



# Angus Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan

2023 Progress Report

# Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update progress on the Angus Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) since approval in November 2021. The Council recognises the critical strategic leadership role it has in tackling climate change through reducing internal organisation greenhouse gas emissions as well as promoting a reduction throughout the region across a variety of sectors.

Since publication of the SECAP, a new Climate Change Project Officer started in post in January 2023 within the Planning and Sustainable Growth Service. This position oversees responsibility for reviewing progress of SECAP and its phased priority delivery plans alongside working collaboratively with key partners in the form of a SECAP steering group.

The SECAP steering group has been set up to ensure actions are carried out within Angus to deliver emissions reductions across various sectors including within communities, businesses, domestic and non-domestic buildings. The group will aim to meet quarterly with the first meeting having taken place in September 2023 at Webster Memorial Theatre, Arbroath.

In addition to business engagement, SECAP outlines the ambition to increase community engagement on climate change to outline regional solutions and promote ongoing community work in the region. In response, a series of Climate Change engagement events were held in the summer of 2023 in partnership with the Scottish Communities Climate Action Network and the Council's Planning and Sustainable Growth Service.

The Council recognises the critical strategic leadership role it has in tackling climate change. Councils have direct control over around 2-5% of emissions in their local area but can have a much wider influence by engaging with communities, public sector and business partners to promote action around climate change and the route to Net Zero.

Going forward, the Council's Planning and Sustainable Growth Service will continue to review the progress of SECAP actions and work in partnership with key stakeholders to deliver area-wide emissions reductions, caring for our place and enhancing our natural environment in alignment with the Angus Council Plan 2023-2028.



Cllr Mark Macdonald

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# 1 Background and Context

In September 2019, the Council declared a climate emergency which recognised the impact of climate change on communities within Angus happening now and in the future. In response to the evolving climate emergency, the Council approved the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) in November 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 the Council in its commitment to sustainable development, environmental management, and the transition to a low carbon economy in Angus. It provides a roadmap demonstrating how Angus can reduce its carbon emissions and increase the resilience of the region, whilst at the same time positioning itself to capitalise on the significant economic opportunities offered by a low carbon economy.

The Council recognises the critical strategic leadership role it has in tackling climate change. To date, the Council has achieved significant reductions in carbon emissions from its estate, as well as, taking steps to increase the resilience of the region to the impacts of climate change. However, SECAP recognised that more needs to be done to embed climate change into everyday decision making and to place Angus at the forefront of the 'green recovery', low carbon innovation and a just transition.

The Climate Change Committee is an independent, statutory body who advise the UK and devolved governments on emissions targets. According to their report titled 'Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget' published in 2020, Local authorities are directly responsible for between 2- 5% of their local area's emissions; however, they have many levers that can be used to deliver wider local action. Local authorities can play a wider enabling and communications role by engaging with communities, public sector, and business partners in area-wide conversations and about climate change and the route to Net Zero. The SECAP steering group will facilitate this wider role by bringing key industry partners from across the region to collaborate, enabling sustainability improvements across a variety of sectors.



## 2 SECAP Vision and Objectives

### **Vision:**



By 2030, Angus will be a major contributor to achieving Scotland's national climate change goals, and a leader in clean growth, environmental stewardship and sustainable communities.

### **Objectives:**

The objectives of the SECAP are outlined below, under the seven priority action areas for delivery of SECAP.

#### **Buildings**

- Support sustainable development in the region.
- Improve the energy efficiency of the existing buildings stock
- Support the adaptation of Angus' built environment to ensure it is resilient to the impacts of climate change.

#### **Energy**

- Grow renewable energy generation in the region.
- Promote the uptake and use of cleaner and/or alternative fuels.
- Ensure affordable access to energy and support sustainable energy projects.

#### **Transport**

- Increase the proportion of journey's in Angus made via active modes.
- Increase the use of zero and low emission vehicles in Angus.
- Reduce the carbon impact of freight and logistics in Angus.
- Increase Angus' resilience to climate change.

#### **Land Use & Forestry**

- Provide access to good quality open space and natural environments to aid the wellbeing of citizens and visitors.
- Increase Angus' resilience to flooding and coastal erosion.
- Promote the development of sustainable neighbourhoods and communities.
- Enhance Angus' natural biodiversity

#### **Agriculture & Food**

- Support clean growth and innovation in the agriculture sector.
- Promote the use of sustainable, local produce.
- Increase the provision of food growing facilities in Angus.

## **Waste**

- Make it as easy as possible for households and businesses to recycle.
- Reduce food waste in Angus
- Reduce amount of waste going to landfill through repair/reuse initiatives

## **Governance & Process**

- Ensure sustainability is a key priority in the council.
- Support sustainable procurement practices.
- Develop consistent approaches to measuring progress against climate goals across the region.
- Increase citizens' awareness of sustainability and the impacts of climate change

# 3 Governance and Process Updates

## **3.1 SECAP co-ordinator**

The SECAP outlines the need to employ a co-ordinator in order to ensure effective delivery of the actions contained in the plan, reiterated in Report 285/21 approved by the Council on 9th September 2021.

As a result of an unsuccessful recruitment process, a review of the post was undertaken, and the role transitioned into recruiting for a Project Officer – Climate Change with responsibility for SECAP. It was considered that the main leadership and management requirements of the Co-ordinator post could be undertaken by the Team Leader – Environment and Climate Change with the remainder of the duties fulfilled by a project officer role.

This role of Project Officer – Climate Change was successfully filled, and the officer started in January 2023 with responsibility for reviewing and monitoring SECAP progress.

## **3.2 SECAP Steering Group**

SECAP requires good governance to ensure effective delivery. Central to this approach is the establishment of a SECAP Steering Group. The objective of the SECAP steering group is to contribute to the delivery of action progress, delivering emissions reductions in Angus across various sectors including within communities, businesses, domestic and non-domestic buildings. The group will aim to meet quarterly and deliver on the vision of the SECAP.

The first SECAP steering meeting took place on the 5th of September at Webster Memorial Theatre Arbroath. 26 attendees were present at this initial meeting including representation from 18 key partners listed within the SECAP across the action areas of; Buildings, Transport, Land Use & Forestry, Agriculture & Food, Waste and Governance & Process.

Next steps following the meeting include the appointment of a Chair for the group and creation of a Terms of Reference. Prior to and during the initial meeting, information was gathered from key partners about their organisational sustainability priorities and ongoing work within the region. This information will aid the creation of a Terms of Reference for the group which will outline aims and objectives going forward.

### 3.3 Community Engagement Sessions

The SECAP outlines the ambition to create a Community Climate forum to facilitate engagement around climate action with a broad range of interested parties throughout Angus. Since the publication of the SECAP, the Council was made aware of ongoing community engagement work by Scottish Community Climate Action Network (SCCAN) who employ an Angus regional coordinator to facilitate community climate action.

To avoid duplication of work, a series of Climate Change engagement events were organised in partnership with SCCAN by the Council's Planning and Sustainable Growth Service. These events took place in Forfar, Brechin, and Arbroath along with an online session for those unable to attend in person. The events aimed to hear from members of the public about climate change and find new ways to collaborate on addressing the climate crisis.

The sessions were welcomed by the community with representation from individuals, community groups and the following organisations:

- Angus Tourism Cooperative
- Brechin Cathedral
- Brechin Community Council
- Community Council representatives
- Creative Dundee
- East Haven Together
- Food Life
- Forfar Open Garden
- Local landowners
- Montrose Land and Sea Festival
- Scotia Seeds
- Voluntary Action Angus



For each session participants were asked to consider the following questions:

- 1 What do you consider to be existing climate change impacts in Angus?**
- 2 What solutions would you like to see implemented in your local area?**
- 3 How can local communities work together to act in an inclusive way?**



A number of positive solutions to issues were raised across all sessions including the need for improved public transport and active travel routes within the region. There was desire to learn from other regions in Scotland to implement community energy projects distributing locally generated electricity. Enabling joined up, local collaboration between communities to enable climate action was a key priority from the sessions.

As well as solutions, several barriers to local action were discussed. This included recognition that many community groups across Angus are attempting to deliver on the ground action and all facing similar challenges which highlighted the need for joined up, collaborative action. In addition, short vs long term thinking was identified as a barrier to advocating for behaviour change within communities.

In rural communities, a lack of accessible grid connection along with variance in land ownership may result in unfeasible projects. Furthermore, tight funding application deadlines make it difficult for groups to submit on time unless they have dedicated a large amount of time to prepare a 'shovel ready' project. As a result of these sessions, it is clear that community groups in Angus would benefit from collaboration along with sharing of knowledge and resources in order to work together on shared challenges.

Going forward, the outcomes of the above community engagement sessions will feed into an application for an Angus Climate Hub that the SCCAN Regional Coordinator is developing and will submit to Scottish Government. During the sessions, it was noted that actions for an Angus Climate Hub need to be tangible and deliverable on scale, and it was suggested that the proposed Hub should enable a balance of advocacy and climate change action within the region.

The Council's Planning and Sustainable Growth Service plan to support the application as it goes through a review process and will aid the development of an Angus Climate Hub through future collaboration with SCCAN.

### 3.4 Angus Council Transition to Net Zero Action Plan: 2022 – 2030

Since the publication of the SECAP in 2021, Angus Council has further committed to undertake action to mitigate climate change and reduce emissions associated with Council activity across various service areas. The Transition to Net Zero Action Plan (TNZAP) states that Angus Council must reduce organisational emissions by 5% each year to meet the interim target of a 75% emissions reduction by 2029/30 across the below areas:

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

In order to capture project updates and report on progress towards net zero targets, a Transition to Net Zero Action Plan progress report will be submitted to Council in November 2023.

A comparison of the SECAP and TNZAP has taken place to understand which of the 70 SECAP actions will be undertaken by each strategy.

The results are below:

|   | Number | Percentage of overall actions |
|---|--------|-------------------------------|
| Actions involving External Partners (SECAP Steering Group) 44 | 63%    | Internal actions included in  |
| Transition to Net Zero document 12                            | 17%    | Neither of the above          |
| 14  | 20%    |                               |

The actions that will not be undertaken by either the SECAP steering group or the Transition to Net Zero action plan/working group are outlined in a table below. These actions should be followed up on and reviewed to understand if they have taken place, are ongoing, or are now redundant.

Actions which are internal but not included in the Transition to Net Zero Plan:

| Action area           | Action ref | Detail   |
|-----------------------|------------|--|
| Buildings             | B2         | Deliver Timmergreens low carbon housing-led regeneration scheme.   |
|                       | B4         | Continue to deliver high quality, energy efficient homes using a 'fabric first' approach and working towards full compliance with EESSH 2 by 2032. |
|                       | B8         | Deploy drainage and flood management in new developments.  |
| Energy                | E8         | Explore the potential of innovative models for investment and management of renewable energy generation infrastructure for rural communities.      |
| Transport             | T3         | Enhance infrastructure improvement and maintenance processes to encourage additional provision of facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.         |
|                       | T6         | Implement a low carbon mobility hub at Brechin.  |
|                       | T7         | Implement an EV Charging hub in Arbroath   |
|                       | T9         | Develop a Passenger Transport Strategy.  |
| Land Use and Forestry | L1         | Implement the TAYplan Green Network Strategy as it relates to Angus.   |
|                       | L3         | Ensure the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP2) policies to mitigate coastal erosion are integrated into development control activities.               |
|                       | L4         | Engage with community groups to educate and raise awareness amongst the public of flooding.  |
|                       | L10        | Enable/encourage temporary greening projects on vacant and derelict land.  |
| Agriculture           | A8         | Implement actions within the Angus Food Growing Strategy which could reduce the carbon impact of food provision in Angus.                          |
| Waste                 | W2         | Continue the "Right Stuff, Right Bin" campaign, leveraging both on-line and print media.   |

## 4 SECAP initial work programme

A SECAP initial work programme was developed which was designed to enable the delivery of immediate actions involving 13 priority projects across most of the original SECAP themes. This shortlist of priority projects was informed in consultation with key stakeholders, combined with learnings from best practice elsewhere. These projects were specifically prioritised to build and add value to existing Council plans (across all departments), by filling delivery gaps and joining-up resources to support the Council commitments to sustainable development, environmental management, and a low carbon economy.

The activities in the SECAP initial work programme have received updates and are outlined in Appendix 1.

## 5 Action Plan Updates

The purpose of this report is to update the progress of the SECAP since publication in 2021. A full review of the actions will be undertaken and delivered in a further progress report in 2024.

### 5.1 Action Owners

The table below outlines how the 70 actions within the SECAP are assigned, out of the following groups:

- Internal – to be undertaken by Angus Council.
- External – to be undertaken by a SECAP steering group member.
- Both – assigned to Angus Council and external stakeholder.

|                     | Number of action items Overall | percentage |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Internal only       | 26                             | 37%        |
| External only       | 2                              | 3%         |
| Internal & external | 42                             | 60%        |

Out of the 42 internal and external actions outlined above, only 5 have an external stakeholder as the lead/action owner; therefore, the rest of the actions are led by the Council. However, since the publication of the SECAP, the Council published the Transition to Net Zero Action Plan in September 2022. This document outlines actions to reduce Angus Council's operational emissions across five key themes.

## 5.2 Angus Council Actions

Internal Council actions related to Climate Change/Sustainability will now be linked to the Transition to Net Zero Action Plan and undertaken by the Transition to Net Zero working group.

## 5.3 Angus Wide Actions

The SECAP steering group's role is to contribute to the delivery of the plan. A Chair for the group will be elected in due course and a Terms of Reference will be created outlining the aims and objectives of the steering group and roles and responsibilities.

The Council will consult with key partners to receive updates on external actions and will work with the SECAP steering group to create a phase two delivery priority action plan.

# 6 Next steps

Following the publication of an initial SECAP progress report, a full review of the actions will take place in order to reflect the shift in action owners from Angus Council to partnership working with external organisations, with these being reported back to Council as part of the next progress report in 2024. This shift is due to the publication of the Transition to Net Zero Action Plan 2022 – 2030 which focuses on internal organisational emission reductions.

At the first steering group meeting in September 2023, a call for expressions of interest was raised in order to appoint a Chair. Steering group members have been invited to submit a notice of interest to become Chair and a nomination process will be undertaken.

Prior to and during the initial meeting, information was gathered from key partners about their organisational sustainability priorities and ongoing work within the region. This information will aid the creation of a Terms of Reference for the group which will outline aims and objectives going forward.

The Council's Planning and Sustainable Growth Service will continue to facilitate the SECAP steering group to encourage partnership working between key stakeholders and promote area-wide emissions reductions across Angus, creating a more sustainable future for the region.

Following the updates to the initial SECAP programme workplan above, a second phase of work delivery will be initiated by the steering group, with action owners decided to provide accountability towards progress. A further update and full review of the actions will be undertaken and delivered in a 2024 SECAP progress report.



# Appendix 1

## SECAP Initial work programme updates

13 initial projects were identified to enable Angus Council to implement SECAP promptly post publication. These project activities were specifically prioritised to add value to existing council plans across (all departments), by filling delivery gaps and joining-up resources to support regional wide commitments in sustainable development, environmental management and a low-carbon economy.

| <b>Buildings</b>  |  |                  |                     |                 |
|---|--|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Project no.</b>  | <b>Project detail</b>  | <b>SECAP ref</b> | <b>Service Area</b> | <b>Progress</b> |
| <b>1</b>  | <b>RUN a pilot programme on a hard-to-treat archetype by comparing and testing the efficiency of different retrofit technologies at Boyle Park Lodge.</b>  | <b>B3</b>        | <b>Housing</b>      |                 |
| <p>Work is being done at Boyle Park Lodge to extend the property, turning it into a four-bedroom, energy-efficient council house. The property will benefit from internal wall and roof insulation to improve the energy efficiency and reduce energy demand. In addition, renewable energy is being utilised in the development of the property including Solar PV and battery installation.</p>   |  |                  |                     |                 |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>CONTINUE to deliver high quality, energy efficient homes using a 'fabric first' approach in alignment with the statutory compliance of EESSH 2 by 2032 starting with Letham &amp; Edzell.</b> | <b>B4</b>        | <b>Housing</b>      |                 |
| <p>Fabric first updates are being rolled out with existing stock, Angus Council will not be building any new stock for 3-4 years. Fabric first is delivered as default for properties, inclusive of private owners where funding is available through Home Energy Efficiency Programmes for Scotland: Area Based Schemes. EESSH 2 by 2032 targets have been placed on hold while it is being reviewed by the Scottish Government to align better with Net Zero targets and Carbon Reduction.</p>  |  |                  |                     |                 |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>UPGRADE four sheltered complexes across Angus to provide PV and bulk battery storage for monitoring.</b>  | <b>B5</b>        | <b>Housing</b>      |                 |
| <p>Angus Council received match funding through Scottish Housing Net Zero Heat Fund to complete the above works. Installation of PV and battery installation has taken place at St Drostan's Court, Brechin and Cliffview Court, Arbroath – both Sheltered Housing Complexes with elderly tenants. In addition to the above, installations are about to begin at the following sites: Balmain Court, Montrose. Andy Stewart Court, Arbroath. Murray Court, Montrose. Springfield, Forfar. These Sheltered Housing Complexes have already benefited from upgrades to their electric heating systems from old electric storage heaters to more efficient Quantum Heaters (High Heat Retention Storage Heaters).</p> |  |                  |                     |                 |

## Buildings

| Project no. | Project detail  | SECAP ref          | Service Area   | Progress |
|-------------|---|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| 4.          | <b>RUN a pilot programme to carry out the monitoring of and upgrades to Orange Lane properties.</b> | <b>B3 &amp; B6</b> | <b>Housing</b> |          |

This project was not awarded Tay Cities Deal Funding therefore, programme plan has changed since conception. Fabric upgrades are happening on the properties including Cavity Wall Insulation extraction and refill with thermabead and then External Wall Insulation. No monitoring will be implemented at this stage.

## Energy

| Project no. | Project detail  | SECAP ref | Service Area          | Progress |
|-------------|---|-----------|-----------------------|----------|
| 5           | <b>EXPLORE the potential for repurposing the Restenneth landfill site for renewable energy generation through either Solar PV deployment or biofuels.</b> | <b>E4</b> | <b>Infrastructure</b> |          |

Restenneth Landfill Site closed for waste disposal activities in April 2018. Angus Council will continue to have a long-term (over 25 years) environmental responsibility for wastewater treatment, gas management and restoration of the site. A Restoration and Aftercare Plan has been agreed with SEPA, which outlines how the site will be restored and gas and leachate control systems managed until final decommissioning.

Given the site is a former landfill there are limited options for future land use. It was identified there was the opportunity to use the restored land for the deployment of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels for energy generation. Discussion was held between Private Energy Partners and Angus Council with regards to the potential development of a Photo Voltaic (PV) solar farm being installed at Restenneth Landfill Site and a high-level analysis of the land available was undertaken.

The project is now at the final stages where it is a matter of agreeing the legal terms. The PV Farm will be a 3.6 MW installation with a supporting 1.5 MW Storage battery covering 18.1 acres of land. This will be a land lease agreement for a period of 35 years. The installation is expected to be constructed and operational circa 2025.



| <b>Energy</b>   |   |                  |                                     |                 |
|---|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Project no.</b>  | <b>Project detail</b>   | <b>SECAP ref</b> | <b>Service Area</b>                 | <b>Progress</b> |
| 6   | <b>CONTINUE installing solar PVs on high energy use buildings and investigate/ pilot battery storage solutions. Further installation to be undertaken at Brechin Community Campus High School and Websters High School (2021/2022).</b> | E5               | Assets                              |                 |
| <p>The PV installations on Brechin Campus and Webster High School have been partially completed. The PV panels have been installed on both sites however the contractor went into Administration before installing invertors in September, the restart of the works were delayed due to issues between the contractor and the administrator which have now been resolved. Electrical connections to the grid are currently being rearranged on the completion contracts and current timeline for being on site is estimated to be October/November but hasn't been confirmed yet.</p> |   |                  |                                     |                 |
| 7   | <b>IMPROVE the efficiency of public lighting infrastructure and the performance of the supporting energy network, through opportunities presented by the streetlight replacement programme.</b>   | E9               | Street Lighting Partnership Manager |                 |
| <p>Energy efficiency of Angus streetlights have been improved, with 98% streetlights now LED which has been proven to reduce the installed power by an average of 60-80% without reducing lighting levels. Aside from switching to LED lighting, there are few additional cost-effective ways to reduce energy demand of street lighting.</p>   |   |                  |                                     |                 |

| <b>Buildings</b>   |   |                  |                         |                 |
|--|---|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Project no.</b>   | <b>Project detail</b>                           | <b>SECAP ref</b> | <b>Service Area</b>     | <b>Progress</b> |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>Implement an EV charging hub in Arbroath</b> | <b>T7</b>        | <b>Roads Operations</b> |                 |
| <p>Plans for an EV charging hub in Arbroath have been shelved at the moment as the proposed funding stream is no longer available. Other funding opportunities are being explored.</p>   |   |                  |                         |                 |
| <b>9</b>   | <b>Conduct Angus Council Fleet Review</b>       | <b>T8</b>        | <b>Transport</b>        |                 |
| <p>In 2021, the Energy Savings Trust (EST) published a Fleet decarbonisation report for the Council which gave details of the organisation's fleet vehicles, associated emissions and a route to decarbonise the Council fleet. Fleet data in the report is as follows: At time of publish (2021) the Council had a fleet of 251 vehicles and emitted over 2,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e). Of these emissions, 77% came from heavy duty vehicles (HDVs), 18% from light commercial vehicles (LCVs), and 6% from cars. In terms of vehicle numbers, LCVs make up the largest portion of the Council fleet (39%) while cars account for 25%.</p> <p>To meet the Scottish Government target all Council fleet cars must be zero-emission by 2025, currently 64 cars of which 38 are non-zero emission vehicle (ZEV). The wide choice of battery electric cars on the market means that transitioning to car fleet to zero emission should be relatively straightforward, the report recommends prioritising this fleet segment for ZEV replacement from 2021 - 2025 as per the Scottish Government target.</p> |   |                  |                         |                 |

## Have Agriculture, Land Use & Forestry

| Project no. | Project detail   | SECAP ref                  | Project owner (AC)      | Progress |
|-------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 10          | <b>Assess Montrose Coastal Erosion Protection Options for Implementation</b> | <b>L3, L4, L5 &amp; L6</b> | <b>Capital Projects</b> |          |

The current situation has shown that the dunes have eroded considerably over previous years and there is a risk of flood corridors opening through the dunes. This risk needs to be managed by building the dunes back up and filling these “gaps”.

The current short-term plan of works is to rebuild a section of the dunes to block off flood corridors. Before any of the works can be undertaken at the bay, an Environmental Statement (ES) is required. This needs to be done before any works at the bay commence to ensure that the best interests of the site and surrounding areas are accounted for. This work requires procurement of a consultant who would provide this in tandem with an Options Appraisal (OA) investigating the possible sources for the sand to carry out the works and cost estimates for these works.

A tender was issued on Public Contracts Scotland on 23 January 2023 with a submission date of 16 February 2023. As of April 2023, a consultant is now on board and is undertaking material options and environmental screening.

|    |   |                             |  |  |
|----|---|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 11 | <b>Implement Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation</b> | <b>L5, L6, L9 &amp; L11</b> | <b>Development Plan &amp; Sustainable Growth</b> |  |
|----|---|-----------------------------|--|--|

Climate Change mitigation and adaptation continues to be developed and delivered across Angus. Nature based Solutions are being employed in urban and rural areas via changes to the water environment and terrestrial habitats. Funding opportunities, in particular the various Nature Restoration Fund streams, are facilitating on the ground action and feasibility studies.

In addition, National Planning Framework 4 and an ongoing Council Open Space Strategy and Audit will support further Green Infrastructure interventions that address the climate and ecological crisis.

## Have Agriculture, Land Use & Forestry

| Project no. | Project detail   | SECAP ref                   | Project owner (AC)         | Progress |
|-------------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 12          | <b>Develop Local Agriculture and Sustainable Food Initiative</b> | <b>A1, A6, A8 &amp; A10</b> | <b>Vibrant Communities</b> |          |

The Regional Food and Drink Network comprises of Appetite For Angus, food growers, producers and hospitality businesses throughout the County. There is a growing demand from their Membership to address the desperate lack of infrastructure and investment in the local supply chain that will enable local food to find its way more easily and affordably into the homes of local people. There is also an increasing demand to support locally produced food and drink that supports the local economy and keeps our rural agricultural areas thriving.

Appetite for Angus secured funding for the year 22/23 and, with this funding commissioned a coordinator to improve connections between growers of varying sizes to share knowledge on regenerative agriculture and opportunities for collaboration to develop and implement changes at a local and regional level. The coordinator is also working to develop initiatives that encourage partnership working to develop the local production, processing and supply chain.

With the Good Food Nation becoming a statutory duty. Appetite for Angus and the coordinator have been working towards Angus becoming a Sustainable Food Place member. Working with Angus Council, funding is being sourced to provide the necessary resource to ensure the statutory duty is delivered and to ensure the work on developing a local agriculture and sustainable food initiative for Angus is met.

## Waste

| Project no. | Project detail  | SECAP ref          | Project owner (AC)                     | Progress |
|-------------|---|--------------------|--|----------|
| 13          | <b>Implement new kerbside collection services in line with Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), supported by the current 'Right Stuff, Right Bin' campaign</b> | <b>W1 &amp; W2</b> | <b>Waste Strategy &amp; Compliance</b> |          |

Waste services are currently carrying out an option appraisal on what a new kerbside service might look like after the DRS is launched and will be taking a report to committee when appropriate.

The Deposit Return Scheme had been due to start in August 2023, however, has now been postponed until March 2024.