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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 2020 to March 2021 will be compiled in summer 2021 and reported to Scottish Government by 30th November 2021.

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## **A. Equality and Diversity Impacts:**

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

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

### **Household Group**

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

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**

<b>Mitigating greenhouse gases:</b>	Positive
<b>Adapting to the effects of climate change:</b>	Positive

### **Resource Use**

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

### **Transport**

<b>Accessible transport provision:</b>	Positive
<b>Sustainable modes of transport:</b>	Positive

### **Natural Environment**

<b>Air, land and water quality:</b>	Positive
<b>Biodiversity:</b>	Positive
<b>Open and green spaces:</b>	Positive

### **Built Environment**

<b>Built Heritage:</b>	Positive
<b>Housing:</b>	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.