

**Sustainability and Climate Change Framework  
Action Plan Progress Report  
March 2021 – December 2023**

East Dunbartonshire Council

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## Natural Environment

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
(1.1) Finalise and implement the Green Network Strategy and updated Local Biodiversity Action Plan for East Dunbartonshire, and produce a Community Food Growing Strategy	Produce Greenspace Strategy to replace Green Network Strategy and Open Space Strategy and to reflect emerging guidelines around play sufficiency.	2024/2025	Preparation of the draft Greenspace Strategy is currently under way. A Play Sufficiency Assessment is also currently in progress and any amendments resulting from the publication of Scottish Government PSA Guidance in December 2023 will be carried out in early 2024. These workstreams will be aligned with the emerging Climate Action Plan.	Retain action
(1.1) (See above)	Implement Local Biodiversity Action Plan ('LBAP')	2024/2025	The Local Biodiversity Action Plan is expected to be drafted in 2024 and will be aligned with the emerging Climate Action Plan and Greenspace Strategy.	Retain action
(1.1) (See above)	Prepare and implement Food Growing Strategy which supports protection and enhancement of biodiversity	2024	<p>The completion of the Food Growing Strategy is anticipated for autumn 2024. The Land Planning Policy Team and Streetscene Team will undertake formal consultation on any new sites being proposed.</p> <p>A new methodology for prioritising allocation of allotments to those on the waiting list (a weighted matrix) has been developed as well as a refresh of the existing Allotment Regulations which will be taken to PNCA Committee in 2024.</p>	Retain action

<p>(1.2) Undertake peatland restoration and investigate the feasibility of producing a Peatland Action Plan for East Dunbartonshire</p>	<p>Through CAP and Greenspace Strategy process, investigate feasibility of producing Peatland Action Plan for East Dunbartonshire and, if determined feasible, include preparation of Peatland Action Plan as an action in Greenspace Strategy'. Continue to undertake existing peatland restoration.'</p>	<p>2024/2025</p>	<p>Initial work was undertaken on Campsie Peatland Management Plan and this will be progressed in conjunction with the emerging Greenspace Strategy produced by the Land Planning Policy Team.</p>	<p>Retain action</p>
<p>(1.3) Use the Local Development Plan, and related Supplementary Guidance and Planning Guidance, to increase awareness of local ecosystems and to encourage developments that protect and enhance the environment and that deliver open space and green network opportunities</p>	<p>Ensure that Planning policy and guidance includes appropriate measures</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The Local Development Plan 2 was formally adopted in November 2022. For more information see <a href="#">Local Development Plan 2   East Dunbartonshire Council</a></p> <p>An updated version of the existing Design and Placemaking Guidance was consulted on between 19th November 2021 and 14th January 2022 and then adopted following approval of LDP2.</p> <p>The Scottish Government published NPF4 in February 2023. It has additional provisions on the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and introduced a policy on 'Tackling the Climate and Nature Crises'. For more information see <a href="#">National Planning Framework 4 - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)</a></p>	<p>Completed. Action closed</p>
<p>(1.4) Produce a Flood Risk Management Plan for East</p>	<p>Support natural flood alleviation projects</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The Clyde &amp; Loch Lomond Flood Risk Management Plan was published in December 2022, covers the</p>	<p>Retain action</p>

<p>Dunbartonshire, support natural flood alleviation projects and increase the number of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in open space</p>	<p>and increase the number of biodiversity-rich Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) in open space</p>		<p>period from 2022 to 2028 and sets out obligations and actions under the Flood (Scotland) Act 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This includes the Surface Water Management plans for 3 areas, which are at feasibility stage and require to be progressed to concept and design stage in Cycle 2 under FRM plans.</li> </ul> <p>More information on the actions in East Dunbartonshire can be found here: <a href="https://glasgow.gov.uk">Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District (glasgow.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>A range of related projects includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Glazert River Restoration: the project was further progressed during 2021 to detailed design stage. Drawings were produced and planning permission submitted in March 2022. However, more information was required and alterations are being made to the design as a result. Detailed design stage is due to be completed in 2023/24. Resubmission for planning approval is required prior to appointing a contractor for construction.</li> <li>- Kelvin Tributaries River Restoration project incorporates Natural Flood Management (NFM). Work began on the Kelvin Tributaries project in 2021/22; the appointment of consultants to progress these works will commence in the 2023/24 financial year.</li> <li>- Golf View Flood Alleviation Scheme in</li> </ul>	
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			<p>Bearsden was completed during 2021/22 apart from landscaping works, which were completed in 2022/23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Climate Ready Park is at the tender stage.</li> <li>- Flood protection works at Park Burn are now completed.</li> </ul>	
(1.5) Undertake environmentally- sensitive practical conservation and maintenance by avoiding peat-based compost, investigating options for green waste re-use, stimulating use of play equipment from sustainably sourced wood and avoiding spraying of chemicals in children’s areas	Through the Local Outcome 5 Healthy Environments Sub-Group, work with Low Moss Prison to investigate use of wood chipping to reduce glyphosate use	2022/23	Dialogue with HM Prison will be recommenced and opportunities around the use of wood chips on top of shrub beds and explore any other natural means of controlling weeds explored by the Streetscene Team. It is also the service’s intention to explore other partnership opportunities around both the wood and metal workshops the prison have in place.	Retain action
(1.5) (See above)	Review best practice in relation to weed control to identify any sustainable techniques that are demonstrated to be of similar efficacy	Ongoing	<p>Perennial weeds can damage infrastructure and can lead to significant costs to East Dunbartonshire Council. Glyphosate is a useful weed control product, however, studies suggest that glyphosate has an adverse effect on biodiversity and may have adverse effects on human health. An action was contained in the SCCF in 2021 to review best practice in relation to weed control and identify alternative weed control methods that could demonstrate similar efficacy to glyphosate.</p> <p>No appropriate alternative has been found to date despite trials using hot water, foam and infrared at</p>	Replace action with: <p>“.”Review best practice in relation to weed control and include an action in the Greenspace Strategy setting out appropriate action to reduce glyphosate use and to identify any sustainable techniques that are</p>

			<p>other Councils, so glyphosate continues to be used across the Council estate where necessary.</p> <p>Glyphosate remains approved for use in the UK until December 2025 and a review to further assess alternatives to glyphosate on the Council estate will be undertaken as part of the preparation of the Council's draft Greenspace Strategy during 2024.</p> <p>The Streetscene Team continue to review our use of glyphosate across the wider estate and only use it where necessary. Officers attend APSE and other forums where this is a regular topic of conversation and alternative options are being explored.</p>	demonstrated to be of similar efficacy”
(1.5) (See above)	<p>As part of production of Greenspace Strategy, research opportunities for increasing use of sustainably sourced wood in play equipment and research other natural play options</p> <p>*Added in 2019 progress report</p>	End of 2026/2027	<p>Significant investment will take place over the next 3 years across the EDC play area estate. Most will likely focus on the upgrading of traditional play facilities. Options will be explored regarding the potential to create or complement this with natural play opportunities, such as the creation of a natural landscapes managed for the education and engagement of young people. Any use of natural products will be consistent with our sustainability policies.</p>	Retain action
(1.6) Work with key partners and funders to identify other possible	Identify other possible opportunities by working with key	Ongoing	<p>East Dunbartonshire's Streetscene budgets are being used to promote and develop biodiversity opportunities. Significant progress has been made in</p>	Retain action

<p>opportunities to conserve biodiversity and deliver high quality greenspace</p>	<p>partners and funders to conserve biodiversity and deliver high quality greenspace, through future review of LBAP, GNS and Open Space Strategy</p>		<p>terms of wildflower meadows and we now have some 12 hectares across the district.</p> <p>In addition, the Council has received funding allocations from the Scottish Government via the Nature Restoration Fund and a wide range of projects funded from this source have and will be undertaken up until March 2024. The expectation is that this funding will continue into future years. Examples of the projects include, additional tree planting, creation of management plans, wetland works, woodland improvements etc. all of which are making an important contribution to biodiversity within the district.</p> <p>Key outputs from the wildflower project at South Bishopbriggs and Auchinairn included seed purchased to allow 55,165m<sup>2</sup> of wildflower meadow created, consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dry Meadow seed to create 20,000m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Wet Meadow seed to create 30,000m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Wetland Pond Edge mix to create 2,000m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Cornfield Annuals to create 2,500m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Pictorial Meadows Perennial Mix to create 665m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul> <p>Further information on the wide-range of projects supported through the Nature Restoration Fund can be found here: <a href="#">Technical Notes 2022, Issue 147</a> <a href="#">General Capital Grant 2022-23 for Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund   East</a></p>	
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			<p><a href="#">Dunbartonshire Council</a></p> <p>Biodiversity and green network actions continued to be delivered during 2021/22, in line with commitments in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) and the Green Network Strategy and with some additional projects also being delivered outwith these commitments such as increasing biodiversity value of amenity grass verges and reduce maintenance burdens) and further investigation of water voles at Lenzie Moss. Cut-and-lift machinery was also purchased to support wildflower meadow management.</p> <p>Funding has been secured through the Shared Prosperity Fund for the Kelvin Valley Project to deliver habitat improvements and climate adaptation measures such as wetland creation, riparian planting and biodiversity benefits. The contract will be going out to tender in January 2024.</p> <p>The Streetscene Team are also aiming to establish a model of management plans for various sites including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lenzie Moss</li> <li>• Cairnhill Woods</li> <li>• Heather Avenue greenspace</li> <li>• Whitefield Pond</li> </ul>	
(1.6) (See above)	Develop and deliver a Greenspace Improvement Plan for	2022	Following public consultation the Greenspace Improvement Plan for Waterside was completed. Further information can be found here: <a href="#">Technical</a>	Completed. Action closed

	Waterside		<p><a href="#">Notes 2022, Issue 65 - Preparation of the Waterside and Rosebank Greenspace Improvement Plan   East Dunbartonshire Council.</a></p> <p>Delivery is now underway with several workstreams, including path works agreed with the Community Council, which commenced in September providing a much-needed link at the rear of properties at Taig Road/Moss Road, including path works. These works are now completed.</p> <p>Installation of a new play area will commence before the end of March 2024. Discussions are also ongoing with the Community Council regarding other potential gateway features to Waterside highlighting the rich history of the village.</p>	
(1.7) *Additional action area from previous progress report*	Use cross-Council process of information-gathering for climate change reporting, to annually engage with services on Biodiversity Duty commitments, to gather evidence and secure commitment to future actions	Ongoing	<p>As part of the Council’s statutory climate change reporting duties and the broader Climate Action Plan work, gathering information on biodiversity for formal reporting has been partially achieved through cross-council collaboration and information sharing between different departments and teams. This helps compile evidence and monitors progress against specific action.</p> <p>The Scottish Biodiversity Strategy recommends exploring combining Climate and Biodiversity Reporting from 2025/26. The Sustainability and Land Planning Teams intend to pilot a coordinated internal approach from 2024 to prepare for the proposed changes in the next reporting period.</p>	Retain action

<p>(1.8) *Additional action area from previous progress report*</p>	<p>Improve local air quality by implementing Bearsden Air Quality Action Plan</p>	<p>2022</p>	<p>Progress is reported annually through the Air Quality Annual Progress Report submitted by the Council to the Scottish Government, and updates to the Action Plan are made at this point. Bearsden Air Quality Management Area was revoked in 2022 due to consistent improvements in local air quality.</p> <p>Further information can be found here:  <a href="https://www.scottishairquality.scot/sites/default/files/publications/2022-10/APR_Template_Scotland_2022_final_1.pdf">https://www.scottishairquality.scot/sites/default/files/publications/2022-10/APR_Template_Scotland_2022_final_1.pdf</a></p>	<p>Completed. Action closed.</p>
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## Sustainable Economic Growth

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
(2.1) Produce an Economic Development Strategy (EDS) which aligns the work of Council functions including land use planning, economic development, business support, waste management and sustainable development and contributes to a partnership-led approach to support delivery of a low-carbon economy and sustainable economic growth in East Dunbartonshire, assisting delivery of the Council's Public Bodies Duties	Update background data for Economic Recovery Plan (ERP), assess progress against agreed actions and consider new actions	End of 2021/2022	The Economic Recovery Plan was updated in March 2021, including supporting data. A progress monitoring spreadsheet has been produced, which includes progress updates for each action. Work is continuing to deliver the actions in the Economic Recovery Plan. The East Dunbartonshire Economic Partnership meets quarterly to discuss delivery of the ERP which has recently focused on green skills, the 'Loves Local Campaign' and actions within the Circular Economy Strategy.	Completed. Action closed.
2.1) (See above)	Support delivery of sustainable development actions in EDS by using Economic Partnership meetings as a discussion platform	Ongoing	EDEP has been meeting quarterly and partners have been involved in action monitoring and delivery, including throughout the production of the Circular Economy Strategy (which was an action in the EDS/ERP).	Retain action
(2.2) Work towards delivery of the circular	Prepare a Circular Economy Strategy as	End of 2022/2023	A Circular Economy Strategy was published in March 2023, and delivery of this strategy will be reported on	Completed

<p>economy in East Dunbartonshire by exploring options for actions in the emerging Economic Development Strategy and through the work of the Council's Waste Services function</p>	<p>required in Priority 4 of the Economic Development Strategy (Sustainable Development).</p>		<p>in spring 2024. The strategy includes actions which were created in consultation with services across the Council. Work will commence in 2024 on the development of a new Economic Development Strategy, which will build upon the CES and ERP and set out the next steps in working towards a local wellbeing economy.</p> <p>The Council 's Circular Economy Strategy has the overarching objectives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage a movement away from a disposable culture, towards one in which materials are reused. This can be applied to the Council's own material use, reducing materials purchased.</li> <li>• Reduce the consumption of virgin resources and the volume of materials ending up as waste. This can be applied to the Council to reduce their waste.</li> <li>• Support local businesses and third sector organisations to become circular. Where the Council then uses these organisations for its purchased goods and services, they would have reduced emissions.</li> <li>• Foster a Wellbeing Economy by becoming part of the shift in economic priorities from a volume and profit driven model to one which works for people and the planet.</li> <li>• Align with the delivery of the Scottish Government's Circular Economy Route Map and comply with any new legislation introduced by the proposed Circular Economy Bill.</li> </ul>	<p>This action will be replaced with a new action: "Undertake a review of the CES and progress as part of preparing the new Economic Development Strategy" with a target date of the end of 2024/25.</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with Scottish Government targets, including a 75% reduction by 2030 and ultimately work towards net zero by 2045. This in turn supports reductions on the Council’s wider supply chain emissions.</li> </ul> <p>The Council ‘s Circular Economy Strategy has aims and corresponding actions for Council services in the following eight areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Procurement – Support the Circular Economy through Council Procurement</li> <li>2. Built Environment – Encourage the Reuse of Existing Buildings and Land</li> <li>3. Construction – Minimise Waste and Reuse Materials</li> <li>4. Council Assets – Maximise the Use Value of Material Assets</li> <li>5. ICT – Use Technology to Drive New Ways of Creating Value in a Circular Economy</li> <li>6. Waste – Provide Services to Support Reuse and Recycling</li> <li>7. Collaboration with Community Planning Partnership</li> <li>8. Collaboration with other Scottish Councils and Public Bodies</li> </ol>	
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<p>(2.3) Communicate regularly with the local business community on sustainability</p>	<p>Send regular bulletin to highlight key sustainability developments and opportunities for businesses</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The Council's Business Development Team uses various sources of media to signpost opportunities to businesses to improve their sustainability credentials, access funding, and reduce their carbon footprint.</p> <p>For example, the team works closely with Business Gateway to promote the wide-range of business support services on Business Gateway's website <a href="#">East Dunbartonshire - Local Support   Business Gateway   Business Gateway (bgateway.com)</a></p> <p>Work is also being undertaken to emphasise sustainability in a new 'Business Works' portal (further information provided in the action below).</p> <p>The Business Development Team are working with the Sustainability Team to promote East Dunbartonshire Council's Green Business Support Grant, which will help to reduce energy bills and help businesses make progress towards net zero carbon emissions with a grant of up to £10,000.</p>	<p>Retain action</p>
<p>(2.3) (See above)</p>	<p>Enhance 'Business Works' portal to include sustainability related information and resources</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>The Council's Business Development Team are currently re-designing the Business Works website in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, to enhance the information portal available to businesses in East Dunbartonshire. It is expected to launch in 2024 and include sections related to Net Zero and the Circular Economy.</p>	<p>Retain action</p>

(2.3) (See above)	Examine opportunities to encourage businesses to take up free resource efficiency audit.	On-going	Scottish Enterprise provide a free online sustainability audit through their Diagnostic Tool, <sup>1</sup> RBS also has a tool which is available to their customers <sup>2</sup> while there are various circular economy business support resources that Zero Waste Scotland offer. <sup>3</sup>	Retain action
(2.3) (See above)	Run seminars and one-to-one surgeries through Business Gateway	On-going	Numerous events, webinars and seminars are available to businesses in East Dunbartonshire and can be found here <a href="#">East Dunbartonshire - Workshop &amp; Events   Business Gateway   Business Gateway (bgateway.com)</a>  Local 1-2-1 sessions can be provided for growth companies, as defined by the Business Gateway criteria. More information can be found here <a href="#">East Dunbartonshire - Local Support   Business Gateway   Business Gateway (bgateway.com)</a>	Retain action
(2.3) (See above)	Use annual 'Business Week' events as way of disseminating information and gauging support needs	On-going	The local East Dunbartonshire 'Business Week' has been superseded by national business week which is run by Business Gateway National. Local level promotion of national business week is undertaken through the local Business Gateway webpage <a href="#">East Dunbartonshire - Local Support   Business Gateway   Business Gateway (bgateway.com)</a>	Completed. Action closed.

<sup>1</sup> See [Sustainability support for your business - Scottish Enterprise \(scottish-enterprise.com\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> See [Clean Growth Audit Guide | Bank of Scotland Business](#)

<sup>3</sup> See [Circular economy business support | Zero Waste Scotland](#)



## Mugdock Country Park

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
<p>(3.1) Further develop the sustainability of outdoor areas via path network improvements, a potential allotment site and consideration of more native planting and less pesticide use</p>	<p>Undertake path network improvements as required</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Mugdock Joint Management Committee approved a new Land Management Plan 2022-27, which includes an action on this under Operational Objective 10:</p> <p>“1) Review and upgrade existing path network, to establish a clear hierarchy with priority to those areas where erosion problems are apparent.”</p> <p>This is being implemented through ongoing repairs and improvements that are regularly carried out by Rangers and volunteers. Additionally, 15 volunteers and various corporate groups undertook audits on paths.</p> <p>This builds up on audits that were carried out of paths and boardwalks within the park (see appendix 1 <a href="#">64003LandManagementPlan.pdf (mugdock-country-park.org.uk)</a> )</p> <p>The new Strategy also provides maps through GIS and other digital content to promote the path network. <a href="#">Mugdock Strategy 2022-2027 - Mugdock Park (mugdock-country-park.org.uk)</a></p>	<p>Retain action</p>
<p>(3.1) (See above)</p>	<p>Undertake ongoing programme of native</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Planting of native trees and hedges is ongoing as is removal of invasive non-native species. Funding was</p>	<p>Close and replace action with:</p>

	planting and removal of invasive non-native species, to deliver biodiversity benefits		secured from Greenspace Scotland to plant over 5,000 trees, hedges and shrubs in 2023.	“Undertake ongoing programme of local provenance planting and removal of invasive non-native species, to deliver biodiversity benefits”
(3.1) (See above)	Following review of Local Outcome Group 5's pilot project to investigate alternatives to glyphosate herbicide (see 1.5), consider a larger-scale trial at Mugdock Park	Ongoing	<p>Further discussions are required on this action.</p> <p>In Mugdock Country Park, a 5-year contract is in place to remove bracken from Drumclog Moor. Although the first year included the use of chemicals, work in 2023/24 relied on manual work due to changes in the law regarding use of the chemical Asulam.</p> <p>Due to the withdrawal of approval of Asulax for use in Scotland just prior to the contractor's 2nd visit, and based on the relative success of Year 1 treatment, patches of bracken regrowth and overlooked sections were cut using clearing saws thus allowing mechanical rather than chemical control.</p>	Retain action
(3.2) Explore opportunities for enabling more sustainable travel to the park	Promote 'MyBus' service via Mugdock Park website and local 'What's On' publication	Ongoing	<p>In East Dunbartonshire and Stirling Council's Mugdock Strategy 2022-2027 public transport connectivity is identified as a core weakness.</p> <p>A high priority Early Action Project is to improve connections from Milngavie and Strathblane to Mugdock. The action is described as “scope for E bikes from Milngavie station/town centre” and to “explore opportunity to reintroduce bus service at weekends.”</p>	Retain action

			<p>East Dunbartonshire Council, Stirling Council and Milngavie Business Improvement District are identified as delivery partners. MyBusRural continues to be promoted on Park's website which is a service that needs to be booked in advance.</p> <p>However, there is currently no conventional bus service to the park. A trial was run although it did not develop into a regular service.</p>	
(3.2) (See above)	Explore viability of community-led transport to Mugdock via Community Transport Working Group, pending approval	2021	MyBusRural is promoted on Park's website which is a service that needs to be booked in advance. Further information can be found here <a href="http://mugdock-country-park.org.uk">Planning Your Trip - Mugdock Park (mugdock-country-park.org.uk)</a>	Completed. Action closed.
(3.3) Encourage the exploration and development of energy efficiency measures, renewables and other sustainable building features at Mugdock Castle, the Visitor Centre and The Stable	Undertake ongoing programme to replace existing lighting (including fittings) when it reaches end-of life with new energy-efficient LED lighting	Ongoing	The LED replacement program is nearing completion - all of the lights in the main areas within the park buildings have been replaced and there are only a few non-LED bulbs remaining.	Retain action
(3.3) (See above)	Apply for Resource Efficient Scotland audit to investigate opportunities for further efficiency, and for renewables	End of 2021/2022	<p>A high-level analysis on potential for renewable energy had concluded there was limited scope beyond upgrading the solar panels at Mugdock Castle.</p> <p>The current solar panels on the top of Mugdock Castle are 10-15 years old so the power generated is very</p>	Remove action

	installations, at Mugdock Castle, Visitor Centre and Stable		limited. Funding could be explored to replace these panels with more potent modern ones.	
(3.4) Consider opportunities for green roofs and walls, e.g., at Craigend Castle	Apply for funding to install 'living wall' to screen Craigend Castle	End of 2021/2022	Funding was secured and phase 1 of the project is completed with meadow mat and climbers planted along the fence line and biodiversity panel also installed. Phase 2, to increase the green coverage, is on-going.	Completed. Action closed.
(3.5) Further develop outdoor education opportunities, including delivery of the Forest Schools agenda	Continue to provide outdoor education service, including Forest Schools, to East Dunbartonshire schools and nurseries at Mugdock Park and other locations, which 190 pupils benefitted from in 2018-19	Ongoing	Forest Schools activities have resumed after lockdown and continue to be popular along with activities and events for community groups and members of the public.  Further information can be found here <a href="http://www.whatsonmugdockpark.org.uk">What's On - Mugdock Park (mugdock-country-park.org.uk)</a>	Retain action
(3.5) (See above)	Complete creation of woodland nursery at Mugdock Park	2022	This project was put on hold over lockdown and has not restarted to date. However, the Ranger Service is providing training to nursery practitioners in forestry activities: this comprises of 3 sessions with 45 nursery practitioners being provided with training.  More information can be found here <a href="http://www.outdoorlearningmugdockpark.org.uk">Outdoor Learning - Mugdock Park (mugdock-country-park.org.uk)</a>	Retain action
(3.6) Boost community involvement in the improvements of the Park	Work with Community Learning and Development Partnership to	No target date was set when this action was revised	Volunteering opportunities for conservation activities are well-attended and take place weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays fortnightly on Saturdays and then corporate groups.	Completed. Action closed.

	investigate opportunities to boost volunteer numbers at Mugdock Castle		Work had been undertaken with various partner organizations such as East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action to promote the work.	
(3.7) * Additional action area from previous progress report *	Align the new Mugdock Country Park Strategy with the aims of the emerging CAP to identify opportunities for the park to contribute to carbon reduction, climate change resilience and related biodiversity, health and community development opportunities	End of 2021/2022	<p>The Climate and Biodiversity emergency, as underscored in the development of the CAP, are reflected in the new Land Management Plan's strategic objectives section which notes:</p> <p><i>“As defined within local Green Network Strategies and Local Biodiversity Action Plans management at Mugdock will seek to meet Strategic area wide objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Safeguarding biodiversity</i></li> <li>- <i>Mitigating and adapting to Climate Change</i></li> <li>- <i>Supporting Sustainable Communities</i></li> <li>- <i>Supporting a Sustainable Economy”</i></li> </ul> <p>As the Climate Action Plan develops, further opportunities will be identified for alignment.</p>	Completed. Action closed.

## Procurement

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
(4.1) Ensure that our Sustainable Procurement Policy reflects the requirements of the Sustainable Procurement Duty and forthcoming guidance	Review the Annual Procurement Strategy to ensure alignment with forthcoming legislation on how procurement should support the net-zero carbon target and related requirements for emissions savings	'TBC' (pending decision on re-programming as part of Covid recovery)	<p>From the outset of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) development process and prior to this, procurement has been recognised as a crucial factor in the Council's compliance with climate change duties.</p> <p>Work was undertaken during 2021/22 via the CAP Early Actions process to reflect commitments to sustainable procurement at a strategic level set out in the Council's Annual Procurement Strategy and supported in various ways, such as via the creation of a Contract &amp; Supplier Management Lead post). A commitment was made - and delivered on - in relation to the documentation in place to govern procurement activity, with the amended versions including prompts for consideration of climate change and recommending liaising with the Sustainability Team.</p>	Retain action
(4.2) Use the PCS Tender system to introduce a more systematic approach to sustainable procurement, encompassing and building on existing systems	Roll out contract management module to all relevant officers across Council, enabling easier monitoring of sustainability commitments	Ongoing	It has not been possible to roll out this module to date. This requirement will be pursued during the 2024/25 financial year with the objective of completion by April 2025.	Retain action
(4.2) (See above)	Raise staff awareness by providing and promoting sustainable	Ongoing	It has not been possible to commence this to date. Capacity to deliver this training module will be reviewed during 2024/25 to determine whether there	Retain action

	procurement training module in accordance with Procurement Governance Training approach, aligned to the Annual Procurement Strategy		is adequate resource available to deliver it.	
(4.2) (See above)	Investigate feasibility of further-embedding whole-life costing into procurement process, by learning from other councils	Ongoing	<p>The draft Climate Change Plan Evidence and Options Report, agreed by Council in September 2023, sets out a number of actions that are required to decarbonise the Council's supply chain. Two-thirds of the Council's greenhouse gas emissions arise from the purchase of goods and services and much of this arises from embedded emissions. The CAP Evidence and Options Report recommended that mechanisms should be developed within the procurement function that enable decarbonisation of the procurement portfolio from the earliest stage of the purchasing process, by specifying low/no carbon options, and developing supplier relation mechanisms that will enable carbon emission data collection and emission reductions. The CAP will incorporate recommendations to develop a Sustainable Procurement Strategy for the Council and undertake proactive changes to the procurement process to ensure that emissions from the supply chain are systematically reduced.</p> <p>The Roads Service have developed a set of climate actions to further embed consideration of whole-life costing and carbon emissions in their operations and these are currently being reviewed for inclusion in the Climate Action Plan. These include:</p>	Retain action

			<p>11. To reduce travel distance for construction materials to sites.</p> <p>12. To reduce amount of construction waste produced and reduce travel distances to tip.</p> <p>18. Engage with contractors and supply chains to agree joint carbon reduction and</p> <p>19. Build-in carbon considerations into all procurement policy/contracts for works, tools, furniture and other business needs.</p> <p>Additionally, the Council’s Circular Economy Strategy was published in March 2023, and delivery of this strategy will be reported on in spring 2024. One of the key areas identified in the strategy was “Procurement – Support the Circular Economy through Council Procurement”. The actions included were as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Update guidance to give greater emphasis on circularity in contract quality assessment evaluation. Add information on the Circular Economy, reflecting this strategy’s objectives, to the existing procurement paperwork used by Council officers when setting up new contracts.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">B. Collect more detailed data on the volume and type of materials consumed by the Council and schools year on year and investigate options for more detailed lifecycle costing analysis. Updates to the business systems used for procurement will facilitate this action (<a href="#">see action 5</a>).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">C. Provide information on the Council’s website for potential suppliers to facilitate the</p>	
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			<p>embedding of circularity and sustainability within contracts.</p> <p>D. Engage with suppliers on the Circular Economy at ‘Meet the Buyer’ events and in relevant Council communications, such as newsletters and social media. Enable new circular suppliers to bid for Council contracts.</p> <p>E. Develop a community benefits policy and use community benefits funding to support the development of circular organisations.</p>	
(4.3) Regularly convene the Community Benefits Forum to facilitate liaison and co- ordination on sustainable procurement within the Council and with key Community Planning Partners and Suppliers	Re-establish Community Benefits Forum with quarterly meeting cycle involving representatives from across the Council	‘TBC’ (pending decision on re-programming as part of Covid recovery)	This has not been achieved to date. The Climate Action Plan will include an action to re-convene the Forum on a quarterly meeting cycle.	Retain action
(4.3) (See above)	Maximise delivery of community benefits by developing a Community Benefits Strategy which sets targets and includes requirements for KPIs in contracts	TBC	This has not been achieved to date. The Climate Action Plan will include an action to require the Community Benefits Forum to co-ordinate a Community Benefits Strategy as an early priority.	Retain action

## Built Environment

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
<p>(5.1) Ensure that planning policy and guidance supports a radical reduction in emissions, helping to address the global climate emergency and contributing to the Scottish Government's ambitious carbon reduction targets</p>	<p>Land use planning policy and guidance will conform with emerging national policy to radically accelerate carbon emissions reductions; and conform with emerging national guidance on minimising emissions and contributing to the national target of a 75% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 and net zero by 2045. Revised Building Standards will support the Scottish Government's commitment to reduce energy demand, and associated carbon emissions, within new buildings by 2021; and ensure all new homes consented from 2024 use renewable or low</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Local Development Plan 2 was adopted on 28 November 2022.</p> <p>Policy 9 Climate Change, Sustainability and Energy Infrastructure requires all new development to be designed in a way that minimises energy consumption and carbon emissions in accordance with the energy hierarchy and requires applications to be accompanied by a Sustainability and Energy Statement. The policy also supports the creation of heat networks and renewable and low carbon energy proposals.</p> <p>Policy 11 Transport requires new development to be sited in sustainable locations and be integrated with the sustainable travel hierarchy.</p> <p>The National Planning Framework 4 now forms part of the development plan and is underpinned by the need to reduce carbon emissions in order to meet net zero. Work has recently begun on LDP 3 which will set out the spatial contribution of land in achieving net zero in East Dunbartonshire.</p> <p>Meetings were held between the Sustainability Policy Team and Housing Team to ensure that the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) reflected strategic alignment of spend with net zero targets, actions in the</p>	<p>Retain action</p>

	carbon heat. Council policy on heat and energy efficiency will be guided by the forthcoming Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy.		<p>upcoming LHEES delivery plan and actions in the upcoming Climate Action Plan. These are incorporated into in the LHS through the following actions:</p> <p><b>Action 2.3</b> Reassess capital investment plans to work towards energy efficiency targets, ensure compatibility with net zero targets, and include retrofit of the following: energy efficiency measures, heating and ventilation systems and renewables while ensuring adherence to the New Build Heat Standard.</p> <p><b>Action 2.7</b> Adopt joint working approaches with agencies and services to contribute to the delivery of statutory net zero targets, actions to be confirmed in the LHEES delivery plan and actions to promote climate resilience in the Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>The Sustainability Policy Team and Housing Team also worked to ensure that the LHS adheres to the New Build Heat Standard through the following action:</p> <p><b>Additional Action 2.21:</b> Adopt joint working to ensure the early identification of potential areas for Heat Network Zones and the alignment of housing development with the LHEES delivery plan and the Heat Network Review Statement.</p>	
(5.2) Strengthen provisions for sustainability in future version of the CAMP	Through Corporate Asset Management Group agree how the Corporate Asset Management Plan will	Autumn 2022	Corporate Asset Management Group have convened on a regular basis throughout the year to review the on-going planning and delivery of investment in capital projects and to identify opportunities for those to contribute positively to the Council's Sustainability	Retain action

	support the objectives of the SCCF and implement the Scottish Government's net-zero carbon standard for new public buildings; and improve monitoring and progress reporting in the Plan to measure how capital projects and asset management are contributing to progress towards achieving net-zero emissions		& Climate Change Framework.	
(5.3) Produce a Local Housing Strategy that includes commitments to sustainability, with a particular focus on energy efficiency and awareness-raising	Set ambitious energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation targets for local housing via the Local Housing Strategy 2022-27, aligning with the Local Housing Strategy 2022-27, aligning with the net zero ambition of the emerging CAP'	2023 – 2028	Meetings were held between the Sustainability Policy Team and Housing Team to ensure that the Local Housing Strategy reflected strategic alignment of Council spend with net zero targets, actions in the upcoming LHEES delivery plan and actions in the upcoming Climate Action Plan. These are incorporated into in the LHS through the following actions:  <b>Action 2.3</b> Reassess capital investment plans to work towards energy efficiency targets, ensure compatibility with net zero targets, and include retrofit of the following: energy efficiency measures, heating and ventilation systems and renewables while ensuring adherence to the New Build Heat Standard.	Completed. Action closed.

			<p><b>Action 2.7</b> Adopt joint working approaches with agencies and services to contribute to the delivery of statutory net zero targets, actions to be confirmed in the LHEES delivery plan and actions to promote climate resilience in the Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>The Sustainability Policy Team and Housing Team also discussed how the LHS will also ensure adherence to the New Build Heat Standard through the following action:</p> <p><b>Additional Action 2.21:</b> Adopt joint working to ensure the early identification of potential areas for Heat Network Zones and the alignment of housing development with the LHEES delivery plan and the Heat Network Review Statement.</p>	
(5.4) Prepare a renewed corporate Carbon Management Plan to replace the existing one, which expires in 2020	Prepare interim Carbon Management Plan for 2021-23'	November 2023	<p>A commitment to annual reporting was introduced in the 2015 Carbon Management Plan against a 2012/13 baseline of emissions.</p> <p>The seventh Carbon Management Plan report was taken to the Place, Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets Committee in November 2023 and outlined progress towards a 51% / 13% target against the respective baselines of 2012/13 and 2019/20, by looking at each emission source in turn while also considering broad future trends.</p> <p>The report outlined how the Council's overall carbon footprint in 2022/23 was 14,648 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent ('tCO2e'). This is a decrease of</p>	<p>Action complete</p> <p>New action: "Prepare a renewed corporate Carbon Management Plan with interim emission reduction targets for 2024/25. Prepare the Climate Action Plan to provide targets beyond this point."</p>

			<p>1,940 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, or almost 12%, on the total emissions in 2021/22.</p> <p>A new emissions target for the 2023/24 financial year will be taken to the Place, Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets Committee in January 2024.</p>	
(5.5) * Additional action area from previous progress report *	<p>Investigate feasibility of creating an East Dunbartonshire Energy Efficiency Discount Scheme, in line with Section 65 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 which requires local authorities to establish a scheme that offers a one-off Council Tax rebate for householders who carry out certain energy efficiency measures</p>	End of 2024	No progress since last update.	Retain action

## Community Capacity Building

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
<p>(6.1) Promote sustainability through the Community Learning and Development Plan, with a particular focus on employability work, and through the wider work of the Community Planning Partnership</p>	<p>Align new CLD Plan (2021- 24) with ambitions of emerging CAP.</p>	<p>End of 2021</p>	<p>The Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan is being monitored and a report is due to go to Council and Community Planning Partnership Board in 2024 to update on progress of the agreed objective which reflects alignment with the ambitions of the Climate Action Plan:</p> <p>Local Outcome 4: East Dunbartonshire is a safe place in which to live, work and visit. Our citizens live in safe and resilient communities and are supported by community-based approaches. Communities are supported to respond to the learning and development opportunities presented by the climate emergency.</p> <p>Communities are supported to respond to the learning and development opportunities presented by the climate emergency, including monitoring of progress against indicators agreed: East Dunbartonshire Council, Skills Development Scotland and other relevant partners have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Established mechanisms for sharing opportunities with key partners,</li> <li>b) Delivered key messages about 'green' skills development with school and community groups and</li> <li>c) Raised awareness with employers</li> </ul> <p>The Community Learning and Development Plan will</p>	<p>Completed. Action closed.</p>

			also be renewed and refreshed next year, once Scottish Government guidance is released	
(6.1) (See above)	Continue to progress 'Green CLD' through main CLD Partnership meetings, to support the Scottish Government's Climate Emergency Skills Green New Deal and Just Transition agendas and linking to the Council's Economic Recovery Plan and emerging Climate Change Plan and Circular Economy Strategy	On-going	<p>In addition to the work to align the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan with the CAP, Green Community Learning and Development was embedded into the Council's Circular Economy Strategy with the following action area:</p> <p><b>7. Collaboration with Community Planning Partnership</b></p> <p>A. Ensure that the Circular Economy is embedded in their organisations' corporate/sustainability plan or produce a standalone strategy for the Circular Economy.</p> <p>B. Develop the approach to procurement (considering the principles and actions included in Action 1) in order to embed circularity in the tender and contract process, designing out waste and ensuring longevity of products/services.</p> <p>C. Encourage the reuse of buildings and land in line with the approach in Action 2.</p> <p>D. Minimise waste in construction, reuse materials, and procure natural and low carbon materials in line with the approach in Action 3.</p> <p>E. Consider the material streams used by each organisation and options to minimise waste and improve the entire lifecycle of products.</p>	Retain action



			<p>Particularly for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, investigate ways to reduce or change the materials used for single-use items.</p> <p>F. Use ICT and technology to reduce material use/waste and drive efficiency.</p> <p>G. Investigate ways to collaborate across organisations including sharing best practice, opportunities to work together on circularity and on shared use of resources.</p> <p>The CLD Partnership is aware of the range of community-based projects which contribute to this plan and is looking to develop a number of actions and key measures against which success can be measured including further engagement with the Climate Action Plan's development.</p>	
(6.2) Build environmental protection and enhancement more widely into the Place workstreams	Embed sustainability into Place Plans [Locality Plans] to help ensure that economic, social and environmental benefits are delivered in a joined-up way	On-going	<p>The draft Locality Plans were approved by Council in September 2023 and were presented to Community Planning Partnership Board in December 2023. The environment is a priority theme in each of the four locality plans with the following actions under the environment section of each area:</p> <p><u>Lennoxtown Locality Plan - Environment Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote and support Local Food growing and Gardening</li> <li>- Increase links with wider organisations (such as the John Muir Trust).</li> <li>- Make connection with historical and Paths</li> <li>- Create opportunities within vacant spaces/shops</li> </ul>	Completed. Action closed.

			<p><u>Hillhead and Harestanes Locality Plan - Environment Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community led improvements in area, including upgrading part of locality i.e. outside centres and information notice boards</li> <li>- Create opportunities within vacant spaces/shops</li> <li>- Create community resource facility to enable storage of equipment for community activities, e.g. litter picks</li> <li>- Carry out environmental assessments with the local community, including upgrade of grounds and notice boards outside centres</li> </ul> <p><u>Auchenairn Locality Plan - Environment Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore how community groups/members can gain access to Auchinairn Community Garden space without going through the café kitchen</li> <li>- Explore the potential of developing a co-ordinated programme of activities that help to improve the appearance of the local area – e.g. litter picks, repurposing derelict land and other emerging issues</li> </ul> <p><u>Twechar Locality Plan - Environment Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deliver localised collection day/days for large items.</li> </ul> <p>There is also an action to undertake environmental assessments with the local community, including upgrade of grounds and notice boards outside</p>	
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			centres, under the 'Community Safety' section.	
(6.2) As Above	Through Local Outcome 5 Healthy Environments Sub-Group, follow national developments in relation to preventative health spend to focus available resources on developing nature-based solutions in Place Areas and discuss opportunities for implementation	Ongoing	A Wider Environment Sub-Group has been established to support and encourage co-operation and collaboration of Partners and communities to maximise access to community assets that support positive wellbeing outcomes. The group is finalising its Terms of Reference and will move forward with a plan of action in 2024.	Retain action.
(6.3) Maintain regular communications between Community Payback Work Supervisors and the Place, Neighbourhood and Corporate Assets Directorate to ensure that sustainability is an ongoing consideration in criminal justice work	Develop a set of Community Payback principles which: identify how the unpaid work service can best support the Council's ambition and vision for sustainability and climate change as set out in the Framework; set out appropriate types of projects for the service; and ensure continued promotion of the service and fulfilment of appropriate work requests,	End of 2021/2022	The Justice Services Team and unpaid work service have implemented numerous actions and processes which support the Council's sustainability and climate change objectives including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purchasing clothing, such as uniforms, with materials that have been recycled.</li> <li>- All green waste is sent to the recycling center</li> <li>- Recycling bins are provided in the offices.</li> <li>- The garden and green space has wildflowers and bird boxes to support biodiversity.</li> <li>- Autumn leaves are collected for Milngavie in Bloom for composting annually.</li> <li>- An electric vehicle pool car is used by the team.</li> </ul>	Retain action and change date

	depending on number of offenders available for work			
(6.4) * Additional action area from previous progress report *	Further support community climate empowerment via [new community grants pot], CAT process requirements (still need to clarify what these are and how they are/should be enforced.	2025	<p>The Council's Community Grant Scheme application process was altered to help to support Council's net zero targets and broader sustainability goals through the addition of the following question to the application process:</p> <p><i>"What measures have you taken to maximize the positive environmental impact and minimize the negative impact on the environment?"</i></p> <p>CLT are also reviewing the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy. The Sustainability Team / Land Planning Team will be asked to appoint a representative and to provide an environmental screening service as part of this process.</p> <p>The Council have also developed a Community Carbon Literacy Training programme, which is funded through the Shared Prosperity Fund, which will begin in January 2024 to improve awareness of climate change and increase community capacity to combat climate-related issues. An outline of the programme was taken to the Community Planning Partnership Board in December 2023, which explained that the 3 key main aims of this programme will be to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Educate and empower participants in relation to climate change mitigation and adaptation.</li> <li>2. Provide Carbon Literacy Project 'Carbon</li> </ol>	Retain action

			<p>Literate' certification of this learning.</p> <p>3. Provide a training course to 'train the trainer', to provide certified training to a standard that enables individuals to deliver carbon literacy training within their organisation and to provide initial support on delivery.</p> <p>This training will increase the ability and influence of local communities to identify and implement climate-based projects and will aid the development of a local Climate Hub – a volunteer-led network that supports community-led action to address the climate and nature emergency, and work for a just, thriving and resilient East Dunbartonshire.</p>	
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## Education

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
(7.1) Investigate the scope to promote awareness and build capacity, within education centres, in relation to sustainability requirements within General Teaching Council standards	Convene Learning for Sustainability group to: better-embed sustainability into work programmes; ensure professional learning opportunities; monitor progress	On-going	<p>East Dunbartonshire Council’s Learning for Sustainability action team are now online and supporting early years, primary and secondary with professional learning and resources, sharing best practice.</p> <p>Additional opportunities are being organised by the Education Team to support this including the delivery of Climate Ready Classrooms, a one-day programme delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) on the science behind climate change and how to reduce emissions <a href="#">Climate Ready Classrooms   Keep Scotland Beautiful</a></p> <p>Provisional dates have been set in May 2024 and the Sustainability Team will continue to liaise with the Education Team and KSB to ensure that content reflects local priorities including those set out in the Climate Action Plan.</p>	Retain action
(7.2) Investigate the scope to establish systems for monitoring schools’ participation in Eco-Schools Scotland and highlighting areas for action, and for		On-going	East Dunbartonshire Council’s Learning for Sustainability action team are now online and supporting early years, primary and secondary with professional learning and resources, sharing best practice.	Retain action

encouraging sustainability to be routinely incorporated into school planning and reporting				
(7.3) Consider a formal communication mechanism between Education and other relevant Council services to allow dialogue on building fabric and services		On-going	<p>Meetings take place every two weeks between the Education Team and Assets &amp; Facilities Management to ensure that there is dialogue is in place energy compliance, mitigation work on climate change and to improve resilience to the impacts of climate change such as considering risk of flooding.</p> <p>Updates to existing older buildings are also in progress such as the full refurbishment of Milngavie and Bearsden Primary Schools.</p> <p>Internal Council teams also have formal communication mechanisms that ensure that drainage and flooding risks are considered in the planning stages of applications.</p> <p>The Deposit Return Scheme has been delayed until 2025. However, recycling continues to be encouraged in the lead up to its introduction.</p>	
(7.4) Enhance provisions for outdoor learning, including further Forest Kindergarten and Schools training (NB: Action 3.5 also supports this commitment)	Produce Outdoor Learning Strategy and deliver via series of professional learning sessions during 21/22, making use Twechar Outdoor Education Base'	On-going	<p>The Outdoor Learning Strategy has been published despite some difficulties and complexities due to Covid-19. Training required by the Strategy has also been deleted. A revision and redraft of the Strategy is currently ongoing.</p> <p>Other related work in this area includes training provided by the Countryside Ranger Service to</p>	Retain action

			nursery practitioners in forestry activities at Mugdock Country Park: this comprises of 3 sessions with 45 nursery practitioners being provided with training. More information can be found here <a href="https://www.mugdock-country-park.org.uk">Outdoor Learning - Mugdock Park (mugdock-country-park.org.uk)</a>	
(7.5) Produce a Dynamic Sustainability Communications Plan to allow more systematic promotion of sustainability to staff and the wider public	Continue to promote sustainability to staff and the wider public systematically, in line with CAP developments and national guidance contained in Net Zero Nation	Ongoing	<p>A draft Sustainability Communications Plan was prepared in 2021 but not finalised due to resource constraints. Following the completion of the Climate Action Plan, a revised Communications Plan will be prepared to support behaviour change in relation to climate action and ensure effective communications on the full range of sustainability and climate change issues.</p> <p>For wider public communications, key messages related to both Council-led projects such as Re-Heat and external campaigns by partner organisations are published and shared on the Council’s social media channels, online and in the press.</p> <p>A quarterly Climate Action Plan Newsletter is published by the Sustainability Team to provide a systematic promotion of the wide-range of sustainability-related activities, including updated developments on the CAP and LHEES, to the public.</p> <p><a href="#">Climate Action Plan (CAP) Newsletters   East Dunbartonshire Council</a></p>	Retain action



<p>(7.6) Identify opportunities to create and communicate organisational values through internal communications and the Employee Learning and Development agenda</p>	<p>See 10.10</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Relevant campaigns continue to be promoted via internal networks including the Employee Zone, DCE update and Employee News if suitable. Future plans include promoting the pool bike availability, Circular Economy and various other Sustainability initiatives.</p>	<p>Action On-going</p>
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## Finance

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
<p>(8.1) Consider developing a policy on fossil fuel investment through savings, investment and borrowing, examining whether our investments are consistent with our statutory duties in relation to climate change mitigation and sustainable development</p>	<p>Support and monitor Strathclyde Pension Fund's commitment to responsible investment and encourage decarbonisation and climate change engagement initiatives</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Strathclyde Pension Fund (SPF) has a policy of Sustainable Investment as part of its ongoing investment portfolio which can be found on its website. However, the Strathclyde Pension Fund was found to have invested at least £618 million in fossil fuel companies in 2023.<sup>4</sup></p> <p>The International Energy Agency analysis shows that meeting the legally-binding Paris Agreement targets would require all fossil fuel companies to stop new oil and gas exploration projects in 2021 yet none of the ten fossil fuel companies most heavily invested in by Local Government Pension Schemes has made this commitment.<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Additionally, global investment in renewable energy skyrocketing in 2023 to a record-breaking \$358 billion with a 22% rise compared to the start of 2022 and an increasing number of Councils calling for divestment from fossil fuels<sup>6</sup>, including the following members of Strathclyde Pension Fund: West Dunbartonshire, Glasgow City Council, Renfrewshire Council and South Lanarkshire Council.<sup>7</sup></p>	<p>Retain action</p>

<sup>4</sup> [REVEALED: £2bn Scottish council pension fueling climate breakdown - Friends of the Earth Scotland \(foe.scot\)](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Net Zero by 2050 – Analysis - IEA](#) See also [Energy groups must stop new oil and gas projects to reach net zero by 2050, IEA says \(ft.com\)](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Renewable Energy Investment Hits Record-Breaking \\$358 Billion in 1H 2023 | BloombergNEF \(bnf.com\)](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Local council motions - UK Divest](#)

(8.1) (See above)	Investigate potential for further sustainable investments	On-going	<p>Surplus funds are invested in sustainable investment through link will continue to review against returns. At the time of writing the Council has £2m invested in a sustainable deposit with Standard Chartered Bank.</p> <p>The sustainable deposit for Standard Chartered bank differs to their standard fixed term deposits as these deposits have an underlying commitment to supporting activities that provide sustainable and environmentally friendly services and products.</p> <p>In the case of the Standard Chartered Sustainable Deposit, the deposit guarantees that investment is referenced against sustainable assets, both existing and future. The investments are referenced against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), so funds are put to work addressing some of the world's biggest long-term threats including, but not limited to, climate change, health, financial inclusion and education. The deposits have third party verification, with the framework independently reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that the latest thinking and trends are regularly incorporated.</p> <p>Through this product, investors are able to invest in activities aiming to help SDGs, without having to take direct exposure to them. With the exception of the commitment to supporting the achievement of SDGs,</p>	Retain action

			<p>the product is no different from a standard fixed term deposit.</p> <p>The Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 requires that from November 2022 Public Bodies' Climate Change Duties (PBCCD) reports include how the body will align its spending plans and use of resources to contribute to reducing emissions and delivering its emissions reduction targets.</p> <p>Key expectations within the legislation also include that institutional boards and senior executive teams must ensure that climate change systemically informs strategic investment planning and decision-making processes and is integrated into financial planning and reporting.</p> <p>The upcoming Climate Action Plan will explore additional opportunities for the Council to deliver on these responsibilities and contribute to statutory net zero targets.</p>	
(8.2) Participate in any future pan-Council discussions on ethical investment policies	Participate in Sustainable Scotland Network-led discussions with other public sector bodies, with the aim of identifying appropriate opportunities to invest more sustainably	Ongoing	As above	Retain action

## Sustainable Transport & Travel

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
(9.2) Incorporate use of recycled materials into path creation more systematically and pursue other elements of resource efficiency and sustainable sourcing	Liaise with Corporate Procurement to discuss feasibility of formalising position on procuring sustainable materials (recycled or locally-sourced, depending on type of path) for path- creation by including statement of requirements in briefs and reflecting in contracts	On-going	<p>The Traffic &amp; Transport and Greenspace Teams continue to use recycled materials, such as ULTITREC, in all path network improvements that are undertaken while the Road Service Climate Actions identifies numerous opportunities related to procuring sustainable materials including the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Maximise re-use of existing arising materials such as kerbs, plannings, slabs, aggregates etc</li> <li>14. Introduce street furniture, such as bricks, blocks, and drainage, made from recycled materials</li> <li>15. Explore opportunities for introducing innovative lower-carbon materials and processes (via te Live Labs 2 project that is being led by North Lanarkshire)</li> <li>16. Change material specifications to reduce virgin material waste in bases of footways, cycleways and other surfaces</li> <li>17. Explore opportunities to preserve existing carriageways to reduce maintenance needs</li> </ul> <p>Despite these positive developments, formalization of the Council-wide position on procuring sustainable materials, including a statement of requirements in briefs and reflecting in contracts, is still pending completion.</p>	Retain action
See above	Clarify current use of recycled material in roadbuilding and maintenance, and	2023	Roads have a materials supply contract with Hillhouse quarries in which the vast majority of excavated, milled planings etc. are recycled. This is estimated to be approximately 85-90% of materials. Only a very	Action On-going

	investigate opportunities to increase; link with Circular Economy Strategy work		<p>small portion is land waste.</p> <p>The Circular Economy Strategy also contains a series of actions under procurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Update guidance to give greater emphasis on circularity in contract quality assessment evaluation. Add information on the Circular Economy, reflecting this strategy’s objectives, to the existing procurement paperwork used by Council officers when setting up new contracts.</li> <li>B. Collect more detailed data on the volume and type of materials consumed by the Council and schools year on year and investigate options for more detailed lifecycle costing analysis. Updates to the business systems used for procurement will facilitate this action (<u>see action 5</u>).</li> <li>C. Provide information on the Council’s website for potential suppliers to facilitate the embedding of circularity and sustainability within contracts.</li> <li>D. Engage with suppliers on the Circular Economy at ‘Meet the Buyer’ events and in relevant Council communications, such as newsletters and social media. Enable new circular suppliers to bid for Council contracts.</li> <li>E. Develop a community benefits policy and use community benefits funding to support the development of circular organisations.</li> </ul>	
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			Work will commence in 2024 on the development of a new Economic Development Strategy, which will build upon the CES and ERP and set out the next steps in working towards a local wellbeing economy.	
(9.3) Produce a corporate travel planning document and achieve Cycle Friendly Employer status	Support sustainable corporate travel, working towards 'Cycle Friendly Employer' status, via: continued promotion and support of national sustainable/active travel challenges and initiatives; continued promotion of e-travel car share scheme; expansion of pool bike locations by adding one new station; and employee awareness	One new bike station by end 2019/20; other actions ongoing	<p>It has not been possible to develop a cycle to work scheme to date but this remains a commitment. The Council cannot achieve 'Cycle Friendly Employer' status without first establishing and running the cycle to work scheme.</p> <p>The Council's Transport &amp; Travel Team receive regular requests for a cycle to work scheme, particularly from teaching staff, demonstrating the ongoing demand for such a scheme.</p> <p>The scope for establishing a working group with representatives from Sustainability, Human Resource and Transport teams supported by senior leadership will be explored to establish the feasibility of a cycle to work scheme in order to achieve Cycle Friendly Employer status during 2024/25.</p> <p>The Council does have other activity within this are including a loans scheme through i-bike officers and school travel plans and there is still an opportunity to create a staff travel survey which was identified in the CAP Evidence and Options report which was agreed by Council in September 2023.</p>	Retain action
(9.3) (See above)	Deliver Corporate Travel Plan	On-going	Covid-19 caused delayed discussion around the viability and potential timescale for production of a Corporate Travel Plan, as did the subsequent	Retain action

			<p>reduction in the staff commuting and the consequent reduction in mileage in staff vehicles.</p> <p>However, a Travel Plan was a recommendation in the CAP Evidence and Options report which was agreed by Council in September 2023. A working group with representatives from Sustainability, Human Resource and Transport teams supported by senior leadership could add value by developing and delivering a coordinated Corporate Travel Plan.</p>	
(9.4) Continue fleet replacement	In 2021/22, replace 112 vehicles and plant with more efficient models'	On-going	<p>Ongoing Fleet Replacements continued in 2022/23 and the 2023/24 financial years. There were 18 new EV cars procured in 2021/22 and a further 17 EV cars and an EV van procured in 2022/23. In total there have been 85 vehicles replaced with improved emission standards in this period.</p> <p>The proportion of electric vehicles in the Council's fleet is an important factor in reducing fleet-related emissions. However, the number of leased electric vehicles in the fleet fell between 2021/22 (43) and 2022/23 (35) and this contributed to the increase in emissions from the fleet.</p> <p>There are no major changes in fleet emissions expected between the 2022/23 financial year and the 2023/24 financial year.</p> <p>Overall emissions data for the fleet in 2022/23 showed that emissions in this area have decreased by 362 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, or 14%, since the 2012/13 baseline year and 114 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, or 5%, since the 2019/20 baseline</p>	Retain action



			year.	
(9.5) Introduce further electric vehicles, pending funding	Investigate scope and timescale for further decarbonisation of fleet through CAP'	Ongoing	<p>35 new electric vehicles have been procured within the update period. However, a decrease in the number of electric vehicles being used in 2022/23 meant that emissions from the Council's fleet of vehicles increased by approximately 7% from 2021/22 levels.</p> <p>Consequently, fleet overtook waste as the Council's second largest source of emissions and accounted for 15% of East Dunbartonshire Council's carbon footprint in 2022/23.</p>	Merge action with action below.
(9.6)* Additional action area from previous progress report *	Through the Carbon Management Plan review process, investigate the feasibility of decarbonising our fleet, by phasing out all petrol and diesel cars from our fleet by 2025 and all new petrol and diesel vehicles in the fleet by 2030, in line with Scottish Government proposals	On-going	<p>The Scottish Government has identified fleet as a key area for action on emissions reduction and no new petrol and diesel cars and light vans can be procured for the fleet from 2025. This will result in significant reductions in fleet emissions in future years. Council has taken a decision to replace the current fleet depots with a new facility at Broomhill and planning is currently under way on its design and delivery.</p> <p>The new depot will be designed for the switch to a 100% zero carbon fleet and a study is currently being undertaken by the Energy Savings Trust on how decarbonisation can best be achieved. In the interim, officers are working on plans for replacement electric vehicles at present and more electric vehicles will be procured from 2024/25 onwards. Some barriers remain to the adoption of electric vehicles including challenges with infrastructure and prohibitive costs for both vehicles and charging facilities and ways of</p>	Retain action

			<p>overcoming these constraints are being assessed through the current study.</p> <p>This work continues to be progressed in conjunction with the Council's Climate Action Plan and a further report will be brought to Council in 2024 highlighting the plans to achieve net zero with reference to Corporate Asset Management Planning and all associated costs and interdependencies for this work.</p>	
(9.7) Consider fuel-efficient driver training	Arrange and deliver further FuelGood Driver Training sessions for 50 EDC staff, pending availability of funding and Covid restriction	By end of 2021/22	Scottish Government did not provide funding to support delivery during 2022/23. Training may be reintroduced in the future if funding becomes available and internal demand justifies the costs.	Retain action

## Corporate Support Functions

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
(10.1) Produce a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) for East Dunbartonshire	Undertake follow-up LHEES project to further prepare for production of LHEES and prepare the Council to meet EESSH2 requirements		<p>The LHEES is currently being developed with an aim to take a draft to Council in March 2024 subject to contractual delays being overcome.</p> <p>Various follow-up projects were undertaken which facilitated the completion of all the stages up to stage five of the eight stage process. However, the subsequent Zero Waste Scotland capacity building workshops have underscored the retrospective work that needs to be completed to adhere to the Scottish Government's new guidelines that were introduced in October 2022.</p> <p>A contract variation is required with the consultants who have been providing technical support for the development of the LHEES. Before the contract variation can be agreed, a contract extension is required between the Council and the consultants. These contracts are being progressed by the Council's legal team.</p>	Retain action
(10.1) (See above)	Produce LHEES	End of 2023	As Above	Retain action
(10.3) Strategically develop the Council's Green Office agenda	Identify or establish working group and network of 'champions' to	On-going	The Healthy Working Lives award scheme has ended and the plans for the group going forward are under review. There have also been changes to the frequency of some staff working in office	Retain action

	support and oversee cross-Council delivery of sustainable office measures, to determine improvements in environmental and financial performance across the Council		locations and therefore consideration needs to be given as to how the Green Office could be implemented.	
(10.4) Ensure that sustainability is appropriately represented in the LOIP	Ensure that the new Locality Plans reflect the LOIP's sustainability guiding principle'	2023	<p>The draft Locality Plans 2023-28 were approved by Council in September 2023 and were presented to community partnership board in December 2023. Progress will be to be reported on annually for each of the plans. While Locality Plans are primarily to address poverty and inequality, the environment is a priority theme in each of the four plans. The actions under the environment section of each plan is outlined below:</p> <p><u>Lennoxtown Locality Plan - Environment Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote and support Local Food growing and Gardening</li> <li>- Increase links with wider organisations [such as the] John Muir Trust.</li> <li>- Make connection with historical and Paths</li> <li>- Create opportunities within vacant spaces/shops</li> </ul> <p><u>Hillhead and Harestanes Locality Plan - Environment Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community led improvements in area including upgrading part of locality ie outside centres and information notice</li> </ul>	Complete

			<p>boards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Create opportunities within vacant spaces/shops</li> <li>- Create community resource facility to enable storage of equipment for community activities, e.g. litter picks</li> <li>- Carry out environmental assessments with the local community, including upgrade of grounds and notice boards outside centres</li> </ul> <p><u>Auchinairn Locality Plan - Environment Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore how community groups/members can gain access to Auchinairn Community Garden space without going through the café kitchen</li> <li>- Explore the potential of developing a co-ordinated programme of activities that help to improve the appearance of the local area – eg litter picks, repurposing derelict land and other emerging issues</li> </ul> <p><u>Twechar Locality Plan - Environment Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deliver localised collection day/days for large items.</li> </ul> <p>There is also an action to undertake environmental assessments with the local community, including upgrade of grounds and notice boards outside centres, under the 'Community Safety' section.</p>	
As Above	Create appropriate sustainability	On-going	The LOIP has not been reviewed but there has been agreement by the community planning	Retain action

	monitoring mechanism for LOIP		partnership board to review the LOIP, which will incorporate the aspiration to create appropriate sustainability monitoring mechanisms.	
(10.5) Build sustainability into Leadership and senior management events, materials, meetings and communications	See 10.10 & 10.11		The Senior Leadership Team and elected members completed carbon literacy training in 2023.	Retain action
(10.6) Support the BIP and HGIOS process to ensure full support of SEA requirements for PPSs and full support of sustainability and climate change duties	Work with Corporate Performance & Research Team to ensure that Business Improvement Plans support carbon reduction, climate change adaptation and sustainability objectives and statutory duties as set out in this Framework	On-going	<p>Council approved the Evidence and Options Report stage of the CAP in September 2023 and has now agreed a net zero target of 2036 for Councils' direct emissions (including emissions from the fleet of vehicles and buildings) and energy that the Council purchase (such as electricity), in addition to a target of 2045 for all other emissions including area wide.</p> <p>Details will be drawn up on how to deliver on these ambitious targets, including the necessary strategic alignment of corporate performance metrics and processes, in the draft CAP which is due to be taken to Council in 2024.</p> <p>Regular updates on sustainability and workstreams that support emissions reductions are provided through the HGIOS, BIP and Carbon Management Plans.</p>	
(10.7) Identify significant climate change risks, where relevant, to incorporate into Risk Register	Climate Action Plan	On-going	As part of the emerging Climate Action Plan, the Council undertook a systematic review of the risks and opportunities - as part of the Adaptation & Nature Based Solutions element - that climate	Completed. Action closed.

			<p>change pose to the Council, and the council area as a whole. It will provide a long list of potential options which will mitigate and adapt to the risks identified, and to become more resilient. This was taken to Council in September 2023 for approval with the aim to integrate them into a Council wide risk register.</p> <p>A revised Corporate Risk Register was agreed by Council at its meeting on 14 December 2023, including an updated risk on climate change, covering mitigation and adaptation. There are no further plans to further amend the Council risk register at present.</p>	
(10.9) Use the Programme Management Office (PMO) process to require the inclusion of sustainability in project management procedures	Refresh PMO principles and documentation to determine opportunities to better-promote sustainability, including recognising sustainability within the Project Scoring Matrix	2023	<p>The PMO have updated their process to integrate sustainability into project management processes. For example, there is a scoring matrix for all projects within our Digital Development Programme, and one of criteria is to what degree sustainability contributes to the Council's commitment to sustainability.</p> <p>Within their Project Management Toolkit, the PMO have referenced sustainability in a section on Delivery Principles; and lastly, within the Business Case template section they have a section detailing the impacts of climate change and how steps can be taken to minimise the projects impact.</p>	Completed. Action closed.
(10.10) Consider opportunities for reflecting sustainability and climate	Introduce a new element to Induction Training for new staff	TBC	EDC's Moodle e-learning platform is now in place and there is an opportunity for sustainability and climate change material to be added.	Retain action

change within staff contracts and via other behaviour change initiatives	to cover the Council's sustainability and climate change commitments and ensure that staff are aware of their role in contributing to climate		Consideration will be given to the development and inclusion of these resources over the coming year.	
As above	Ensure that Sustainability and Climate Change Communication Strategy and Action Plan (see 7.5) includes workshops and learning sessions for staff and e-learning to promote behaviour change, improve awareness of sustainability and climate change issues, and support delivery of the Council's sustainability and climate change commitments. See 7.5 for further details.		<p>A draft Sustainability Communications Plan was prepared in 2021 but not finalised due to resource constraints. Following the completion of the Climate Action Plan, a revised Communications Plan will be prepared to support behaviour change in relation to climate action and ensure effective communications on the full range of sustainability and climate change issues.</p> <p>For wider public communications, key messages related to both Council-led projects such as Re-Heat and external campaigns by partner organisations are published and shared on the Council's social media channels, online and in the press.</p> <p>A quarterly Climate Action Plan Newsletter is published by the Sustainability Team to provide a systematic promotion of the wide-range of sustainability-related activities, including updated developments on the CAP and LHEES, to the public.</p>	



			<a href="#">Climate Action Plan (CAP) Newsletters   East Dunbartonshire Council</a>	
(10.11) *Additional action area - Climate Action Plan*	Prepare a CAP to set out how and when the Council will achieve zero direct emissions for its own activities and operations and net zero emissions across East Dunbartonshire, and which sets a local strategy for climate change adaptation'	Summer 2023	<p>Council approved the recent Evidence and Options Report stage of the CAP in September and has now agreed a net zero target of 2036 for Councils' direct emissions (including emissions from the fleet of vehicles and buildings) and energy that the Council purchase (such as electricity), in addition to a target of 2045 for all other emissions including area wide.</p> <p>The report also sets out our suite of adaptation options and delivery actions which stemmed from our evidence base of a Local Climate Impact Profile and a two-stage Climate Risk and Opportunity Assessment. Details will be drawn up on how to deliver on these ambitious targets in the draft CAP which is due to be taken to Council in 2024.</p>	

## Single Use Plastic Policy

Strategic Commitment	Action	Target Date	Progress Update	Recommendation
(11.1) Eliminate the use of single-use plastics where possible	Continue to support staff to transition to the elimination of disposable plastic water cups'	2022	<p>Scottish Government introduced a ban on most single use plastics from 01/06/22. This included a ban on plastic cutlery, plates and stirrers in addition to food containers made of expanded polystyrene such as cups including their covers and lids.<sup>8</sup></p> <p>For example, water machines are no longer available in Council buildings so it is believed that there are no single use plastic cups: staff bring their owns mugs and bottles</p> <p>Measures were also taken to ensure that schools comply with the national ban with single use water bottles being removed and jugs being made available as part of the lunch service.</p>	Completed. Action closed.
(11.1) (See above)	Conduct third review of opportunities to eliminate single-use plastics in catering, following commencement of adjusted menu	2022	<p>Scottish Government introduced a ban on most single use plastics from 01/06/22. This included a ban on plastic cutlery, plates and stirrers in addition to food containers made of expanded polystyrene such as cups including their covers and lids.<sup>9</sup></p>	Completed. Action closed.

<sup>8</sup> See [Single use plastics ban - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot)

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			<p>As a result, metal crockery and ceramic plates within Primary and Secondary schools. Biodegradable and recyclable cutlery and containers provided for take-away food items in Secondary schools.</p> <p>Within primary schools in East Dunbartonshire there is now no plastic cutlery in line with this ban.</p> <p>Secondary schools also operate this way although they have some biodegradable single use items such as wooden cutlery at their 'Grab and Go' sections.</p>	
(11.1) (See above)	Eliminate lamination of non-essential outsourced jobs	Ongoing	The Print Room Service have removed the option for lamination for day-to-day printing jobs and a justification is required for those are deemed to be essential. The print room are now using the most sustainable lamination products available to the Council.	Retain action
(11.1) (See above)	Encourage elimination of lamination of in-house jobs by spring 2020, then enforce by end of financial year 2020/21	2022	The print team have seen a significant reduction in lamination and have begun to log all requests and fulfilled jobs to gather information on volumes.	Retain action
(11.2) Where elimination is not feasible, purchase compostable alternatives where possible, and/or seek opportunities for re-use of plastic waste	Replace 'fastback' thermal binding strips with compostable alternatives	2022	The Print Room Team has undertaken research on more sustainable options this with the Council's suppliers and have found that there are significantly higher costs to the adoption of more sustainable alternatives such as BioCoils listed at	Retain action

			<p>£82.86 (83p each) compared to narrow (39.5p each) and medium (49.5p each) fastback strips. It would also be more time-consuming to punch each document for binding, than the current method of fastback binding.</p> <p>However, the fact that thermal binding strips are paper based, tells us this is probably the most effective and efficient means of binding for Council Meetings while we are still required to do it.</p> <p>The Print Room Team try to use staples instead of Binding and have implemented measures to reduce its use such as a requirement for fastback thermal binding to be requested directly with a justification for its use. The Print Room Team have also begun monitoring this and keeping a log of all requests and volumes.</p> <p>The strips themselves are paper-based. The glue is not eco-friendly, but there is no alternative if the Council requires fastback binding documents. The main users of this are the Democratic Services Team for Councillors Agenda's and Reports for Council Meetings.</p> <p>The Democratic Services Team, who are currently the main users due to the need to prepare Councillors Agenda's and Reports for Council Meetings, are progressing moves to Digital Council Papers.</p> <p>I think the focus on reducing reasons for binding is the most likely to create volume reductions and eventual phasing out. It would then be feasible to</p>	
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			move to the more sustainable Bio-coil option if there was a much-reduced requirement for binding overall.	
(11.3) Provide practical support systems	Reduce number of waste bins in offices, to encourage use of recycling facilities, and ensure that buildings are equipped for introduction of Deposit Return Scheme	On-going	<p>Recycling is encouraged across Council buildings and including a move towards paperless offices and schools. Further digital enhancements and infrastructure will be required to build on this and are being planned for the future.</p> <p>The Deposit Return Scheme has been delayed until 2025. Recycling continues to be encouraged in the lead up to its introduction.</p>	Retain action
(11.3) (See above)	Improve recycling in school kitchens via awareness-raising and enhanced provision of infrastructure and systems	On-going	<p>The Waste Services has surveyed all schools and external recycling bins are supplied if required. Food waste bins have also been installed in Primary and Secondary school kitchens.</p> <p>All schools have access to food waste collections and the Waste team are continuously working with schools and the Education Team to increase participation and to ensure compliance (under the waste Scotland regulations).</p> <p>The Waste Team are also continuously looking at usage of recycling facilities in schools.</p> <p>Schools are also being encouraged to reduce the use of paper and recycle more. Development of a Strategic Plan with input from Sustainability, Facilities Management, Waste, and Education Teams supported by senior leadership could add</p>	<p>Replace action with below:</p> <p>Add new action with:  “Improve recycling in school kitchens via awareness-raising and enhanced provision of infrastructure and systems through the development of a Strategic Plan.”</p>

			value to this work.	
(11.3) (See above)	Work with head teachers to stimulate allocation of bin monitoring responsibilities, to avoid disposal of recyclable and durable items in school dining halls; support via awareness raising of Facilities Management staff.	Ongoing	<p>Facilities management actioned this and established new processes whereby schools monitor their dining area for food waste and general waste. The Waste Team also undertake a lot of school engagement to provide advice on 'Reduce Reuse Recycle' based principles which is coordinated with the Education Team.</p> <p>The Waste Team are only responsible for external bins at schools and do an annual audit of school bins and can identify schools with the highest recycling standards. Low participation in recycling of Food Waste is an issue in schools across Scotland as a whole so the Waste Team have held numerous campaigns on this <a href="#">Recycling your food waste is eggs-cellent   East Dunbartonshire Council</a></p>	Retain action
(11.4) Educate and raise awareness of all relevant parties	Embed Upstream Battle into curriculum, including via Enquiry-Based Learning/Inter-disciplinary Learning	End of 2021/2022	<p>Upstream Battle was piloted and showcased to all schools. There is now a variety of different but similar projects ongoing.</p> <p>While it is the schools' decision whether to incorporate Upstream Battle into their curriculum, year-on-year participation is increasing following its pilot and showcasing.</p>	Complete. Action closed.

	See action 7.5 (raise awareness of staff and wider public, via Sustainability & Climate Change Communications Strategy and Action Plan)	2024	<p>Regular communications are undertaken related to the Climate Action Plan and Circular Economy Strategy. The aim is to have a specific sustainability comms plan/campaign when suitable.</p> <p>Additional opportunities are being organised by the Education Team to support this including the delivery of Climate Ready Classrooms, a one-day programme delivered by Keep Scotland Beautiful on the science behind climate change and how to reduce emissions <a href="#">Climate Ready Classrooms   Keep Scotland Beautiful</a></p> <p>Provisional dates are for May 2024 and the Sustainability Team will continue to liaise with the Education Team and KSB to ensure that content reflects local priorities including those set out in the Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>Output from meeting will include pupil-led action plans and contacts for CAP consultation.</p>	Action on-going
(11.5) In partnership with schools, conduct Council-wide audit of single-use plastics, to inform future target- setting and action-planning	Reconvene working group to reconsider purpose	End of 2021/22	<p>Action largely complete through implementation of single use plastics ban.</p> <p>Furthermore, procurement procedures at the Council prevented the purchase of many single use plastics before the Scottish Government ban came into force.</p>	Completed. Action closed.

(11.5) (See above)	Analyse results of audit and plan future actions	End of 2020	Action complete through implementation of single use plastics ban.	Completed. Action closed.
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