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Document Description:

The Dundee Climate Fund aims to involve citizens in developing proposals for and deciding on the allocation of £750,000 which will deliver community-led climate change projects in the city over a four-year period. It is a democratic process built on the principles of Participatory Budgeting whereby citizens decide directly how to spend part of a public budget and supports the delivery of the Dundee Climate Action Plan.

Intended Outcome:

The Dundee Climate Fund is exclusively aimed at constituted Dundee-based groups delivering local climate projects that support the Dundee Climate Action Plan. It also provides a greater opportunity to engage with the public on climate change and sustainability, providing the Council's largest public engagement opportunity since Dundee Decides, and the first on climate change & sustainability. It will enable the Council to engage with the public over an extended period of time and to develop and deliver an associated public engagement plan for the Fund.

How will the proposal be monitored?

An internal governance group will be established to provide effective fund management with representatives from Communities, Sustainability and Climate Change, Dundee Partnership Team, Finance and Legal.

In addition, a Review Panel consisting of experts in energy, transport, waste, resilience and capacity building be established to review project proposals for eligibility, feasibility and deliverability.

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A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:

Age:	No Impact
Disability:	No Impact
Gender Reassignment:	No Impact
Marriage and Civil Partnership:	No Impact
Pregnancy and Maternity:	No Impact
Race/Ethnicity:	No Impact
Religion or Belief:	No Impact
Sex:	No Impact
Sexual Orientation:	No Impact

Equality and diversity Implications:

No anticipated impacts on equality and diversity

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

Not required

Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? : No

No anticipated impacts on equality and diversity

B. Fairness and Poverty Impacts:

Geography

Strathmartine (Ardler, St Mary's and Kirkton):	Positive
Lochee(Lochee/Beechwood, Charleston and Menzieshill):	Positive
Coldside(Hilltown, Fairmuir and Coldside):	Positive
Maryfield(Stobswell and City Centre):	Positive
North East(Whitfield, Fintry and Mill O' Mains):	Positive
East End(Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Douglas):	Positive
The Ferry:	Positive
West End:	Positive

Household Group

Lone Parent Families:	Not Known
Greater Number of children and/or Young Children:	Not Known
Pensioners - Single/Couple:	Not Known
Single female households with children:	Not Known
Unskilled workers or unemployed:	Not Known
Serious and enduring mental health problems:	Not Known
Homeless:	Not Known
Drug and/or alcohol problems:	Not Known
Offenders and Ex-offenders:	Not Known
Looked after children and care leavers:	Not Known
Carers:	Not Known

Significant Impact

Employment:	Positive
Education and Skills:	Positive
Benefit Advice/Income Maximisation:	No Impact
Childcare:	No Impact
Affordability and Accessibility of services:	Positive

Fairness and Poverty Implications:

Financial support from the Scottish Government will enable greater public outreach and engagement work with a community engagement programme to be delivered. The Council's Community team will support the dialogue with local groups and support their application process. This engagement work will also be supported by an educative process building the capacity of young people and communities to take part in dialogue about climate change, identify proposals and take part in voting.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

No actions required

C. Environmental Impacts

Climate Change

Mitigating greenhouse gases:	Positive
Adapting to the effects of climate change:	Positive

Resource Use

Energy efficiency and consumption:	Positive
Prevention, reduction, re-use, recovery or recycling waste:	Positive
Sustainable Procurement:	Positive

Transport

Accessible transport provision:	Positive
Sustainable modes of transport:	Positive

Natural Environment

Air, land and water quality:	Positive
Biodiversity:	Positive
Open and green spaces:	Positive

Built Environment

Built Heritage:	Positive
Housing:	Positive

Is the proposal subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment

No further action is required as it does not qualify as a Plan, Programme or Strategy as defined by the Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Proposed Mitigating Actions:

Not required

Environmental Implications:

The City Council has a key leadership role in responding to the climate emergency and supporting delivery of the Dundee Climate Action Plan. The Dundee Climate Fund is an important part in the Council's policy response to mobilising community action on climate change, where there is none, enabling existing communities to have a greater impact, and facilitating capacity building within the network of local stakeholders. The Council is seen as a local authority innovator in delivering Scotland's first local authority climate community choices project.

D. Corporate Risk Impacts

Corporate Risk Implications:

The risk implications associated with the subject matter of this report are 'business as normal' risks. The subject matter is routine and has happened many times before without significant loss. There is comfort that the risks inherent within the activity are either transferred to another party, shared equally and fairly between the Council and another party or are negligible.

Corporate Risk Mitigating Actions: None required.