

Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Compliance Reporting Template 2022/23

1. Overview

This template is provided for public bodies required to report annually in accordance with the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015, as amended by the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 which took effect for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 April 2021.

Reports must be submitted to ccreporting@ed.ac.uk by **30th November**. Late submissions will not be accepted for analysis and may be deemed non-compliant with Public Bodies Duties reporting requirements.



2. Guidance

1. The "Profile of Body" tab must be completed before proceeding to add any other data.
2. Question 1f must be completed to ensure the correct emission factors are applied in Q3b.
3. If you need to add more rows in any table please email the file ccreporting@ed.ac.uk
4. More emission factors from the UK Government (DESNZ) release have been included this year. When completing Q3b you can filter by the Emission Type dropdown in column C.
5. Please only use the "Other" emission source rows (130 onwards) when there is no relevant emission source in the dropdown lists or if you have bespoke data/emission factors. Please provide a brief explanation in the comment field.
6. The water supply and sewage emission factors are based on Scottish Water's carbon intensities of service supply, one of the lowest in the UK water industry. If you still wish to use the UK DESNZ (formerly BEIS) factors (which are more than double) you will need to enter consumption data in an "Other" row.
7. Some auto-checks have been added to improve the quality of data entries, e.g. correct emission scopes where only one category ever applies.
8. More detailed reporting guidance is available [on the SSN website.](#)

3. Colour Coding used in the template

	Dropdown box - select from list of options
	Uneditable/fixed entry cell
	Editable cell

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PART 1 Profile of Reporting Body

1a Name of reporting body

Provide the name of the listed body (the "body") which prepared this report.

Angus Council

1b Type of body

Select from the options below

Local Government

1c Highest number of full-time equivalent staff in the body during the report year

4004 **THIS MUST BE COMPLETED**

1d Metrics used by the body

Specify the metrics that the body uses to assess its performance in relation to climate change and sustainability.

Metric	Units	Value	Comments
Floor area	m2	262031.00	Source: Property Estates Team
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1e Overall budget of the body

Specify approximate £/annum for the report year.

Budget	Budget Comments
£313,400,000	Source Finance - https://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-02/Report%2067_Council%20Tax%20Setting%20Report_App%201%20%28Net%20Exp%29.pdf

1f Report type

Specify the report year type

Report type	Report year comments
Financial	1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 THIS MUST BE COMPLETED

1g Context

Provide a summary of the body's nature and functions that are relevant to climate change reporting.

The local authority comprises of two services within a diverse estate. The scope of this report covers operational estate and emissions that the Council directly controls. The built estate incorporates offices, schools/nurseries and community buildings. Since December 1st 2015, all leisure/ library/museum buildings are operated by Angus Alive (Cultural and Leisure Trust). The Council continues to share facilities and asset mangement of these properties. The Council has operational fleet. Staff business mileage is calculated, commuting is not included. The Council also records emissions which arise from municipal waste & recycling, and from water supply and treatment.

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Part 1: Governance, Management and Strategy

21 How is climate change managed in the body?
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The Transition to Net Zero Working Group (TZWG) is a cross-departmental working group established in 2021 to coordinate and deliver on the climate change duties. The TZWG is chaired by the Director of Environment and Climate Change and includes representatives from all relevant departments. The TZWG reports to the Executive Board and the Council.

The TZWG has established several sub-groups to focus on specific areas of the climate change duties, including:

- Energy Efficiency:** Focuses on reducing energy consumption across the council's estate and services.
- Sustainable Procurement:** Focuses on ensuring that the council's procurement processes are sustainable and aligned with its climate change goals.
- Travel:** Focuses on reducing the council's carbon footprint from travel, including promoting public transport and encouraging staff to use public transport.
- Waste:** Focuses on reducing the council's waste and promoting recycling.
- Water:** Focuses on reducing the council's water consumption and promoting water efficiency.
- Energy:** Focuses on promoting the use of renewable energy and reducing the council's reliance on fossil fuels.
- Local Authorities:** Focuses on working with other local authorities to coordinate climate change efforts across the region.

The TZWG also oversees the implementation of the council's climate change strategy and action plan. The strategy sets out the council's overall climate change goals and the action plan details the specific measures to be taken to achieve these goals. The TZWG reports on progress against the strategy and action plan to the Executive Board and the Council.

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22 Does the body have specific climate change mitigation and adaptation objectives in its corporate plan or similar document?
Provide a brief summary of the objectives of the plan.

Objective	Key actions	Responsible Officer
Reduce the council's operational emissions by 75% by 2025.	Implement energy efficiency measures across the council's estate and services. Promote the use of renewable energy. Reduce the council's reliance on fossil fuels.	Director of Environment and Climate Change
Reduce the council's carbon footprint from travel by 20% by 2025.	Promote public transport. Encourage staff to use public transport. Reduce the council's reliance on private cars.	Director of Environment and Climate Change
Reduce the council's waste by 20% by 2025.	Promote recycling. Reduce the council's reliance on single-use plastics. Increase the council's recycling rates.	Director of Environment and Climate Change
Reduce the council's water consumption by 20% by 2025.	Promote water efficiency. Install water-saving devices. Reduce the council's reliance on bottled water.	Director of Environment and Climate Change
Reduce the council's energy consumption by 20% by 2025.	Promote energy efficiency. Install energy-saving devices. Reduce the council's reliance on fossil fuels.	Director of Environment and Climate Change
Reduce the council's carbon footprint from procurement by 20% by 2025.	Promote sustainable procurement. Prioritize suppliers with low carbon footprints. Reduce the council's reliance on high-carbon goods and services.	Director of Environment and Climate Change
Reduce the council's carbon footprint from local authorities by 20% by 2025.	Work with other local authorities to coordinate climate change efforts. Share best practice. Promote the use of public transport.	Director of Environment and Climate Change

23 Does the body have any plans or strategies covering the following areas that include climate change?
Provide a brief summary of the objectives of the plan.

Area	Plan/Strategy	Year	Current progress	Comments
Adaptation	Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan (SECAP)	2022-2025	Approved by Angus Council Committee on 04/11/2021	
Business travel	Angus Council Active and Sustainable Travel Action Plan	2020-24	Approved by Angus Council Committee on 23/02/21	
Staff travel	Angus Council Active and Sustainable Travel Action Plan	2020-24	Approved by Angus Council Committee on 23/02/21	
Energy efficiency	Energy Annual Report 2021/22	2021/22	Annual report on energy consumption and energy expenditure.	
Fleet transport	Vehicle Replacement Programme for 2022/23	2022/23	Approved by Angus Council Committee on 30/08/2022	
ICT	No specific strategy but ongoing reports via the Change Programme on the digital working & estate issues.			
Renewable energy	Angus Council Transition to Net Zero Action Plan 2022 to 2025	2022-2025	Plans cover Angus Councils operational emissions and Angus area wide.	
Sustainable/renewable heat	Angus Council Transition to Net Zero Action Plan 2022 to 2025	2022-2025	Angus Council Transition to Net Zero Action Plan 2022 to 2025 covers Angus Councils operational emissions, approved by Angus Council Committee 04/11/2021.	
Waste management	Update of the Waste & Recycling Bin Policy	2021 onwards	Approved by Angus Council Committee on 26/09/2021	
Water and sewerage	Water Annual Report 2021/22	2021/22	Annual report on water consumption and water and drainage expenditure.	
Land use	River South Fish Catchment Partnership Management Plan and Review 2017-2027	2017 onwards		
Other (please specify in comments)				
Land use	Angus Local Development Plan 2018 - 2028	2018-28		Local Development Plan 2 is currently being prepared with the new Development Plan Scheme and Participation Strategy being set out for engagement and consultation in September/October 2023, with adoption by Council in November 2023. This sets out the framework for production of the next Local Development Plan for Angus.
Land use	Strategic Development Plan (SDP) 2018 - 2028	2018-28		Action Programme Update published June 2023. No further work. SDP Section was updated under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) and has been replaced with National Planning Framework 4 was adopted by the Scottish Parliament in February 2023.
Land use	Angus Shoreline Management Plan 2	2017 onwards		
Other (please specify in comments)	Angus Economic Strategy	2013-20		Economic development with links to circular and low carbon economy. New Local Economic Strategy currently being prepared, due to be published early 2024.
Renewable energy	Strategic Landscape Capacity Study for Wind Energy in Angus 2024 with IES & ICA update 2023	ongoing		
Renewable energy	Strategic Landscape Capacity Study for Solar Volts Energy in Angus 2022	ongoing		
Land use	Angus Woodland & Forestry Framework (2021)	2021-23		Work to progress Angus Forestry & Woodland Strategy to comply with Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 will be progressed 2022/23.
Water and sewerage	Local Flood Risk Management Plans	2018-22		Local Flood Risk Management Plans for 2018-22 with second cycle in development for 2022-25.
Adaptation	Angus Local Housing Strategy 2023-2028	2023-28		Currently being finalised by the Scottish Gov year process. Draft went to committee May 2023. Going live October 2023.
Land use	Teafield Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-26	2018-26		
Other (please specify in comments)	Angus Council Transition to Net Zero Action Plan 2022 to 2025	2022-25		Action Plan to reduce Angus Councils operational emissions by 75% by 2025, enroute to Net Zero by 2045.

24 How are the body's top 5 priorities for climate change prevention, management and strategy for the year ahead?
Provide a brief summary of the body's top 5 priorities for the year ahead.

The following governance, management and strategy for the Angus Council Transition to Net Zero Action Plan, this will be led by the Angus Council Environment and Climate Change Team, and supported by the Transition to Net Zero Working Group and sub-groups.

Deliver and monitor the Angus Council Transition to Net Zero Action Plan and the Angus Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP).

Embed Climate Change impacts into all decisions, via Climate Change Impact Assessments within all Committee Reports after guidance is received from CCDA and Sustainable Scotland National Working Group.

Optimize sustainability opportunities through implementation of the Angus Change programme which offers resource efficiencies, greater use of IT, reduced staff travel and commuting.

Continue to develop Climate Change Adaptation strategies and nature based solutions project delivery whilst considering Angus Shoreline Management Plan 2, Local Flood Risk Management Plans, National Planning Framework 4, Teaidle Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-26 and the forthcoming Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and water national Adaptation Frameworks.

25 How the body used the Climate Change Assessment Tool (CCAT) or equivalent tool to self-assess its capability / performance?
Provide a brief summary of the tool used and the results of the assessment.

The CCAT tool has not been used since 2013 (there are no previous results).

The Council used the Climate Change Assessment Tool (CCAT) at a workshop in June 2022 with officers from across all services. The group approved and scored the Council's existing performance on the specified areas as follows:

- 1. Governance (20% previously 20%)
- 2. Emissions (20% previously 20%)
- 3. Adaptation (35% previously 40%)
- 4. Behaviour (20% previously 20%)
- 5. Procurement (20% previously 15%)
- Overall score (20% previously 40%)

The paper set out a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses opportunities and threats) analysis for Angus Council which identified key strengths including:

- Governance structure - effective contribution of the long-standing Member Officer Group (MOG) on climate change, supported by Working Groups focusing on Adaptation, Carbon Reduction and Sustainable Development. Groups are meeting regularly, reporting on progress to the MOG.
- Corporate commitment to both annual and 2025 climate change related targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, water plus building and street lighting energy use. These are supported by relevant Departmental budgets and monthly reports.
- Area wide commitment evidenced through agreeing up to deliver a Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Plan moving beyond operational boundaries to lead the wider area by example.
- Track record of assessing impacts of events weather events through conducting local Climate Change Impact Assessments, approving policies and flood management, coastal management and a number of additional natural flood management strategies through partnership working.
- Angus Council has a strong record for public reporting on climate change, reporting voluntarily through Scotland's Change Declaration and the new mandatory reports since 2021. It has reported publicly through the Carbon Reduction Commitment as well as through the Carbon Trust Standard, becoming the first UK body to attain the Standard in relation to water.

The Climate Change Action Tool uses the answers given to the 18 questions to automatically generate a series of recommended actions. The headline recommendations include:

- Action Priority 1 - continue to work through the new Sustainable Development Working Group to produce and adopt the new area wide Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan
- Action Priority 2 - Realise the newly drafted Carbon Management Plan, incorporating new Scottish Government carbon reduction commitments.

26 Further information and best practice
Provide a brief summary of the body's best practice in relation to climate change prevention and management.

Angus Council - Best Value Awards Report 2021 - Angus Council was in contention with the award programme improvements in services to recent years and benefits from effective leadership and a clear vision. There is strong partnership working and collaboration to help deliver services that benefit local people.

Angus Council - Scotland's Councils Approach to Addressing Climate Change - Angus Council was used as an example of good practice. Angus Council includes an assessment of the risks that climate change poses to their area as an appendix to their Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan.

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Long term Adaptation projects are included strategies such as The 2nd Edition Teaidle Biodiversity Action Plan (covering the period 2018-26). <https://www.teaidlebiodiversity.co.uk/>

Angus Council Transition to Net Zero Action Plan 2022 to 2025 was approved by Angus Council Committee on 8 September 2022. The purpose of this Transition to Net Zero Plan (2022 to 2025) is to ensure Angus Council meet the 2025 Scottish Government interim emissions reduction target of a 75% reduction in emissions, enroute to the Net Zero target by 2045. The by themes identified below, will be used drive emissions reductions within key operational areas to meet the 2025 interim emissions reduction target.

- Leadership, Governance & Procurement
- Challenge, Energy & Infrastructure
- Mobility, Recycling & Circular Economy
- Fleet & Business Travel
- Land Use Adaptation

Within each of these key themes, Action Plans containing emission reduction projects and initiatives have been developed. This will be a live document, it will evolve as technologies emerge and mature, as budget resources allow and as new techniques and practices develop.

Angus Council published a Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) in October 2021 which outlined actions across a variety of sectors involving stakeholders and partners from across the region. The purpose of the SECAP is to support Angus in its commitment to sustainable development, environmental protection and the transition to a low carbon economy. It provides a clear vision demonstrating how Angus can reduce its carbon emissions and increase the resilience of the region, whilst at the same time positioning Angus to capitalise on the significant economic opportunities offered by a low carbon economy.

PART 4 Adaptation – please do not include information in this part on measures that solely reduce emissions with no implications for climate adaptation. These are climate mitigation measures which should be reported in the Emissions tab.

Assessing and managing risk

4a Has the body assessed current and future climate-related risks?
If yes, provide a reference or link to any such risk assessment(s).

Yes, assessments have been carried and reported through the following documents:

- Angus Council Emergency Plan
https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/angus_council_emergency_plan
- Angus Local Climate Impacts Profile (LCIP) 1st edition
<https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/angus-local-climate-impacts-profile-licip-1st-edition>
- Angus Local Climate Impacts Profile (LCIP) 2nd edition
<https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/angus-local-climate-impacts-profile-licip-2nd-edition>
- North of Scotland, Resilience Partnership Community Risk Register
http://www.firecotland.gov.uk/media/864538/north_crr_version_1.2.pdf
- 2016/17 period saw development work on the Local Flood Risk Management Plan (approved June 2016)
https://www.angus.gov.uk/the_environment/flooding_and_coastal_erosion/tay_estuary_and_monrose_basin_local_flood_risk

4b What arrangements does the body have in place to manage climate-related risks?
Provide details of any climate change adaptation strategies, action plans and risk management procedures, and any climate change adaptation policies which apply across the body.

The Angus Local Development Plan 2016 (ALDP) strategy is based on a 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' and contains specific policies: PV12 Managing Flood Risk which states that to reduce potential risk from flooding, there will be a general presumption against built development proposals on the functional floodplain; which involve land raising resulting in the loss of the functional flood plain; or which would materially increase the probability of flooding to existing or planned development. Policy PV13 Resilience and Adaptation explores resilience to the effects of climate change such as flood and drought, extreme weather events and rising sea levels. In future Angus Council may require development proposals to incorporate adaptation measures Policy PV16 Coastal Planning supports a precautionary approach to potential impacts of coastal flooding. The ALDP is supported by an Environmental Report and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment which influenced plan development in light of some climate change impact.

Angus Council as Lead Local Authority for the Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin Local Plan District continue to deliver the actions in the Local Flood Risk Management Plan for Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin Local Plan District - https://apps.sepa.org.uk/FRMStrategies/pdf/lpd/LPD_07_FRMIS.pdf - and are partners on the Tay Local Plan District, which is led by Perth & Kinross Council.

Tayside Local Asset Resilience Register is maintained and developed. It is a list of community/ voluntary groups that can be called to action in the event of severe weather events.

Continue to support the Resilient Business & Communities working group.

We continue to support and develop a number of active community groups, especially those at risk of getting cut off in severe weather or flooding including integration to the Council's emergency plans.

We continue to explore capacity building e.g. first aid training, tie in with other community health empowerment initiatives such as issuing of defibrillators.

We continue to work with schools to build resilience as part of the curriculum.

Use of SALIX funding projects to reduce the Council's CO2 emissions for all non housing properties.

The Angus Active Travel Strategy and Action Plan was approved in February 2021, along with a pipeline of active travel projects. Delivery of these actions and projects will contribute to the impacts of transport on climate change.

Taking action

4c What action has the body taken to adapt to climate change?
Include details of work to increase awareness of the need to adapt to climate change and build the capacity of staff and stakeholders to assess risk and implement action. The body may wish to make reference to the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme ("the Programme").

During 2022/23 Angus Council and the River South Esk Catchment Partnership have worked together to scope landscape scale interventions that can be delivered by the Scottish Government Nature Restoration Fund (NRF). These projects will positively impact on climate change via the enhancement and reconnection of habitats including rivers, wetlands, ponds, woodlands, grassland and peatlands. The Partnership was awarded Development phase NRF funding in late 2022 and submitted a delivery phase application in July 2023. The bid includes wetland creation, river restoration, riparian tree planting, montane woodland regeneration and instream works. This approach is being used to investigate the delivery of similar projects across Angus.

A review of the Tayside Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2016-26 is ongoing and highlights actions delivered that contribute to climate change adaptation as well as actions still to be delivered. A report will go to Angus Council in November 2023. All can be quantified and a data collection exercise to map progress is ongoing.

Angus Council through the Cairngorm National Park Authority (CNPA) - joint catchments project continue to investigate landscape scale approaches to natural flood management, riparian tree planting schemes and peatland restoration. All of which are excellent land use management approaches to mitigate against the effects of climate change and provide innovative adaptation examples at site specific and landscape scales. During 2022/23 has continued to work on the Heritage Horizons HLF Fund development phase funding programme. Angus Council and the River South Esk Catchment Partnership has worked with the CNPA to develop NFM/restoration projects in three Angus catchments, all in potentially Vulnerable Areas. This phase it up to £70k and the delivery phase if funded £500k.

Treatment of Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) during 2022/23 was ongoing, particularly along river corridors across many Angus catchments. This reduces soil erosion in high spate events, thereby increasing the stability of the river bank, restoring natural vegetation. The Scottish Invasive Species Initiative, now in its sixth year, continues to successfully increase the volunteer pool with INNS treatment skills.

During 2022/23 Angus Council delivered nature focussed improvements that positively impact on climate change via the authorities Nature Restoration Fund direct award. These included the restoration of urban ponds, urban tree planting in green corridors, habitat restoration on Montrose Basin Local Nature Reserve and inavises management in woodlands.

Angus Council continues to prioritise the restoration of grassland and diversification of open space for biodiversity. The Angus Space For Nature project which began in 2020 now covers many Angus towns and we continue to work with Buglife on the B-lines project 'Strathmore People & Pollinators'

Brechin Flood Prevention Scheme was completed and opened in October 2016. The 1.5km of flood embankments and walls up to 1.8m high have been installed along the north bank of the River South Esk to provide a 1 in 200 yr. flood defence. Environmental improvements have been delivered on site increasing native biodiversity and opportunities for access and outdoor learning. INNS treatment continues when possible, enhancing the area for biodiversity and the public.

4d Where applicable, what contribution has the body made to helping deliver the Programme?
Provide any other relevant supporting information.

Understanding the effects of climate change and their impacts on the natural environment - Measuring the effects of climate change on the natural environment is a huge task and Angus Council are guided by our partners through collaborative project work and strategy development. The Tayside LBAP published in Aug 2016 takes into account the effects of climate change on a variety of species and habitats. Surveys have been undertaken on invasive species movement e.g. Co Coasts and INNS in riverine and estuarine areas in particular. Citizen science projects are developed and supported by the partnership allowing us to better understand species migration, abundance and decline. Montrose Bay is a Super Site under the Scottish Government's Dynamic Coast project. The project is establishing there effects of climate change on our coastline with the latest mapping and modelling. An adaptation plan is under development. Feasibility studies have also been developed via the HLF Heritage Horizons projects and Nature Restrastion Fund bids in riverine and wetland habitats.

Support a healthy and diverse natural environment with capacity to adapt - Climate change is embedded in the Tayside LBAP and other policy documents such as SMP2 and Flood Risk Strategies which include flood management and coastal management policies. All three plans favour natural mitigation and adaptation measures where possible, enabling healthy ecosystem services. In the River South Esk Catchment, natural flood management schemes continue to be delivered and the development of nature-based solutions continue to be explored throughout Angus.

Sustain and enhance the benefits, goods and services that the natural environment provides - The ALDP 2016 produced by Angus Council contains Policy PV14 Water Quality, its purpose is to protect and enhance the quality of the water environment. Development proposals will be assessed within the context of: the National Marine Plan; the Scotland River Basin Management Plan and associated Area Management Plans; relevant guidance on controlling the impact of development and associated works; relevant guidance on engineering works affecting water courses; and potential mitigation measures. Actions to enhance ecosystem services are/will be embedded in the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan, LBAP, ALDP and ongoing greennetwork and local nature Conservation Site work. All focus on ecosystem scale projects, supporting healthy functioning ecosystems & ecosystem services.

Montrose Bay is a Super Site under the Scottish Government's Dynamic Coast project. The first phase of the project has established the benefit natural costal defences have. The project is establishing there effects of climate change on our coastline with the latest mapping and modelling. An adaptation plan is under development.

Understand the effects of climate change and their impacts on buildings and infrastructure networks is embedded in the newly developed Local Housing Strategy, LBAP, and ALDP 2016 - Gradual increase in highlighting impacts and costs of climate change in committee reports.

Provide the knowledge, skills and tools to manage climate change impacts on buildings and infrastructure - Embedded in the Local Housing Strategy, LBAP, ALDP 2016 and Open Space Strategy.

Increase the resilience of buildings and infrastructure networks to sustain and enhance the benefits and services provided - Montrose Bay is a Super Site under the Scottish Government's Dynamic Coast project. The project is establishing there effects of climate change on our coastline with the latest mapping and modelling. An adaptation plan is under development.

Review, monitoring and evaluation

4e What arrangements does the body have in place to review current and future climate risks?
Provide details of arrangements to review current and future climate risks, for example, what timescales are in place to review the climate change risk assessments referred to in Question 4(a) and adaptation strategies, action plans, procedures and policies in Question 4(b).

A detailed Adaptation Action Plan has been developed and is incorporated into the Angus Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan. In addition to this a second River South Esk catchment Management Plan is being progressed. This will outline the delivery of nature based solutions on the largest river in Angus and its catchment area. This approach will be transferable for other catchments.

Progress will be monitored through regular meetings of internal corporate landuse adaption working groups and external partnerships.

Flood Risk Management Planning allows for the updating of National Flood Risk Assessments for changing forecasts for climate change and impact on adaptation actions. The coastal change project in Montrose, Dynamic Coast 2, will include the adoption of an adaptation plan. Preliminary actions are being progressed.

4f What arrangements does the body have in place to monitor and evaluate the impact of the adaptation actions?
Please provide details of monitoring and evaluation criteria and adaptation indicators used to assess the effectiveness of actions detailed under Question 4(c) and Question 4(d).

As previously mentioned progress will be monitored through regular meetings of internal corporate landuse adaption working groups and external partnerships. Partnership work is key and there are many strong adaptation focused teams collaborating within Angus. Angus Council also work closely with partners in Tayside, Aberdeenshire and within the Cairngorms National Park Authority area.

A Flood Risk management Member Officer Group continues to meet and adaptation delivered through flood risk management is regularly monitored.

River South Esk Partnership Steering Group continues to meet 3 times p.a. and reviews the impacts of projects including those with an adaptation element. A consultation was carried out in 2019, prior to the pandemic to form a second catchment management plan in which adaptation and nature based solutions features heavily. This is to be revisited to update the focus of action and incorporate Nature Networks and outcomes from the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy.

Interim and Final Reports on the delivery of actions in the Local Flood Risk Management Plans are published 2-3 years and 5-6 years after publication of the Plans, i.e. 2019 and 2022 respectively.

Future priorities for adaptation

4g What are the body's top 5 climate change adaptation priorities for the year ahead?
Provide a summary of the areas and activities of focus for the year ahead.

Angus Council targets for 2023/24 are:

1. Work with partners to secure further funding, e.g. Nature Restoration Fund monies to enable landscape scale NFM and habitat restoration projects across Angus.
2. Use Green Network, Local Nature Conservation Site data and Open Space Strategy Audits to enhance ecosystem health and connectivity increasing resilience. Both urban and rural areas will be covered by this approach.
3. Deliver both the Angus Shoreline Management Plan 2 and the new edition Local Flood Risk Management Plan.
4. Deliver the Tayside Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2016-26 & publish the 2nd edition River South Esk Catchment Management Plan using it as a basis to role out catchment scale nature based solutions across Angus.
5. Engage in community resilience networks and local climate change action plans enabling the community to participate in adaptation works in their communities.

Further information

4h Supporting information and best practice
Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to adaptation.

<https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/tayside-local-biodiversity-action-plan-20162026>

<https://www.angus.gov.uk/media/smp2-main-document>

<http://theriversouthesk.org/projects/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TGkyb496mw>

https://www.angus.gov.uk/the_environment/flooding_and_coastal_erosion/tay_estuary_and_monrose_basin_local_flood_risk

<http://www.readyscotland.org/my-community/local-plans-and-good-practice/edzell-flood-group-and-action-plan/>

<https://cairngorms.co.uk/working-together/cairngorms-2030/>

<https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/news/finding-space-for-nature>

<https://www.buglife.org.uk/news/exciting-new-buglife-project-strathmore-b-lines-awarded-national-lottery-funding-in-scotland/>

PART 5 Procurement

5a How have procurement policies contributed to compliance with climate change duties?

Provide information relating to how the procurement policies of the body have contributed to its compliance with climate changes duties.

Sustainability impact has been required to be evaluated as part of our larger tenders particularly within Construction. All our procurements are undertaken in accordance with the Sustainability Duty and corporate direction with regards evaluation weightings is about to be set as part of new internal procurement standing orders.

5b How has procurement activity contributed to compliance with climate change duties?

Provide information relating to how procurement activity by the body has contributed to its compliance with climate changes duties.

The standard procurement templates include a scored qualitative aspect specifically in relation to the bidders' actions in relation to the climate agenda. We are in the process of recruiting a dedicated Community Benefits & Sustainability Officer - they will have responsibility for delivering training and supporting Services in relation to adopting such measures within their procurements and the capturing / recording of the benefits achieved also.

Further information

5c Supporting information and best practice

Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to procurement.

As above.

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PART 6 Validation and Declaration

6a Internal validation process

Briefly describe the body's internal validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

This report was circulated to the Transition to Net Zero Working Group on the 28th of September 2023.

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6b Peer validation process

Briefly describe the body's peer validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

N/A - see above

6c External validation process

Briefly describe the body's external validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

N/A - see above

6d No Validation Process

If any information provided in this report has not been validated, identify the information in question and explain why it has not been validated.

N/A - see above

6e Declaration

I confirm that the information in this report is accurate and provides a fair representation of the body's performance in relation to climate change.

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