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Document Description:

The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 places duties on public bodies relating to climate change. Further to the Act, the Scottish Government introduced an Order requiring all 180 Public Bodies who appear on the Major Player list to report annually to Scottish Ministers on their compliance with the climate change duties. The Public Sector Climate Change Duties-Annual Report 2019/20 informs Committee of the work undertaken over this time period in support of the Council's duties under the Act.

Intended Outcome:

The Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Report provides a solid basis for tracking Council action on climate change and driving continuous improvement. The national reporting platform introduces standard methodology to improve data consistency. Reports and analysis are publicly available, increasing accountability and transparency, and making it easier for the public and other parties to understand an organisation's climate performance. This in turn is helping improve leadership and engagement, while raising awareness of the impact of climate change with senior management, ensuring climate change objectives are integrated in corporate business plans and action embedded across all departments.

How will the proposal be monitored?:

Actions and initiatives within the annual report are monitored on a project by project basis. The Council's climate change activity from April 2021 to March 2022 will be compiled in summer 2022 and reported to Scottish Government by 30th November 2022.

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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:
Carers:**

Not Known
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:

Actions and initiatives highlighted in the annual report are targeted towards Dundee's transition to a low carbon future through decarbonising heat; reducing the cost of energy to address fuel poverty; providing long term energy security and creating more resilient communities. These climate change strategies help to underpin those designed for fairness and poverty, whether through improved housing, air quality or active travel. It is therefore expected that positive impacts are likely across all geographical areas of the city.

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:

Content within the annual report highlights strategies in place for climate change mitigation and adaptation, energy efficiency, development planning, transport and travel, procurement, waste management, air quality and biodiversity. Positive actions to deliver these strategies are also presented.

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.