

Public bodies duties on climate change - Annual Report 2022/23 noted.

5 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 to the Scottish Government via the Sustainable Scotland Network;
- (2) that 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;
- (3) that the mandatory reporting framework aimed to encourage continuous improvement and enabled consistent information to be collected across public sector organisations;
- (4) of the actions that a public body must exercise as required by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009;
- (5) that the 2022/23 annual submission provided
 - (a) detail on how climate mitigation action was progressing and provided updates on how the city was adapting to the challenge of local climate impacts brought about by global climate change; and
 - (b) updates on the key action taken by the Council to reduce emissions from its own estate and efforts to make the council procurement more sustainable and the area wide work undertaken to support a reduction in the city wide carbon emissions;
- (6) that since the last submission in 2022, the reporting scope had changed to include both a broader range of emissions and more accurate representation through changes to the emissions factors in the calculations;
- (7) of the completed reporting template which was expected to be submitted by 30th November 2023, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (8) of some of the main areas where progress has been completed as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee noted the Council's Annual Report 2022/23 submission in response to public bodies duties under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.