

EX68. Review of How the Climate is Changing in the Falkirk Area and Actions in Place to Adapt

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services providing an update on how the climate was changing in the Falkirk area and development of a strategy on how the Council could adapt services and spaces to ensure that the area remained a pleasant place to live, work and visit.

The Corporate Sustainability Working Group agreed to focus on development of an up to date Local Climate Impact Profile (LCLIP). This would be a comprehensive analysis of weather trends within the area and would be used to inform the development of adaptation strategies and climate risk assessments. Upon completion of the LCLIP and in line with its findings, the Climate Change team would determine areas of potential risk in the form of service area climate impact assessments. It was expected that these would become embedded within key projects going forward to mitigate detrimental impacts to service delivery.

In order to put adaptation at the forefront of shaping projects, an adaptation strategy would be developed setting out the Council's strategic approach to future proof service delivery. The strategy would complement and enhance existing key strategies within the Council such as the Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES), Local Housing Strategy (LHS), Local Development Plan (LDP), flood risk strategy and the Falkirk and Grangemouth Investment Zone.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the progress of work to develop a Local Climate Impact Profile;**
- (2) endorsed that consideration of adaptation requirements (to be highlighted in an adaptation strategy) be embedded in all Council projects & initiatives, and**
- (3) endorsed that climate change risk assessments were embedded in future service delivery provision and budget considerations.**