



## SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE TO COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 26 JANUARY 2023

Date of last meeting: 7 December 2022

### MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP

Supporting sustainable development, partner collaboration and the Ayrshire Regional approach to climate change.

### PROGRESS UPDATE

The December meeting focused on:

- Climate change adaptation, in particular the Dynamic Coasts 2 work, the need for action and how this can be taken forward in South Ayrshire. Dr Nick Everett, Policy and Advice Officer in Coastal Geomorphology from NatureScot presented to the meeting.
- The use of Place Standard with a climate lens, looking at the example of the new NHS facility and lessons for wider application locally. Alastair Kay and Emily Tweed of the NHS presented to the meeting. The tool, along with tools such as Place and Wellbeing Assessment, Climate Change Impact Assessment and Climate Literacy Training have the ability to ultimately improve the decisions made by our organisations and partnerships across a wide range of outcomes.
- The refresh of the Council Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy including Place and Wellbeing Assessment supported by the Improvement Service.
- Fleet and EV issues discussion led by Matt Wright of SAC.

### KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The Place and Wellbeing Assessment identified the need for greater collaboration, engagement and involvement by the Council with Community Planning Partners if change and progress in line with the minimum national targets is to be delivered. There is a need for the Council to set area wide, regional and scope 3 targets, and this work will require joint commitment from partners across South Ayrshire and beyond as well as engagement with the wider community. Key areas where collaboration is needed include transport, energy and food.

The Ayrshire Officers Network offers an opportunity to take forward the work of the partnership on a pan Ayrshire basis and make linkages across different partnerships and boards, supporting the delivery of the council's strategy as well as those of partner organisations. The network previously set a vision and mission, but the detail of how we resource the network to allow it to progress still needs to be tied down. A number of group members have moved on from their organisations or retired and there is a need to revisit and refresh the membership list. Partners are asked to confirm who their representatives should be going forward and revisit if and how their organisations can contribute beyond meeting attendance. Please respond by email to [community.planning@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:community.planning@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

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