

Council priorities include net zero

75. The Scottish Parliament has set a target of becoming net zero by 2045 and the public sector in Scotland has a key role to play in ensuring these targets are met and in adapting to the impacts of climate change.

76. Public bodies in Scotland are 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 2022.

77. The Council Executive has overall responsibility for ensuring the council's compliance with the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and is responsible for the approval of all climate change strategies, policies, action plans and monitoring reports. The Environment and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (PDSP) is comprised of elected members who develop new policies for the council and review existing policies to identify where changes are required.

78. The council reported progress against the targets set and a review in 2024 will consider the targets set as part of wider refresh of the Climate Change Strategy.