

This document contains screenshots of relevant areas of the climate change report to be submitted to Scottish Government via the Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN). It excludes any sections left blank because it is not relevant to our reporting. This format was requested at the pre-IJB meeting for ease of reading. For the full excel report please contact the report author.

## Public Sector Report on Compliance with Climate Change Duties 2023 Template

### PART 1 Profile of Reporting Body

**1a Name of reporting body**

Provide the name of the listed body (the "body") which prepared this report.

Aberdeen City IJB

**1b Type of body**

Select from the options below

Integration Joint Boards

**1c Highest number of full-time equivalent staff in the body during the report year**

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**THIS MUST BE COMPLETED**

**1e Overall budget of the body**

Specify approximate £/annum for the report year.

Budget	Budget Comments
£379,663,186	

**1f Report type**

Specify the report year type

Report type	Report year comments
Financial	2022-23

**THIS MUST BE COMPLETED**

**1g Context**

Provide a summary of the body's nature and functions that are relevant to climate change reporting.

In line with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, Aberdeen City Council & NHS Grampian have integrated the planning & delivery of community health \* social care services for adults and older people, along with criminal justice services. The strategic planning and monitoring of these have been delegated by the Council and the Health Board to the Aberdeen City IJB, which then directs the Council and Health Board to deliver these services in line with its strategic plan and defined level of financial resources. Most services are delivered for Aberdeen City, however some services are hosted by Aberdeen City on a pan-Grampian basis, on behalf of Aberdeenshire & Moray IJBs (for example sexual health services). Further details can be found in the Aberdeen City Integration Scheme, which can be found here <https://www.aberdeencityhscp.scot/globalassets/governance/aberdeen-city--integration-scheme-april-2018.pdf>

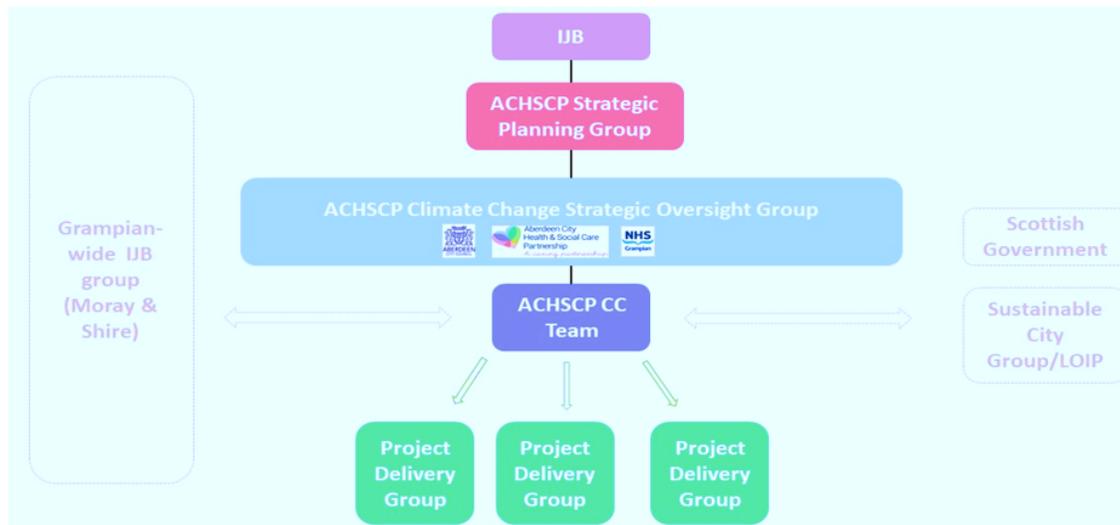
## PART 2 Governance, Management and Strategy

### Governance and management

#### 2a How is climate change governed in the body?

Provide a summary of the roles performed by the body's governance bodies and members in relation to climate change. If any of the body's activities in relation to climate change sit outside its own governance arrangements (in relation to, for example, land use, adaptation, transport, business travel, waste, information and communication technology, procurement or behaviour change), identify these activities and the governance arrangements. Provide a diagram / chart to outline the governance structure within the body.

While largely the accountability and responsibility for climate change governance in relation to the delivery of Council and Health Board services (including community health & social care) lies with the Aberdeen City IJB's partner statutory bodies - Aberdeen City Council & NHS Grampian (Please refer to their Climate Change Duty Reports for further information) we recognise the importance of climate change adaptation and mitigation and the responsibility of the IJB to contribute to the Scottish Government's net zero and adaptation goals, within its remit and scope of influence. We are committed to becoming a Net Zero organisation by 2045, and have, from late 2022 onwards, commenced a programme of work that aims to identify areas of influence within the IJB's remit, in particular in regards to Scope 3 emissions, behavioural change, and adaptation measures, as well as the reporting framework going forward; with the overall aim to ensure IJB decision-making will become climate-informed in the future. In October 2022, an ACHSCP Climate Change Strategic Oversight Group (CCSOG) was established, consisting of three ACHSCP senior responsible officers (SRO), covering the area of (1) Strategy & Transformation (2) Business & Resilience (3) Commissioning; the Head of Sustainability, Compliance and Risk from NHS Grampian, and the Sustainability Manager and Climate and Environment Policy Manager from Aberdeen City Council. The oversight group will oversee the project of work and sponsor individual projects. The governance and management structure is outlined below. A key focus of the project is to collaborate closely with other IJBs across the Grampian region (Moray IJB and Aberdeenshire IJB). The Terms of Reference of the CCSOG will be reviewed annually. Within the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership's governance structure, the CCSOG is a sub-committee of the Strategic Planning Group.

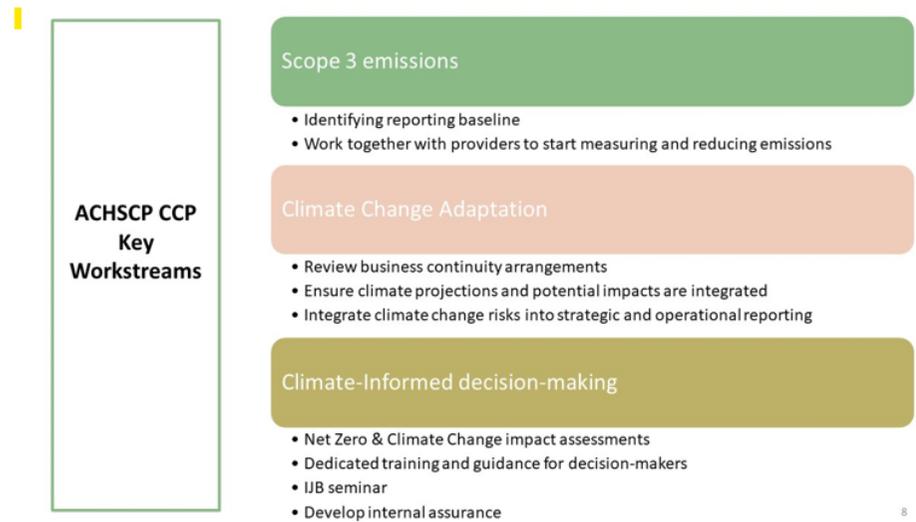


**2b How is climate change action managed and embedded in the body?**

Provide a summary of how decision-making in relation to climate change action by the body is managed and how responsibility is allocated to the body's senior staff, departmental heads etc. If any such decision-making sits outside the body's own governance arrangements (in relation to, for example, land use, adaptation, transport, business travel, waste, information and communication technology, procurement or behaviour change), identify how this is managed and how responsibility is allocated outside the body. Provide a diagram to show how responsibility is allocated to the body's senior staff, departmental heads etc.

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## Strategy

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**Does the body have specific climate change mitigation and adaptation objectives in its corporate plan or similar document?**

Provide a brief summary of objectives if they exist.

Wording of objective	Name of document	Document Link
Embed consideration of the impact of climate change in health and social care planning and in business continuity arrangements aiming to reduce our carbon footprint and deliver on our Net Zero emissions target	ACHSCP Strategic Plan 2022-2025	<a href="https://hsc.scot/globalassets/governance/achscp-strategi">hsc.scot/globalassets/governance/achscp-strategi</a>
Help people access support to overcome the impact of the wider determinants of health	ACHSCP Strategic Plan 2022-2025	<a href="https://hsc.scot/globalassets/governance/achscp-strategi">hsc.scot/globalassets/governance/achscp-strategi</a>

2d **Does the body have a climate change plan or strategy?**

If yes, provide the name of any such document and details of where a copy of the document may be obtained or accessed.

The Aberdeen City IJB does not currently have a climate change plan or strategy, however the recently launched programme of work plans to assess the need for a climate change strategy and plan, and if deemed suitable and required, will be developed over the coming years.

**2f What are the body's top 5 priorities for climate change governance, management and strategy for the year ahead?**

Provide a brief summary of the body's areas and activities of focus for the year ahead.

1) Further scoping areas of responsibility and design actions. 2) Integrate net zero and climate change impact sections into the Aberdeen City Intergrated Joint Board reporting, as well as those of any related committees such as the Risk, Audit and Performance Committee (RAPC), and the Clinical and Care Governance Committee (CCGC). 3) initiate efforts to integrate climate change adaptation into the ACHSCP's risk register. 4) initiate discussions regarding how the Aberdeen City IJB will align its spending plans and use of resources to contribute to Net Zero and Climate Change targets 5) assess if the ACHSCP should use the Climate Change Assessment Tool by Resource Efficient Scotland to self-assess our capability and performance in relation to climate change.

**2g Has the body used the Climate Change Assessment Tool (a) or equivalent tool to self-assess its capability / performance?**

If yes, please provide details of the key findings and resultant action taken.

(a) This refers to the tool developed by Resource Efficient Scotland for self-assessing an organisation's capability / performance in relation to climate change.

No, however see point 5 under 2f.

**Further information**

**2h Supporting information and best practice**

Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to governance, management and strategy.

The Aberdeen City IJB Climate Change Programme is still very much in its infancy and we hope to provide more comprehensive reports in future years, for the areas and remit we are responsible for.

**Targets**

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**Organisational targets**

List all of the body's targets of relevance to its climate change duties. Where applicable, targets for reducing indirect emissions of greenhouse gases, overall carbon targets and any separate land use, energy efficiency, waste, water, information and communication technology, transport, travel and heat targets should be included. Where applicable, you should also provide the body's target date for achieving zero direct emissions of greenhouse gases, or such other targets that demonstrate how the body is contributing to Scotland and achieving its emissions reduction targets.

Name of target	Type of target	Target	Units	Boundary/scope of target	Year used as baseline	Baseline figure
Net Zero Goal	Other (please specify in comments) Please select from drop-down box	Net Zero by 2045 or earlier	Please select from drop-down box Please select from drop-down box	Please select from drop-down box Please select from drop-down box	Please select from drop-down box	TBD

3da How will the body align its spending plans and use of resources to contribute to reducing emissions and delivering its emission reduction targets?

Provide any relevant supporting information that is not already included elsewhere in this report.

The planned programme of work foresees for the FY 2023-24 to assess how spending plans and use of resources can be aligned to contribute to the reduction of emissions and the delivery of our Net Zero 2045 as well as adaptation goals.

3db How will the body publish, or otherwise make available, its progress towards achieving its emissions reduction targets?

Provide any other relevant supporting information. In the event that the body wishes to refer to information already published, provide information about where the publication can be accessed.

Simply referencing this report or its availability on the SSN website is insufficient information.

Annual reporting through SSN is approved annually prior to submission through the Aberdeen City Integrated Joint Boards. All reports and decisions, unless exempt, are publicly available here <https://committees.aberdeency.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetail>

## Further information

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### Supporting information and best practice

Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to corporate emissions, targets and projects.

We are planning to identify Scope 3 emissions with organisations we commission to over the next few years; including identifying a baseline year against which to reach net zero by 2045 at the latest.

**PART 4 Adaptation - please do not include information in this part on measures that solely reduce emissions with no implications for climate adaptation. These are climate change mitigation measures.**

**Assessing and managing risk**

**4a Has the body assessed current and future climate-related risks?**

If yes, provide a reference or link to any such risk assessment(s).

Climate change risk assessment is largely covered by NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council risk assessment. Climate change risks will be integrated into the operational and strategic risk registers, as appropriate, over the next 2 financial years. Aberdeen City IJB will also work with their parent organisations NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council and their Climate Change Risk Assessments (CCRAs) to identify any links and cross-responsibilities.

**4b What arrangements does the body have in place to manage climate-related risks?**

Provide details of any climate change adaptation strategies, action plans and risk management procedures, and any climate change adaptation policies which apply across the body.

Climate change risk assessment is largely covered by NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council risk assessment. Climate change risks will be integrated into the operational and strategic risk registers, as appropriate, over the next 2 financial years. Aberdeen City IJB will also work with their parent organisations NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council and their Climate Change Risk Assessments (CCRAs) to identify any links and cross-responsibilities. The planned programme of work also foresees to review existing business continuity plans to ensure they are climate-informed.

**Taking action**

**4c What action has the body taken to adapt to climate change?**

Include details of work to increase awareness of the need to adapt to climate change and build the capacity of staff and stakeholders to assess risk and implement action. The body may wish to make reference to the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme ("the Programme").

The ACHSCP's strategic plan (2022-2025) outlines "The need to address the wider determinants of health which impact on inequity of access to health and social care services such as housing / homelessness, climate change, and cost of living concerns" and that the impacts of these determinants on current and future health inequalities requires the ACHSCP to plan to "address these and build resilience to prevent ill health and enable people to achieve fulfilling, healthier lives. We need to focus on recovery and renewal, building resilience for the future." The ACHSCP has launched a programme of work in late 2022 that will include the comprehensive integration of climate adaptation consideration into all relevant areas of responsibility and decision-making of the ACHSCP, including considerations of resource allocation/spending, commissioning of services, business continuity and civil contingency. This will be supported by a cluster of cultural/behavioural change activities that will raise the understanding of the need for climate change adaptation, as well as equipping all staff with the analytical and actioning tools required to understand and the potential impacts of climate change and how to address them through effective adaption within their remit and sphere of influence.

**4d Where applicable, what contribution has the body made to helping deliver the Programme?**

Provide any other relevant supporting information

see section 4c.

## Review, monitoring and evaluation

### 4e What arrangements does the body have in place to review current and future climate risks?

Provide details of arrangements to review current and future climate risks, for example, what timescales are in place to review the climate change risk assessments referred to in Question 4(a) and adaptation strategies, action plans, procedures and policies in Question 4(b).

Climate change risk assessment is largely covered by NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Council risk assessment. The Aberdeen City IJB is planning to integrate climate change into its operational and strategic risk registers, where appropriate, over the next 2 financial years. Further, as part of the planned work, business continuity plans will be reviewed to ensure they are climate informed, and thereby better equipped to manage climate-related risks.

### 4f What arrangements does the body have in place to monitor and evaluate the impact of the adaptation actions?

Please provide details of monitoring and evaluation criteria and adaptation indicators used to assess the effectiveness of actions detailed under Question 4(c) and Question 4(d).

Climate change adaptation and mitigation impact statements have been drafted and will be included in Aberdeen City IJB and related committee reporting from August 2023 onwards. These will be voluntary until comprehensive impact assessment tools and guidance are developed and staff are educated and trained on how to apply them within the remit of their work. It is expected that these will become an obligatory feature of all IJB reports from April 2025 onwards, or once the aforementioned efforts are completed, whichever is earlier.

## Future priorities for adaptation

### 4g What are the body's top 5 climate change adaptation priorities for the year ahead?

Provide a summary of the areas and activities of focus for the year ahead.

The priorities for the coming financial year (2023-24) will be to

(1) kick-start the Aberdeen City IJB's climate programme; (2) include climate change adaptation impact statements into IJB reports by August 2023 (3) undertake further scoping and design of activities under the aforementioned programme (4) assessing the potential to launch climate change champions across individual teams (5) initiate efforts to integrate climate change adaptation into the ACHSCP's risk register.

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### PART 5 Procurement

#### 5a How have procurement policies contributed to compliance with climate change duties?

Provide information relating to how the procurement policies of the body have contributed to its compliance with climate changes duties.

There is currently no climate change specific policies within the ACHSCP's commissioning and procurement framework, however the commissioning framework will be reviewed as part of the ACHSCP's 2022-2025 strategic plan, and supply-chain engagement is planned with external service providers to identify the counting and management of carbon emissions across commissioned services, enabling to achieve effective carbon counting as well as ensuring our Scope 3 emissions are net zero by 2045. Discussions to kick off this area of work late in the financial year were postponed due to the cost-of-living crisis impacting third sector organisations in a way which would leave them unlikely to have resource to allocate to net zero efforts.

#### 5b How has procurement activity contributed to compliance with climate change duties?

Provide information relating to how procurement activity by the body has contributed to its compliance with climate changes duties.

There is currently no climate change specific policies within the ACHSCP's commissioning and procurement framework, however the commissioning framework will be reviewed as part of the ACHSCP's 2022-2025 strategic plan, and supply-chain engagement is planned with external service providers to identify the counting and management of carbon emissions across commissioned services, enabling to achieve effective carbon counting as well as ensuring our Scope 3 emissions are net zero by 2045. Discussions to kick off this area of work late in the financial year were postponed due to the cost-of-living crisis impacting third sector organisations in a way which would leave them unlikely to have resource to allocate to net zero efforts.

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### PART 6 Validation and Declaration

#### 6a Internal validation process

Briefly describe the body's internal validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

This report was approved by the Aberdeen City IJB on 10th October 2023 and was approved by the Chief Finance Officer of the Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership, prior to submission to the Sustainable Scotland Network.

#### 6b Peer validation process

Briefly describe the body's peer validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

This report was approved by the Chief Operating Officer of the Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership, prior to submission to the Sustainable Scotland Network.

#### 6e Declaration

I confirm that the information in this report is accurate and provides a fair representation of the body's performance in relation to climate change.

Name:	Sandra MacLeod
Role in the body:	Chief Officer, ACHSCP
Date:	10/10/2023