

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chambers on 16 November 2022 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors H Anderson, L Barrett, D Cuthbert, D Illingworth, N Khogali, G Laing, T McEwan, C Reid, G Stewart, R Watters and J Welch; M Maher and R Oram.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities), P Dickson, R Stewart, G Bissett, D Grant and S Merone (all Communities); A Taylor, A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Councillor R Watters, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion on Items 1-5, with Vice-Convener L Barrett on Item 6.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor R Watters welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF 24 AUGUST 2022

The minute of meeting of Climate Change and Sustainability Committee of 24 August was submitted and approved as correct record.

4. PRESENTATION ON FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

P Dickson, the Interim Flooding Manager, provided a [slide-based presentation](#) on the publication of final reports and the Local Flood Risk Management Plans.

P Dickson answered members' questions thereon.

Councillor Watters advised the Committee and sought agreement for a Special Meeting of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee to be held on a date to be arranged in December to consider the Publication of Final Reports (Cycle 1) and Local Flood Risk Management Plans (Cycle 2) which are required to be submitted by the end of the year.

5. FLOOD STUDIES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (22/281) (1) describing the outcome of the Council's flood studies at two

separate locations - Blackford and Invergowrie, (2) recommending that a flood protection scheme is taken forward in Blackford as it has been found to be economically viable, (3) also recommending that a flood protection scheme in Invergowrie is not taken forward as it is not economically viable.

Resolved:

- (i) the completion of the Blackford Flood Study and the Invergowrie Natural Flood Management Study, as required by the Forth and the Tay Estuary & Montrose Basin Flood Risk Management Strategies and Local Flood Risk Management Plans, be noted
- (ii) separate public engagement events have been held to disseminate the findings of each flood study, be noted
- (iii) the recommendations of each study, including:
 - the proposals for a flood protection scheme in Blackford;
 - to stop work on a natural flood management scheme in Invergowrie as it is not economically viable, be approved
- (iv) the Council will continue to manage flood risk in the Invergowrie area by implementing the actions set out in the published Tay Estuary & Montrose Basin Flood Risk Management Plan and Local Flood Risk Management Plan, be noted
- (v) details of the recommended flood protection scheme for Blackford have been submitted to SEPA for national prioritisation and were included in the Cycle 2 (2021-2027) Forth Flood Risk Management Plan, published in December 2021, be noted

VICE-CONVENER L BARRETT TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM

5. PUBLIC BODIES CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORTING 2022 – CARBON EMISSIONS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) (22/282) providing an overview of the Council's annual climate change Public Bodies Climate Change Duty (PBCCD) Reporting submission, including an update on the Council's carbon footprint and emissions trends for the reporting year 2021/22 along with benchmarking information to inform decisions and ensure effective performance monitoring

Resolved:

- (i) the contents of the report, along with the contents of the Public Bodies Climate Change Duty Report to the Scottish Government (Appendix A), be noted
- (ii) the progress in developing benchmarking information and the need to use it to provide an evidence-based platform to inform decisions and monitor performance, be noted
- (iii) officers to develop a detailed decarbonisation trajectory before November 2023 to enable more detailed plans to be included in future year submissions, be requested
- (iv) officers to develop a robust Scope 3 reporting methodology for the Council by November 2023, be requested.

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