

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 is consistent with what was previously requested by the IJB for reporting on the last financial year. For the full excel report please contact the report author.

## Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Compliance Reporting Template 2023/24 FY

Please answer all questions below with respect to the public body's reporting boundary for the reporting period.  
The information is intended to improve data coverage and inform analysis, in particular, to help identify data gaps.  
There are 3 response options:

- YES - where data is available and is reported
- NA - where a category is relevant but no data is available
- NO - the category is not relevant

Any points of clarification can be added in the comments field for the corresponding emission source(s) in Table 3b on the Emissions tab.

Category		Select from dropdown list
Owned estate	Are any buildings owned by the public body?	No
Managed services	Are building services managed on behalf of another public body that shares or leases space?	No
Leased premises - public	Are building services managed and provided by another public body?	NA
Leased premises - private	Are building services managed and provided by a private landlord?	No
Streetlighting	Are streetlights owned or operated?	No
Fleet and equipment	Are any vehicles or fossil-fueled machinery or equipment owned or leased, excludes short-term or infrequent hires?	No
Refrigerants/F-gases	Are there any air conditioning or refrigeration systems that require refrigerant gas top-ups?	No
Medical gases	Are medical gases used?	NA
Business travel - private	Do staff undertake business travel by private car?	NA
Business travel - flights	Do staff undertake any business travel by plane?	No
Homeworking	Do staff work from home - including hybrid?	NA
Supply chain	Are any goods or services purchased?	NA
Land use	Are more than 10 hectares of land owned or managed for public services provision, including for research or recreation?	No
Waste services	Is the public body responsible for collecting household or municipal waste?	No

# Public Sector Report on Compliance with Climate Change Duties 2024 Template FY

## 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**

2

**1e Overall budget of the body**

Specify approximate £/annum for the report year.

Budget

Budget Comments

£435,000,000

Budget from NHS Grampian, Aberdeen City Council, Income and Grants

**1f Report type**

Check the report year type is correct. The alternative template must be used for academic year reporting.

Reporting type

Report year comments

Financial/Calendar/Other

2023-24

**1g Context**

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

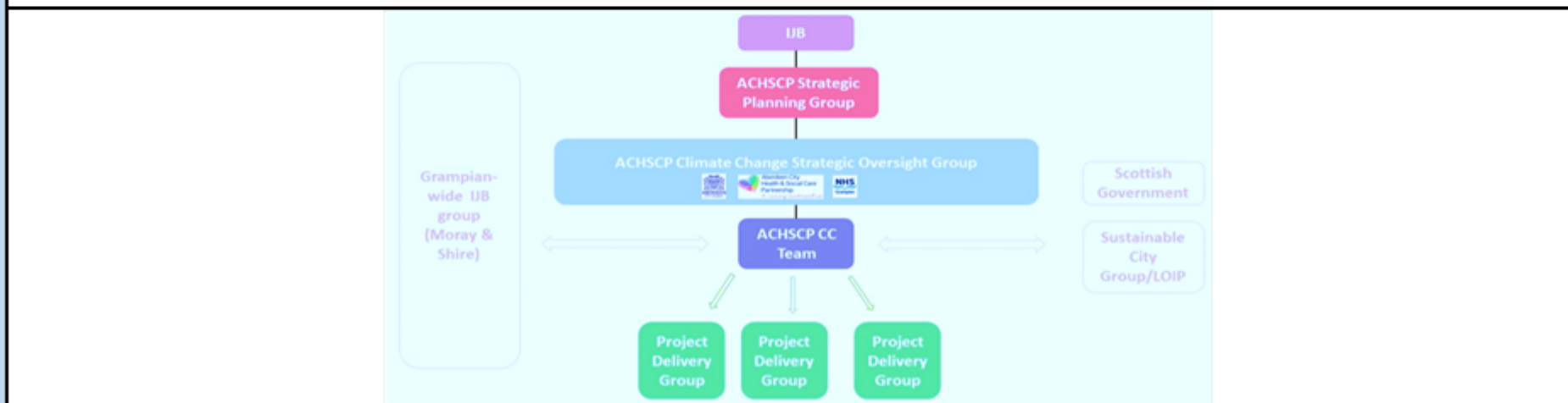
In line with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, Aberdeen City Council & NHS Grampian have integrated the planning & delivery of community health and social care services for adults and older people, along with criminal justice services. The strategic planning and monitoring of these 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.aberdeencityhsc.scot/globalassets/governance/aberdeen-city--integration-scheme-april-2018.pdf>

## 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.

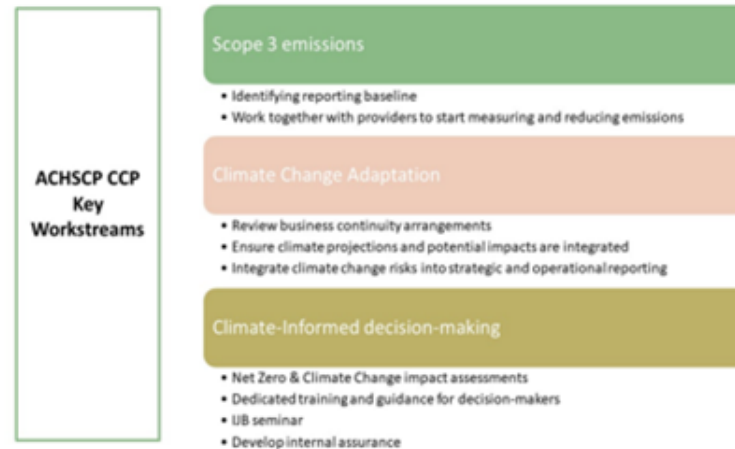
While largely the accountability and responsibility for climate change governance in relation to the delivery of Council and Health Board services (including community health & social care) lies with the Aberdeen City IJB's partner statutory bodies - Aberdeen City Council & NHS Grampian (Please refer 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. 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**

**2c 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	ACHSCP Strategic Plan 2022-2025	<a href="https://www.aberdeencityhscp.scot/globalassets/governance/achscp-strategic-plan-2022-2025-final.pdf">https://www.aberdeencityhscp.scot/globalassets/governance/achscp-strategic-plan-2022-2025-final.pdf</a>
Help people access support to overcome the	ACHSCP Strategic Plan 2022-2025	<a href="https://www.aberdeencityhscp.scot/globalassets/governance/achscp-strategic-plan-2022-2025-final.pdf">https://www.aberdeencityhscp.scot/globalassets/governance/achscp-strategic-plan-2022-2025-final.pdf</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) Further integration of 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) Continue efforts to integrate climate change adaptation into the ACHSCP's risk register. 4) Continue 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) Understand how Climate Change will be integrated into our refreshed Strategic Plan that is due to be published at the start of 2025.

**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. The Aberdeen City IJB, like other IJB's across Scotland, has had to reprioritise a large proportion of its focus towards financial sustainability initiatives given increasing financial pressures. This has meant that the progress on the Climate Change programme, like other programmes of work, have not progressed as quickly as originally anticipated to account for this. Given the financial situation is likely to continue to be challenging, we are considering how we can design our activities in such a way to account for this moving forward.

## 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 achieving its emissions reduction targets.

Name of target	Type of target	Target	Units
Net Zero Goal	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

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**.

Work is ongoing to understand how the climate change programme will contribute towards Aberdeen City IJB's strategic planning processes moving into the new Strategic Plan, due for publication at the start of 2025

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### How will the body publish, or otherwise make available, it's 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 it's 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.aberdeencity.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=516>

## 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 a**

**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 financial year. 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 financial year. 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 adaptation within their remit and sphere of influence. Further, the Partnership has taken further actions with regard to service delivery that have been climate informed. One example is the vaccination programme within Aberdeen City, with a total cost of ~£4m per year. The Partnership invested ~£300,000 per year to run a vaccination hub based within central Aberdeen - a location with high footfall and easily accessible by public transport, meaning this will have a positive impact on the climate compared to previous methods of delivery that promote car usage.

### 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 financial year. 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 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 a permanent 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 (2024-25) will be to

- (1) Consider how climate change will form part of the IJB's new Strategic Plan in 2025
- (2) Continue to include climate change adaptation impact statements into IJB reporting
- (3) Undertake further scoping and design of activities under the aforementioned programme
- (4) Review the potential to launch climate change champions across individual teams
- (5) Continue efforts to further explore how best to integrate climate change adaptation into the ACHSCP's risk assurance processes

## Further information

### 4h Supporting information and best practice

Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to adaption.

Aberdeen City IJB, like most others across Scotland, has been under consider financial pressures during the 2023-2024 financial year. This has meant that a full review of all activities has been undertaken to prioritise those that can facilitate an improvement in the financial climate. As such, a varity of activities have had to progress at a reduced pace to accommodate for these unforeseen circumstances, with this programme being one of those. Given the financial situation is likely to continue to be challenging, we are considering how we can design our activities in such a way to account for this moving forward.

## 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.

Work has commenced in collaboration with procurement teams to understand how contractual requirements and performance monitoring can take better cognisance of climate change duties moving forward. Work has also been ongoing to understand how climate change may play an impact in commissioning activities moving forward. Examples include our Commissioning Academy, a collaborative learning space for staff from across the local health and care system involved in commissioning to explore emergent themes, topics and policies related to their practice. A session on climate change is scheduled for later in the financial year to explore climate change within this context in greater detail. Further, as part of the development plan for Aberdeen City's Granite Care Consortium contract, seven workstreams are being established, with one of those groups having a focus on climate change and its impact in this context.

### 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.

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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 19th November 2024 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. The Aberdeen City Climate Change Steering Group also review the contents of this report for accuracy before submission

### 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:	Fiona Mitchell-Hill
Role in the body:	Chief Officer, ACHSCP
Date:	19/11/2024 <span style="color: red;">Date in format (dd/mm/yyyy)</span>