned buildings to meet zero emission heating requirements by 2038.
- Planning Services are undertaking a review of Service risks and will implement any changes, also arising from the Directorate risk management maturity assessment once undertaken.

## KEY OUTCOMES (LGBF/P4F)

### LGBF

Indicator	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>CO2 emissions area wide per capita Fife (LGBF) (kt CO2e)</i>	8.6	7.7	7.8	N/A

### P4F

Indicator	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>CO2 emissions area wide: within scope of LA per capita Fife (LGBF) (kt CO2e)</i>	5.01	4.77	4.36	4.23	N/A
<i>Area Wide Emissions (thousand tonnes of Carbon)</i>	N/A	3,210.1	2,883.2	2,910.5	N/A
<i>Total Fife Council Carbon Footprint – tCO2e</i>	75,814	62,325	55,585	49,655	54,358

- The indicators as shown above reflect that trend of a reducing footprint both for Fife as a whole, and Fife Council’s own estate. This is the result of broad decarbonisation of the national grid as well as improvements to energy efficiency.

## CUSTOMER

- Planning Service leads to the delivery of Climate Literacy across Fife Council and its public sector partners. The table below notes the number of staff and councillors having undertaken the training.

Indicator	2021/22	2022/23 (Q1-2)
<i>Number of Fife Council Staff and Councillors completed Climate Literacy Course</i>	71	46
<i>Number of Climate Literacy events, including wider engagement sessions and courses</i>	16	4