

ITEM No ...6.....

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 23 APRIL 2018

REPORT ON: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO THE UN'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To propose a response to the SDG Network Scotland, which has asked the City Council to demonstrate its commitment to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Committee agree the response set out in Appendix 1.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The SDG Network Scotland has written to the Council asking us to demonstrate our commitment to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- 4.2 The Network is a coalition of individuals and organisations committed to pursuing and building awareness of the SDGs, which they say are the closest the world has come to a strategy to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and tackle climate change.
- 4.3 Scotland was amongst the first nations to sign up to the SDGs, and January 2018 marked two years since the SDGs came into force in Scotland. Over this time citizens, civil society organisations, business leaders and politicians across the country have tasked themselves to see that we implement the SDGs both domestically and internationally. Every Party Leader in the Scottish Parliament has pledged support for the SDGs and 100 of Scotland's 129 MSPs have chosen one SDG they will champion in Parliament.
- 4.4 The SDG Network has worked to pursue and build awareness of the SDGs since their adoption, including the development of a national website. They now want to work with Councils to achieve a breakthrough in sustainable development in Scotland.
- 4.5 The Network is asking the Council to demonstrate its commitment to the SDGs by setting out the specific actions which Dundee City Council is taking that contribute towards implementing the 17 goals. The response will be published in May 2018 in a report on the SDG Network website: www.globalgoals.scot.

5. THE PROPOSED RESPONSE

- 5.1 Members have recently agreed the City Plan (Dundee's Local Outcome Improvement Plan) the Council Plan (our own Corporate Plan) and a report on Sustainable Dundee. These documents include commitments under each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which have been used to produce a proposed response to the SDG Network.

- 5.2. The 17 SDGs and examples of the actions we are taking are set out in Appendix 1, and it is proposed that this be submitted to the SDG Network as Dundee City Council's response.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues - the report gives examples of where the Council's strategies will have a positive impact in these areas.

7. CONSULTATIONS

The Council Management Team was consulted in the preparation of this report and agrees with its contents.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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12 April 2018

APPENDIX 1

UN Sustainable Development Goals and Actions Being Taken by Dundee City Council to implement the goals



- *Implement Dundee's Fairness Strategy and Action Plan.*
- *Test a new model of advice on welfare benefits and budgeting to decrease the number of people affected by debt.*
- *Increase the number of Dundee organisations and businesses signed up to the Scottish Living Wage and seek to have Dundee accredited as a 'Living Wage City'.*



- Support the delivery of a 'Fun and Food' programme giving families access to free meals and activities during school holidays.
- Streamline procedures for applying for Free School Meals to maximise take-up.
- Work with Greenspace Scotland to develop a Local Food Growing Strategy and expand the number of community growing projects and support them with skills training, materials and capacity building.



- Reduce teenage pregnancy and implement a strategy on Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People.
- Improve identification and responses to children at risk of harm from parental substance misuse.
- Work with NHS Tayside and Scottish Natural Heritage to develop a Green Health Partnership, linking health care and greenspace initiatives.



- Deliver the Scottish Attainment Challenge and use Pupil Equity Funding to provide extra support to pupils with identified needs.
- Develop new and refurbished school buildings that support learning.
- Develop an 'Aspire and Achieve' project that supports young people from the most deprived areas to access and sustain college places.



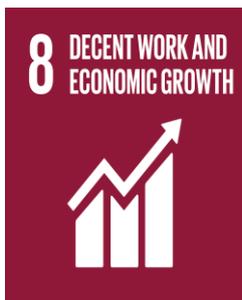
- Increase the % of employees in the top salary bands who are female.
- Work with partners on initiatives to prevent domestic abuse, target perpetrators and support victims.
- Improve a range of services that will, in practice, impact particularly on women eg expand provision of early years and childcare and improve support for carers.



- Undertake Flood protection schemes between Camperdown Dock and Dundee Airport and in Broughty Ferry.
- Work with Scottish Water to improve the city's water/sewage infrastructure.
- Undertake coastal and watercourse inspections and organise repairs and maintenance as part of our Flood Risk Management plan.



- Maximise the External Wall Insulation programme to reduce fuel bills and carbon emissions.
- Increase the number of District Heating Schemes and develop a Low Carbon District Energy Hub at the Regional Performance Centre for Sport.
- Instal photovoltaic panels on new buildings and major refurbishments (eg schools, sports centres, community buildings) where feasible.



- Develop a programme to reach, engage and provide intensive early support to those most at risk of long term unemployment, including multi-agency community hubs delivering employability support in two areas of the city.
- Develop a skills development pathway which will enable people to progress into better paid employment and tackle in-work poverty.
- Develop facilities to promote skills development eg a regional hospitality and tourism centre.



- Establish Dundee as a location for oil and gas decommissioning and renewables.
- Develop incubation facilities and affordable workspace for the creative sector.
- Develop and implement a revised Social Enterprise Action Plan for the city.



- Develop a single Equality Plan to address discrimination due to disability, race, religion, gender, LGBT or age, and the duty of socio-economic inclusion.
- Develop a single gateway to provide early support to those with a health condition or disability who are in work, off sick or recently unemployed.
- Deliver a Breakthrough Mentoring Programme for Looked After Children and ensure all looked after children have access to advocacy support.



- Build 1,000 new affordable homes over 5 years.
- Continue to develop the city's electric vehicle charging infrastructure and the Council's own fleet of electric vehicles.
- Improve neighbourhood bus services, develop a financially sustainable model of accessible transport and implement a range of 'active travel' projects which encourage people to walk, cycle or use public transport.



- Complete the roll-out of a new household recycling service which meets the Charter for Recycling and Code of Practice.
- Rationalise use of the Council's buildings, land and vehicles to achieve efficiencies and minimise our impact on the environment.
- Reduce energy consumption in Council buildings through measures such as SMART metering, Building Energy Management systems and behavioural changes, and expand the use of LED streetlighting.



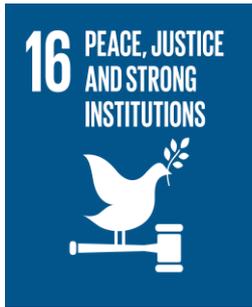
- Publish a Strategic Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, designed to deliver sustained reduction in CO₂ emissions, and undertake a Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Assessment.
- Deliver a range of projects promoting low carbon fuels, including expanding the % of electric vehicles in the city.
- Implement the most appropriate option from the National Low Emission Framework to improve air quality.



- Contribute to maintaining the water quality of the River Tay, which supports a wide range of internationally recognised habitats.
- Continue to maintain the wildlife corridor of the Dighty Burn, which promotes habitat continuity and supports conservation.
- Maintain the Beach Award for Broughty Ferry beach, working in partnership with the Community Council, SEPA, Port Authority, Scottish Water and Scottish Natural Heritage to manage the beach.



- Prepare a new Bio-diversity Duty Plan, with actions on sites, habitats, species and people.
- Encourage citizens to take personal and shared responsibility for the environment through the 'Take Pride In Your City' campaign.
- Complete the regeneration of Dundee Law and continue to invest in improvements to our green spaces in partnership with community groups.



- Introduce a new Community Infrastructure Fund, using the "Dundee Decides" participatory budgeting process to give local people a say in spending on local infrastructure.
- Deliver a more integrated health and social care service through Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Support Dundee's Protecting People Framework, which co-ordinates multi-agency work on child protection, vulnerable adults, violence against women, alcohol and drug misuse and racist incidents.



- Recognise Dundee Third Sector Interface - which supports social enterprises and the voluntary sector - as an equal partner in the delivery of the City Plan.
- Deliver on the follow up to Dundee Fairness Commission, with people who have personal experience of poverty working with senior civic and business leaders to make proposals around key areas of anti-poverty work, and establish a Drugs Commission on a similar model.
- Work with partners in the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee to manage the principal levers of economic growth across local government boundaries within Tayside.