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**Document Description:**

The report informs Committee of the recent recommendations made by the UK Committee on Climate Change and action taken by the Scottish Government to amend the Scottish Climate Change Bill accordingly. It proposes setting a science-based target of working towards net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 for Dundee, in line with the Scottish Government targets and the delivery of a Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plan (SECAP).

**Intended Outcome:**

The report proposes increasing Dundee’s commitment to tackling climate change by aligning with the Scottish Government’s proposed target of achieving Net-Zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045. The draft SECAP will comprise a first tranche of actions in a pathway to Net-Zero.

**How will the proposal be monitored?:**

Monitoring of individual projects within the SECAP will be reported on a six monthly basis via PENTANA. Annual monitoring reports will be prepared for the Council’s Policy and Resources Committee outlining progress on action plan projects. For Covenant of Mayors requirements, a more in-depth report will be prepared every two years accompanied by a monitoring emissions inventory using latest data available. This will monitor every action for progress and evaluate the quantifiable reductions in carbon emissions where possible.

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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:**

There are no anticipated impacts on equality and diversity.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

Mitigating actions are not required.

**Is the proposal subject to a full EQIA? :** No

There are 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

**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:**  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 within the SECAP 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 mitigating actions are 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?**

Screening determined that the SECAP was likely to have significant environmental effects and as a consequence an environmental assessment was necessary. An Environmental report has been prepared and will be submitted to the Consultation Authorities when the SECAP is presented for public consultation.

**Proposed Mitigating Actions:**

In accordance with Schedule 3 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, mitigation measures to prevent, reduce and fully as possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment of implementing the SECAP have been considered and outlined in the Environmental Report.

**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:**

No mitigating actions are required.