Public bodies climate change duties - Annual Report 2021/22 noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the completed template for the Council's mandatory annual reporting duty on climate change, advising

(1) that between 2009 and 2015 all local authorities had signed up to the Scottish Climate Change Declaration and submitted a voluntary annual report under the Declaration and in 2016 it had become mandatory for all public sector bodies to provide an annual report on their actions in support of the Scottish Government's public bodies climate change duties;

(2) that the mandatory reporting framework aimed to encourage continuous improvement and enabled consistent information to be collected across public sector organisations;

(3) of the actions that a public body must exercise as required by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;

(4) that the 2021/22 annual submission provided detail on how climate mitigation action was developing and addressed how the city was adapting to the challenge of local weather impacts brought about by global climate change and that the COVID-19 pandemic had significantly impacted the council's ability to deliver projects;

(5) of the completed and submitted template, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report; and

(6) of some of the main areas of progress as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the Council's submission in response to public bodies duties under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.