



**PUBLIC BODIES CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

Report by Chief Executive

**PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to seek approval to submit the completed Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Compliance Reporting Template 2024 to the Scottish Government.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015, as amended by the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020, requires public bodies to report annually on their compliance with climate change duties. The deadline for submission of this year's report is the 30th of November 2024.
- 2.2 The completed Compliance Reporting Template, appended to the Report, seeks to provide an overview of the Comhairle's progress on Climate Change in 2023. The return covers Governance, Emissions and Projects, Climate Change Adaptation, Procurement, and Wider Influence across the Comhairle area.
- 2.3 Effective governance procedures for climate change are in place and the Comhairle continues to make good progress in embedding climate change in policies, strategies and processes covering an increasing number of areas. There was a small decrease in the Comhairle's Carbon Footprint in 2023 compared to 2022, and the implementation of planned carbon reduction projects is projected to lead to a further decrease in 2024.
- 2.4 The Comhairle has a number of climate change adaptation measures in place to assess, manage and review climate risk. The Comhairle also continues to use its wider influence on area-wide emission through working with a range of partners to support, enable and deliver projects with a positive climate impact, in areas including renewables, active transport and roll-out of EV charging infrastructure.
- 2.5 The Report has been validated by Internal Audit.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle approves the submission of the Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Compliance Reporting Template 2024 appended to the Report.**

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Appendix: CnES Public Bodies Climate Change Duties 2024

## IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The following implications are applicable in terms of the Report.

<b>Resource Implications</b>	<b>Implications/None</b>
Financial	None
Legal	There is a legal requirement under the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015, as amended by the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 for public bodies to report annually on their compliance with climate change duties.
Staffing	None
Assets and Property	None
<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Implications/None</b>
Risk	None
Equalities	None
Corporate Strategy	None
Environmental Impact	The Report provides an overview of the Environmental Impact of the Comhairle in terms of carbon footprint and details the policies and actions which the Comhairle has in place to mitigate and adapt to climate related impacts.
Consultation	No consultation is required.