

Report To: Safe, Sustainable Communities
Committee

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Report By: Corporate Director, Regeneration and
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Subject: Green Charter Action Plan

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Green Charter Action Plan, attached as an Appendix, for approval and request permission to submit future updates on progress against the Plan to the Green Charter and Environment Group. APPENDIX

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Council devised its Green Charter in October 2008.
- 2.2 In November 2008, the Green Charter Officer/Member Working Group was created to oversee the implementation of the Charter.
- 2.3 The Green Charter Action Plan is presented for Members' approval.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a. approves the Green Charter Action Plan; and
 - b. agree that future progress reports against the Plan be remitted to the Green Charter and Environment Group.

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Head of Regeneration and Planning

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In October 2008, Members approved the Council's first Green Charter and associated governance arrangements.
- 4.2 A Green Charter Officer/Member Working Group was set up to oversee the implementation of the Charter and, at its meeting on 24 June 2009, the Group agreed to also act as the Delivery Group for Single Outcome Agreement Outcome 8: Environment. In light of its dual role, the Group was later renamed the Green Charter and Environment Group.
- 4.3 Chaired by the SOA 8 Outcome Lead, an SOA 8 Sub-Group was created in March this year to develop, monitor, evaluate and report on the SOA Environment Delivery Plan. The Green Charter Action Plan is an action included within the SOA Environment Delivery Plan.
- 4.4 It is proposed that future reports on progress against the Green Charter Action Plan are presented to the Green Charter and Environment Group on a six-monthly basis.

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5. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Green Charter budget is £50,000 and spend will be contained within this figure.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The promotion of environmental initiatives is a priority of the Community Plan 2008/18, the Single Outcome Agreement 2009/11 within Outcome 8: Environment and the Corporate Plan 2007/11 within Strategic Outcome 3: Safe, Sustainable Communities.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Finance Services have been consulted regarding the content of this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Green Charter Action Plan is presented for Members' approval with the request that future updates on progress against the Plan be submitted to the Green Charter and Environment Group.

GREEN CHARTER ACTION PLAN

Project/ Improvement Action	Key Performance Measures	Lead Officer	Timescale	Progress made July 2010
Wee Green Charter Grants for Community Groups – to support environmental improvements or activities that encourage wildlife, support biodiversity, reduce energy use and waste and support sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiative publicised in August 2010 • 100% of grant funding distributed by 31 December 2010 • All grant-funded works completed by 31 January 2011 • All grant-funded works reported on by 31 March 2011 	Head of Regeneration and Planning	31 March 2011	New initiative for 2010/11
Wee Green Charter Grants for Schools - to support educational establishments to implement their Green Charters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiative publicised in September 2010 • 100% of grant funding distributed by 31 October 2010 • All grant-funded works completed by 28 February 2011 • All grant-funded works reported on by 31 March 2011 	Head of Regeneration and Planning	31 March 2011	New initiative for 2010/11
Lower Clyde Greenspace – Green Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement of partner involvement secured • Funding for project identified • Publicity arranged to encourage involvement in 	Head of Regeneration and Planning	2010/11	New initiative for 2010/11

Project/ Improvement Action	Key Performance Measures	Lead Officer	Timescale	Progress made July 2010
	<p>the Green Gym events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Green Gym days held by 31 March 2011 • 200 Green Gym volunteer days held by 31 March 2011 			
Lower Clyde Greenspace – Wemyss Bay Woodland Local Nature Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management committee established • 4 management committee meetings held per year • Feasibility assessment finalised for continued community involvement in the Woods 	Head of Regeneration and Planning	Ongoing	On 4 May 2010, the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee remitted Officers to undertake the necessary steps to formally declare Wemyss Bay Woodland as a Local Nature Reserve
Council Tax Energy Efficiency Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity opportunities arranged to raise awareness of and encourage participation in the Scheme • Monitoring meetings held with the Council's energy partner • Interim report on the Scheme submitted as part of the Scottish Climate Change Declaration Year 3 Return • Scottish Government's reporting requirements on the Scheme are complied with, when they are confirmed 	Head of Regeneration and Planning	2010/12	New Scheme for 2010/11

Project/ Improvement Action	Key Performance Measures	Lead Officer	Timescale	Progress made July 2010
Scottish Climate Change Declaration Annual Return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Return submitted to the Sustainable Scotland Network 	Head of Regeneration and Planning	Autumn 2010	Year 2 return submitted in September 2009
Cleaner, Greener, Safer and Stronger Winter Campaign 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written content for promotional material devised Leaflet design finalised Publicity opportunities arranged 50% increase in information sessions to promote the Campaign, from a 2009 baseline 	Head of Regeneration and Planning	September-December 2010	During the 2009 Campaign, more than 11,500 leaflets were distributed and 4 information sessions were held
Public sector duties of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of the public sector duties published by the Scottish Government in January 2011 Appropriate action taken to meet our public sector duties under the Act 	Head of Regeneration and Planning	January 2011 onwards	The Council took part in the Scottish Government's pre-consultation workshop on public bodies' climate change duties on 24 March 2010
Keep Scotland Beautiful's National Spring Clean Campaign 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council support is publicised for schools and community groups organising community clean-ups as part of National Spring Clean 2011 2.5% increase in local people who took part in National Spring Clean 2010 	Head of Regeneration and Planning	March-May 2011	<p>712 local residents took action to support National Spring Clean 2010</p> <p>14 positive media articles appeared in the local press regarding the 2010 Campaign</p>