



## **ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **QUARTERLY CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE**

#### **REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION**

#### **A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to present to the Panel the latest quarterly climate change update and to provide an update on work undertaken to meet the actions in the Climate Change Strategy.

#### **B. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Panel:

1. Notes the content of the report, and;
2. Notes the attached quarterly performance update on progress against Climate Change Strategy actions.

#### **C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

<b>I Council Values</b>	Open, Honest and Accountable; Collaborate, Inclusive and Adaptive.
<b>II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)</b>	<p>The council is legally bound to comply with duties for public sector bodies within the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. The duties require that the council must, in exercising its functions, act:</p> <p>(a) in the way best calculated to contribute to the delivery of the targets set in or under Part 1 of the Act;</p> <p>(b) in the way best calculated to help deliver any programme laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 53;</p> <p>(c) in a way that it considers is most sustainable.</p> <p>The report does not raise any equality issues.</p>
<b>III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers</b>	None
<b>IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators</b>	Progress on Climate Change Strategy actions will positively contribute to meeting target for P:CMP001_9b.1 Carbon Footprint - Total annual carbon emissions (tonnes CO2e).

<b>V</b>	<b>Relevance to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan</b>	The activities undertaken in relation to climate change support the objectives of the net-zero pillar of the LOIP.
<b>VI</b>	<b>Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)</b>	The climate emergency response and achieving net-zero will require significant financial support, particularly capital investment, as well as staff resource from services across the council. Potential for emissions reduction projects to also contribute to revenue savings.
<b>VII</b>	<b>Consideration at PDSP</b>	This is the first consideration at PDSP. Previous updates have been provided on a quarterly basis.
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Other consultations</b>	None.

## **D. TERMS OF REPORT**

### **D.1 Background**

This quarterly climate change update sits against a background of political change and provides updates on the potential implications for the council's climate change work. Additional updates are provided on progress against the actions in the council's Climate Change Strategy, as well as updates on the Nature Emergency, Climate Action Towns and West Lothian Climate Action Hub.

### **D.2 Recent Announcements**

The recent announcement in relation to the removal of the interim climate change target for 2030 and other associated changes are likely to have an impact on the council's current targets and approach as set out in the Climate Change Strategy 2021-2028. It is hoped that clarity will be provided in the Scottish Government's new Climate Change Plan which is now due to be published by March 2025 at the latest. Without this it is not possible to fully understand the expected delivery framework in which the council's climate actions sits.

While the reasons for removing the 2030 target are understood following the Climate Change Committee report making it clear it was now unachievable, there is a clear impact on the council's own objectives. The council's current targets as set out in the Climate Change Strategy align with the Scottish Government's previously stated objectives of 75% reduction by 2030 and net-zero by 2045. The rationale for this alignment was an understanding that there were a number of policy and strategy decisions that were required at a Scottish and UK level to support the council's own activities. While it is now clear that the 2045 net-zero target will be retained, it has been suggested that new interim targets will be set at a national level and therefore consideration may need to be given to re-aligning the council's targets where appropriate.

The policy package announced by the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy at the same time as the changes to the 2030 target are generally welcomed, particularly in relation to land use and transport which are two areas where progress has been challenging in previous years. It is noted, however, that while there is reference in the announcement to a review of the Scottish Government staffing required

to deliver the required policy package, it is unclear what additional burden will be placed on the public sector in the delivery of these policy objectives and what additional resources will be provided to local authorities and others to support them. There are also other potential implications in relation to non-domestic rates and carbon taxes for large estates amongst others.

### D.3 Climate Change Strategy

The Climate Change Strategy 2021-2028 is due for a mid-point review in March 2025, however the timing of this review will be subject to the publication of the national Climate Change Plan.

A full progress report on the Climate Change Strategy (CCS) actions is included in Appendix 1. The CCS is at 77% completion overall.

There are fifteen completed actions to date, four of which have been completed since the last quarterly update. These are:

**CCS2022LU1\_A:** Undertaking a Natural Capital Audit (NCA) of all West Lothian Council landholdings. Which, in association with the new Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP), will allow carbon sequestration and habitat improvement projects to be prioritised and progressed.

The NCA has been published and is available on the council's website. The information on carbon sequestration it provides will inform the CCS's mid-point review and updated Carbon Management Plan.

**CCS2022W1\_A:** The council will implement the Twin Stream Recycling Project by mid-2022 and monitor progress following this to determine impact. & **CCS2022W2\_A:** The council will implement the Zero Waste Towns Project from 2022 to 2023 and monitor progress during and after to determine impact.

The Zero Waste Towns project was amalgamated with the Twin Stream Project. These two actions are completed as reported to Environment and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on 26th March 2024.

**CCS2022T2\_A:** The council will develop a new Active Travel Plan (ATP) - the new ATP will be presented to the meeting of the PDSP.

One action has been removed from reporting as it has been superseded. That is:

**CCS2022LU3\_A:** The council will update its Supplementary and Planning Guidance that covers climate change issues, with a spatial element, as new guidance emerges from Scottish Government and to combine it with LDP2.

This action has now been superseded by the adoption of NPF4 and the formal removal of supplementary guidance.

### D.4 Nature Emergency

The Ecology and Biodiversity Team have been working with volunteers, schools and community groups on numerous tree planting projects including: 120 trees planted around Armadale Academy, 134 in Linlithgow, 400 along Whitburn Town Walk and approx. tree planted 900 in Witchcraig. The Natural Capital Assessment (NCA) of West Lothian Council landholdings is complete. Further natural capital mapping tools are

expected from NatureScot in 2026. West Lothian's draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) was circulated to stakeholders during May prior to publication later in 2024.

#### **D.5 Climate Action Towns**

The Climate Action Town Blackburn project is now complete the learning from Blackburn, and the eight other towns across Scotland has been worked into a toolkit. The toolkit allows communities at any level of climate engagement can to understand climate risks in their place and build community capacity for undertaking climate actions. The project's final report and accompanying video is available on Architecture and Design Scotland's (ADS) website. Officers involved in the project are now using the toolkit and other skills developed during the project to engage with communities across the county. Work from the project feed into Blackburn's Place Plan submitted 31 May. Officers are and ADS to organised a lessons learnt session on the 28 May to share learning from the project with a wider audience within the council.

#### **D.6 West Lothian Climate Action Network**

West Lothian Climate Action Network (WLCAN) held West Lothian Climate Gathering on 29 January at Howden Park Centre where members voted on which projects to grant funding to. WLCAN's ECO Fund was able to disbursed a total of £45,950 across 14 community organisations and small groups. Second year funding was secured with £160k from the Scottish Government for 2024/25, this included an extra £10k to go to ECO Fund projects. West Lothian Council continues to provide support by signposting organisations to WLCAN and providing advice and assistance where required.

#### **D.7 Energy Mitigations Update**

Significant progress has been made in the council's efforts to mitigate against the rising costs of energy and reduce emissions from consumption. Work to install low energy LED lighting across a range of council buildings is almost complete, with fourteen buildings already upgraded and work underway at two others. A contract award has also been issued for additional solar photovoltaic (PV) installations that are now planned to be undertaken in late summer/early autumn.

### **E. CONCLUSION**

Progress is being made with the council's internal net-zero commitments in our Climate Change Strategy, as well as progress developing community capacity to reach West Lothian wide net-zero targets. Officers will continue to monitor developments in policy context and how they will impact on the delivery of the objectives set out in the strategy and officers will include updates in future quarterly reports to the Panel.

### **F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES**

Architecture & Design Scotland - Climate Action Towns Report  
<https://www.ads.org.uk/resource/embed-climate-action-your-town>

Climate Change Committee - Progress in reducing emissions in Scotland - 2023 Report to Parliament 20 March 2024  
<https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/progress-in-reducing-emissions-in-scotland-2023-report-to-parliament/#introduction>

Climate Change Strategy - West Lothian Council 26 October 2021  
<https://coins.westlothian.gov.uk/coins/viewDoc.asp?c=e%97%9Di%91oy%8C>

West Lothian Climate Action Network

<https://sccan.scot/wlcan/about-us/>

**Appendices/Attachments:**

Appendix 1 - Climate Change Strategy Progress Report

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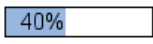


# Climate Change Strategy Actions


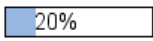


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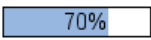






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CCS2022A1_A	<b>Action A1:</b> The draft West Lothian Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan will be updated and refreshed by March 2022 to take account of recent Scottish Government policy, and the council's 10 Services Units will be re-engaged with to correlate the original actions proposed with current budgets and operations.	Roisin McLaren		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div></div> 100%	31-Mar-2022	31-Mar-2022	19-Apr-2022	The Adaptation Action Plan was approved by council on 19 April 2022. The Adaptation Sub-group has been reconvened and is due to meet quarterly to begin prioritising the 70+ AAP actions and appoint action leads.
CCS2022A2_A	<b>Action A2:</b> The council will engage with relevant stakeholders and prepare a new ten-year West Lothian Local Biodiversity Action Plan in 2022, focusing on protecting and enhancing habitats and joining up green networks	Eirwen Hopwood		<div style="width: 90%;"><div style="width: 90%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div></div> 90%	31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024		A successful stakeholder event was held on 23rd November at Howden Park Centre. It was attended by approx. 40 people, with representation from local landowners, supporting organisations and community groups. All stakeholder consultations will be written up and shared on the council website, together with the habitat mapping report.




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CCS2022A3_A	<b>Action A3:</b> The council will seek specialist consultants help to determine the location and condition of the peatland resource in West Lothian with a view to encouraging private landowners to apply for peatland restoration grants that will aid carbon sequestration efforts.	Eirwen Hopwood			28-Jul-2028	28-Jul-2028		<p>Through surveys conducted to inform the LBAP, we have mapped and identified areas of Peatland. Work will continue to review and protect these areas through the planning system and we will seek to restoration measures where appropriate.</p> <p>Progress has been made to encourage private landowners to protect and restore peatland habitats. Council officers met with Forestry and Land Scotland to seek to secure areas of peatland within the Polkemmet woodland management plan and will be seeking to include these areas as future Local Biodiversity Sites upon assessment via TWIC.</p> <p>Progress has been made in partnership working with the Coal Authority on an area of Peatland in Bathgate with the intention of including this area into the LBS designation.</p> <p>Works on Blackmoss nature park to remove conifer trees which seed onto the bog have been completed. The removal of the trees will reduce the burden on the bog, a major risk factor identified by NatureScot in the success of restoration measures already in place. Works will continue to maintain the moss and seek to further enhance as appropriate.</p>









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CCS2022A4_A	<b>Action A4:</b> With approved funding mechanisms the council will implement the actions set out for the West Lothian area in the forthcoming Forth Estuary Local Plan District Flood Risk Management Plan 2022-28. These actions will consider the current understood impacts of climate change on flood risk, and the development of adaptation planning to manage the long-term impacts of climate change.	Roisin McLaren			30-Jun-2025	28-Jul-2028		<p>£120k per annum of capital funding is allocated to undertake actions within the Cycle 2 Local Flood Risk Management Plan (the Cycle 2 Local Plan). This funding is used to progress the general actions (such as clearance, maintenance and inspection of flood assets (trash screens, watercourses, existing formal defences), data collection (hydrometric) development planning, awareness raising, self-help) as well as specific adaptation planning study actions (such as surface water management plans, performance assessments of existing flood protection schemes, flood study updates).</p> <p>Design of the Liggat Syke Flood Protection Scheme in Broxburn (funded internally) is being developed using current pluvial data, climate change uplift allowances and current modelling techniques, to offer protection to approximately 40 properties.</p> <p>The Scottish Government has not yet confirmed funding for the proposed Bell's Burn Flood Protection Scheme in Linlithgow, which would offer protection to approximately 30 properties.</p>
CCS2022E1_A	<b>Action E1:</b> The Council will develop a Local Heat	Peter Rogers			31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2023	12-Dec-2023	West Lothian Council's First LHEES was approved by Council Executive on 12 December



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	& Energy Efficiency Strategy by 2023, building on the experiences from the work undertaken in the phase 2 pilot and in line with Scottish government guidance.							2023.
CCS2022E2_A	<b>Action E2:</b> The council will continue to invest in energy efficiency, renewable energy and other low carbon solutions to reduce our energy consumption and related emissions. We will reduce our emissions in buildings in line with the net-zero targets set out in section 3.2 of the Strategy.	Peter Rogers			31-Jul-2028	31-Jul-2028		The council continues to invest in energy efficiency and renewable technology. The solar PV installation at West Lothian Civic Centre is now complete and the contract has been awarded for the installation of systems at six more sites. Emissions from buildings will be updated as part of the Climate Change Declaration report in November 2024.
CCS2022E3_A	<b>Action E3:</b> The council will, as a minimum, achieve the standards set out in the LEIP and BB101 and will implement new standards for net-zero public buildings when introduced.	David Baird; Laura Cameron			31-Jul-2028	31-Jul-2028	28-Jul-2023	Net Zero Public Sector Building Standard published: <a href="#">Layout 1</a> ( <a href="http://scottishfuturestrust.org.uk">scottishfuturestrust.org.uk</a> )



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CCS2022E4_A	<b>Action E4:</b> The council will investigate the implementation of strict energy efficiency standards recommended in The Committee on Climate Change (CCC) report “Reducing emissions in Scotland – 2019 Progress Report to Parliament” and report our findings in 2022. The standards state that new homes must achieve ‘ultra-high’ levels of energy efficiency consistent with a space heat demand of 15–20 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /year, a figure similar to the space heating demand of a Passivhaus building.	Marjory Mackie; George Smith		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	31-Dec-2022	31-Dec-2022	06-Mar-2023	New West Lothian Design Standards for new builds incorporate all requirements. Building Standard legislation has also been updated to reflect zero emissions requirements and will be in force from 1st April 2024.
CCS2022E5_A	<b>Action E5:</b> The Council will produce a revised and updated Employers Requirements Design Guide for council Housing in 2022/23 as part of the council’s pathway to net-	Marjory Mackie; George Smith		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	31-Dec-2023	31-Dec-2023	15-Jun-2023	A full review has been completed of the current West Lothian Design Guide and this now recommended that the initial specification for the heating system should be for a system which produces zero direct emissions at the point of use or low carbon alternative. A further update to the Design Guide will be produced

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	zero.							following the report in to the feasibility of homes achieving 'ultra-high' levels of energy efficiency.
CCS2022E6_A	<b>Action E6:</b> The council will continue to implement renewable and low carbon solutions where technically and financially feasible, will investigate the potential for large scale renewable installations on council owned land and will identify opportunities for the use of new technologies such as battery technology where appropriate.	Peter Rogers		<div style="width: 50%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div></div> 50%	31-Jul-2028	31-Jul-2028		The council continues to invest in energy efficiency and renewable technology with the solar PV installation at West Lothian Civic Centre is now complete and a contract awarded for the installation of systems at six more sites.
CCS2022EMB1_A	<b>Action EMB1:</b> The council's committee report template will be revised to include explicit consideration of climate change /sustainability consultations and impacts.	Peter Rogers		<div style="width: 80%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div></div> 80%	04-Jun-2024	04-Jun-2024		The council's reporting template has been revised to include consideration of climate change and biodiversity impacts. Officers are working on accompanying guidance documents to assist report writers in filling out these sections. Guidance is due to be delivered end of Dec 2023.
CCS2022EMB2_A	<b>Action EMB2:</b> Council officers will facilitate	Peter Rogers		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4F81BD; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	28-Jul-2028	28-Jul-2028	16-Dec-2022	Climate Change Officer has attended the Carbon Trust's Train the Trainer Training and




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	elected member climate change training and awareness raising sessions. Specific web-based resources and materials will be made available							the council is now able to deliver Carbon Trust accredited training. Training options will now be reviewed and appropriate training organised.
CCS2022EMB3_A	<b>Action EMB3:</b> Corporate induction information and online learning module will be updated to reflect most recent information and specific training will be developed and delivered where required.	Roisin McLaren; Peter Rogers			31-Oct-2022	31-Oct-2022	13-Dec-2022	Climate Change corporate induction module has been approved as a mandatory induction module by HR Programme Board.
CCS2022EMB4_A	<b>Action EMB4:</b> The council will maintain Level 2 within the Scottish Government's Sustainability Framework Assessment and will update the Procurement Board on the requirements of Level 3 early in 2022 in order to agree a future position.	Tom Henderson			30-Jun-2022	30-Jun-2022	15-Aug-2022	The Procurement Service have maintained Level 2 within the Scottish Government's Sustainability Framework Assessment and provided an update to the Procurement Board regarding the requirements for Level 3. It was agreed that the council will maintain Level 2 for this quarter and provide a further update at next Procurement Board.
CCS2022EMB5_A	<b>Action EMB5:</b> Further summits involving	Susan Gordon			31-Jul-2028	31-Jul-2028		The LOIP delivery plan has now been published and there are specific actions for the Net-Zero


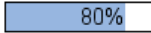

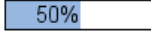
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	<p>secondary school pupils, similar to the 2019 session at Howden Park Centre, will be organised by the Community Planning Partnership to gauge the success of various forthcoming climate change related campaigns and seek further views on action.</p>							<p>Pillar. One of objectives within the plan is around increasing community resilience around climate change through educating communities, raising awareness of positive action around reducing emissions, nature-based solutions/carbon-offsetting activities and the impact they can have. Establishing a mechanism to enable CPP partners to be involved in taking forward partnership actions in relation to climate change is also part of the action plan. The first meeting of the net-zero sub group has been scheduled for May 2024 and a number of CPP Partners are involved in this. This group will focus on developing joint activity and actions around Climate Change. The June CPP Board will also have a focus on Climate Change, and the Net-Zero pillar of the LOIP more generally. This will provide an opportunity to hear from partners around the challenges they are facing around climate change, and to encourage joint discussion around solutions through partnership working, and to hear about good practice case studies to demonstrate joint working that is already going on in West Lothian. The net-zero sub group will be responsible for arranging any further summits involving young people, and this will be thread through the LOIP actions relating to community resilience around climate change.</p>



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CCS2022LU1_A	<b>Action LU1:</b> A Natural Capital Audit of all West Lothian Council landholdings will be undertaken and available by 2022. In association with the new LBAP, this will allow carbon sequestration and habitat improvement projects to be prioritised and progressed with a combination of council capital investment and external grant funding.	Eirwen Hopwood		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div></div> 100%	01-Mar-2024	01-Mar-2024	01-Mar-2024	The Natural Capital Assessment has been completed and has been published on the council's website.  <a href="https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/media/60084/West-Lothian-Natural-Capital-Assessment-Report-2023/pdf/West_Lothian_Natural_Capital_Assessment_Report_2023_FINAL_compressed.pdf">https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/media/60084/West-Lothian-Natural-Capital-Assessment-Report-2023/pdf/West_Lothian_Natural_Capital_Assessment_Report_2023_FINAL_compressed.pdf</a>
CCS2022LU2_A	<b>Action LU2:</b> The council will review its current Local Development Plan (2018) on the adoption of the National Planning Framework 4 (which will now incorporate Scottish Planning Policy) by the Scottish Government and produce a second Local Development Plan (LDP2) that will focus on sustainable development targeted on brownfield	Craig McCorrison		<div style="width: 15%;"><div style="width: 15%; background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px;"></div></div> 15%	30-Jun-2026	30-Jun-2026		The Development Plan Scheme was approved by Council Executive on 12 March 2024. This sets out the revised timetable for LDP 2.



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	sites close to public transport routes and hubs over new green field land releases.							
CCS2022LU3_A	<b>Action LU3:</b> The council will update its Supplementary and Planning Guidance that covers climate change issues, with a spatial element, as new guidance emerges from Scottish Government and to combine it with LDP2.	Craig McCorrison		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	28-Jul-2028	28-Jul-2028	07-May-2024	This has now been superseded by the adoption of NPF4 and the formal removal of supplementary guidance.
CCS2022LU4_A	<b>Action LU4:</b> The council will continue to work with GAT & E&LGT on progressing woodland creation and management, alongside habitat restoration, on public landholdings across West Lothian and seek to secure external grant funding to allow the continuation of a programme of new sites as part of expanding the West Lothian Climate	Eirwen Hopwood		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	28-Jul-2028	28-Jul-2028	04-May-2023	The fourth and final planned wee forest was planted in March 2023.




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	Forest.							
CCS2022LU5_A	<b>Action LU5:</b> The council will explore voluntary developers' contributions to offset carbon emissions from developments site and support tree planting on council owned sites and landholdings that contribute towards the West Lothian Climate Forest and carbon sequestration.	Craig McCorrison		<div style="width: 15%;"><div style="width: 15%;"></div></div> 15%	28-Jul-2028	28-Jul-2028		Discussions are currently ongoing to determine the powers of Planning to enact all of the aspirations of NPF4. It may not be possible for voluntary developer contributions to be used in this way. Work on this will be progressed as part of new LDP, the next step of which is the Evidence Report due December 2024.
CCS2022T1_A	<b>Action T1:</b> The Council will continue its work with partners to develop road and passenger transport infrastructure to reduce car use through mechanisms such as the Edinburgh City Region Deal and Bus Partnership Funds.	Gordon Brown		<div style="width: 10%;"><div style="width: 10%;"></div></div> 10%	31-Jul-2028	31-Jul-2028		Several areas of intervention were identified and submitted to Transport Scotland for review however the Bus Partnership fund has been paused by the Scottish Government for 2024/25, no further work is expected within this financial year.
CCS2022T2_A	<b>Action T2:</b> The council will develop a new ATP for the period 2022 - 2027 to replace the existing ATP, involving relevant	Gordon Brown		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	04-Jun-2024	04-Jun-2024	09-May-2024	ATP was issued to stakeholders for comment during May 2024 prior to conclusion and presentation to E&S PDSP.

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	stakeholders in drawing up its objectives. It will seek to continue to design and implement priority active travel schemes arising from the new strategy using the council's capital programme as well as externals funding. Non-physical measures will also be pursued.							
CCS2022T3_A	<b>Action T3:</b> The council will develop a new Passenger Transport Strategy to replace the existing strategy involving relevant stakeholders in drawing up its objectives ensuring that it continues to provide sustainable and affordable public transport options.	Nicola Gill			31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024		Report expected to be presented to E&S PDSP in June 2024.
CCS2022T4_A	<b>Action T4:</b> The council will continue to develop the West Lothian Bus Alliance in partnership with its members outlining climate action as a core	Nicola Gill			31-Dec-2024	31-Dec-2024		Report submitted to transport Scotland however the bus partnership fund has been paused for financial year 2024/25 by the Scottish Government. No further work expected in 2024/25.

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	priority while also prioritising reducing inequalities, helping to deliver inclusive economic growth, and improving the health and wellbeing of local communities.							
CCS2022T5_A	<b>Action T5:</b> A short term working group has been established from services across the council. The working group will develop a clear and joined up asset management plan which will consider, amongst other issues, the timing and financial impact of fleet replacement, infrastructure requirements and the impacts on service delivery. The group will report early in 2022	Gordon Brown		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	31-Mar-2022	31-Mar-2022	06-Apr-2022	Group has met on several occasions and report has been presented to EMT on future fleet requirements.
CCS2022T6_A	Action T6: The council will continue to signpost individuals and organisations to relevant funding to support the	Peter Rogers		<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 10px; width: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	31-Oct-2023	31-Oct-2023	17-Oct-2023	EV Infrastructure Plan was approved by Council Executive on 17 October 2023.

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	move to electric vehicles and will work with Transport Scotland and others to develop an EV Infrastructure plan for West Lothian which will be published in summer 2022. As part of this plan, the council will consider the introduction of tariffs for EV charging.							
CCS2022W1_A	Action W1: The council will implement the Twin Stream Recycling Project by mid-2022 and monitor progress following this to determine impact	David Cullen; David Maule		 100%	26-Mar-2024	26-Mar-2024	26-Mar-2024	<p>Action completed as reported to Environment and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on 26th March 2024.</p> <p>Linlithgow Bridge and Armadale (West of the Cross) were chosen as pilot areas for the council's waste contamination strategy. The aims of the strategy are to increase recycling and to avoid additional processing and disposal costs. Intensive work in the pilot areas began on 18 October 2023 regarding the tagging and rejection of contaminated bins. Contamination continues to be monitored and recorded on the in-cab system and letters sent to householders. The pilot ran to March 2024 and the outcomes were reported to the Environment PDSP. Despite the challenges outlined in the report, the Recycle for West</p>

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								<p>Lothian campaign has clearly delivered the expected behaviour change within the Armadale and Linlithgow Bridge areas. To build upon the success of the campaign to date, it is proposed that the campaign is continued. The continuation of the campaign will be two-fold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted engagement and reviews will take place on a rotational basis across West Lothian in order to drive an increase in recycling rates across the entire area.</li> <li>Front-line operatives will be encouraged to check and tag bins as appropriate, in line with current policy.</li> </ul>
CCS2022W2_A	<b>Action W2:</b> The council will implement the Zero Waste Towns Project from 2022 to 2023 and monitor progress during and after to determine impact.	David Cullen; David Maule		<div style="background-color: #4f81bd; color: white; padding: 2px;">100%</div>	26-Mar-2024	26-Mar-2024	22-Apr-2024	<p>Action complete as reported to Environment and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on 26th March 2024.</p> <p>The Zero Waste Towns project has been amalgamated with the Twin Stream Project. As above, activities were carried out in the Linlithgow Bridge and Armadale areas in through to March 24 to support the reduction of contamination.</p>