

Climate Change and Sustainable Development Action Plan 2014/15

Action	Due Date	Responsible Service	Midlothian Council Corporate Climate Change Strategy objective number (where applicable)
Mainstreaming Climate Change and Sustainable Development – actions intended to improve how the Council’s functions contribute to sustainable development and address climate change			
1. Prepare sustainable development indicators for potential inclusion in future service level performance reporting.	30 September 2014	Communities and Economy	2, 4 and 5
2. Promote change to the Council template for formal reports (e.g. ‘Supporting Sustainable Development’) to address climate change, and to include SEA in the ‘Declaration Box’.	30 June 2014	Communities and Economy	2
3. Take forward essential actions in Adaptation Scotland’s “Five Steps to Managing Your Climate Risks. A Guide for Public Bodies in Scotland.”	31 March 2015	Communities and Economy	1, 2, 4 and 5
4. Prepare and submit annual statement to CoSLA under Scotland’s Climate Change Declaration.	31 March 2015 or as otherwise advised by CoSLA/SSN.	Communities and Economy	5
Sustainable Development and Climate Change Mainstreamed – selected improvement actions related to the Council’s functions			
5. Produce and publicly declare a ‘Carbon Management Plan’, with targets and time-scales, to achieve a significant reduction in greenhouse gases from end energy uses listed in Scotland’s Climate Change Declaration. *	30 June 2014	Property & Facilities Management	4
6. Ensure sustainable development requirements are reflected in the procurement strategy	31 March 2015	Finance & Integrated Service Support	4

*Council commitment as signatory to Scotland’s Climate Change Declaration. Rolled forward from 2011/12 and subsequent Sustainability Action Plans. 2012/13 Q4 and subsequent quarterly reports indicate this plan is 90% complete. Internal Audit report of February 2013 states completing this plan is a high priority.

