



PERTH & KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

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Public Bodies Climate Change Duties

Report by Chief Officer (Report No. G/19/15)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides the Integration Joint Board with information on the requirements to report annually to Scottish Ministers on compliance with Climate Change duties.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Integration Joint Board is requested to:

- Note the requirements placed on Public Bodies to report on climate change.
- Note the Perth & Kinross IJB climate change report for 2017/18 was submitted to Sustainable Scotland Network by 30 November 2018.

2. SITUATION/BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

Chief Officers of Integration Joint Boards have again been notified of the duties on Integration Joint Boards (as public bodies) and to submit a climate change report for the period 2017/18 to the Scottish Government by 30 November 2018. Guidance notes for completing the Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Report was issued in August 2017 (<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/media/1559286/ijb-cc-reporting-master-guidance-final-v11-14-aug-2017.pdf>).

The legislative context is that in 2009 the Scottish Parliament passed the Climate Change (Scotland) Act with cross party support. Part 4 of the Act states that a 'public body, must in exercising its functions:

- act: in the way best calculated to contribute to the delivery of (Scotland's climate change) targets;
- in the way best calculated to help deliver any (Scottish Adaptation Programme);
- and in a way that it considers most sustainable.

The 3 elements of the public bodies climate change duties are:

- **Mitigation – Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
Public Bodies must act in the way best calculated to contribute the Act's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets. The Act has set an interim target of a 42% reduction by 2020 and an 80% reduction by 2050, on a 1990 baseline.
- **Adaptation – Adapting to the impacts of a changing climate**
The first statutory adaptation programme – Scotland's Climate Change Adaptation Programme (SCCAP) was published in 2014. While public bodies have varying degrees of influence in relation to adaptation, all public bodies will need to be resilient to the future climate and to plan for business continuity in relation to delivery of their functions and services.
- **Acting Sustainably – Sustainable Development as a Core Value**
This element of the duties is about ensuring that, in reaching properly balanced decisions, the full range of social, economic and environmental aspects are taken into account and viewed over the short and long term.

The *Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015* came into force in November 2015 as secondary legislation made under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. The Order requires bodies to prepare reports on compliance with climate change duties. This includes 'An Integration Joint Board established by order under section 9(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014(c).

IJBs are therefore expected to work alongside Health Boards and Local Authorities to complete their climate change reports as per the Climate Change Order. It is however recognised that several areas of the reporting form will not be applicable due to the level of control IJBs will possess in certain areas.

3. PROPOSALS

NHS Tayside and Perth & Kinross Council report annually to the Sustainable Network Scotland (part of the Keep Scotland Beautiful Charity) since 2015. As part of their reporting for this year, NHS Tayside and Perth & Kinross Council have included Dundee, Angus and Perth & Kinross IJB's performance monitoring on climate change, as in previous years. The reasoning behind this is:

- Dundee, Angus and Perth & Kinross IJBs do not directly employ staff. All staff is employed by either NHS Tayside or respective Local Authority.
- The majority of the activities in relation to climate change sit outwith IJBs governance accountability arrangements. However, through redesign of care pathways and in making most efficient use of resources, the actions of the IJB will make a contribution to reductions in travel and co location of staff and services.
- The IJBs adhere to both the NHS Tayside's and relevant Local Authority's strategies and policies for Climate Change.

Perth & Kinross Health & Social Care Partnership have completed the attached draft climate change reporting template on behalf of Perth & Kinross's IJB.

4. CONCLUSION

Perth & Kinross IJB are required by legislative requirement as a Public Body to submit a Climate Change report for 2017/18. It is however recognised by the Sustainable Scotland Network that the majority of IJBs who are established as corporate bodies will not have the responsibility or accountability for work / policy areas and that NHS Board's or Local Authorities will report on the required information on behalf of the IJB.

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