

Aberdeenshire Council

Integrated Impact Assessment

Local Climate Impact Assessment (LCLIP) Report 2019 - 2023

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1. Overview

This document has been generated from information entered into the Integrated Impact Assessment system.

We're updating the Council's LCLIP report. Its purpose is to develop a story for Aberdeenshire Council employees, elected members, the public and other council stakeholders, to raise awareness of the impact of weather events and the need to adapt and build resilience to these. This LCLIP report will also consolidate existing evidence to provide an evidence base for future climate change adaptation and resilience actions and provide recommendations for improving the preparedness of Aberdeenshire Council to future weather events.

If the recommendations within the LCLIP are accepted, there may be an impact on how staff operate, how services are delivered and how financial resources are used. The main purpose of this IIA is to ensure these possible impacts are highlighted.

During screening 2 of 10 questions indicated that detailed assessments were required, the screening questions and their answers are listed in the next section. This led to 1 out of 5 detailed impact assessments being completed. The assessments required are:

- Sustainability and Climate Change

In total there are 7 positive impacts as part of this activity. There are 0 negative impacts, all impacts have been mitigated.

A detailed action plan with 1 points has been provided.

This assessment has been approved by ewan.wallace@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

The remainder of this document sets out the details of all completed impact assessments.

2. Screening

Could your activity / proposal / policy cause an impact in one (or more) of the identified town centres?	No
Would this activity / proposal / policy have consequences for the health and wellbeing of the population in the affected communities?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect greenhouse gas emissions (CO2e) in the Council or community and / or the procurement, use or disposal of physical resources?	No
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the resilience to extreme weather events and/or a changing climate of Aberdeenshire Council or community?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have the potential to affect the environment, wildlife or biodiversity?	Yes
Does the activity / proposal / policy have an impact on people and / or groups with protected characteristics?	No
Is this activity / proposal / policy of strategic importance for the council?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy impact on inequality of outcome?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's rights?	No
Does this activity / proposal / policy have an impact on children / young people's wellbeing?	No

3. Impact Assessments

Children's Rights and Wellbeing	Not Required
Climate Change and Sustainability	No Negative Impacts Identified
Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty	Not Required
Health Inequalities	Not Required
Town Centre's First	Not Required

4. Sustainability and Climate Change Impact Assessment

4.1. Emissions and Resources

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Consumption of energy		Yes		
Energy efficiency		Yes		
Energy source		Yes		
Low carbon transition		Yes		
Consumption of physical resources		Yes		
Waste and circularity		Yes		
Circular economy transition		Yes		
Economic and social transition		Yes		

4.2. Biodiversity and Resilience

Indicator	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Unknown
Quality of environment	Yes			
Quantity of environment	Yes			
Wildlife and biodiversity	Yes			
Infrastructure resilience	Yes			
Council resilience	Yes			
Community resilience	Yes			
Adaptation	Yes			

4.3. Positive Impacts

Impact Area	Impact
Adaptation	The purpose of the recommendations is to adapt to a changing climate and increase the Council's resilience to extreme weather events.
Council resilience	The purpose of the recommendations is to adapt to a changing climate and increase the Council's resilience to extreme weather events.
Infrastructure resilience	The purpose of the recommendations is to adapt to a changing climate and increase the Council's resilience to extreme weather events. This includes increasing the resilience of infrastructure to climate change and weather.
Quality of environment	The purpose of the recommendations is to adapt to a changing climate and increase the Council's resilience to extreme weather events. This includes the protection of the natural environment.
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Impact Area	Impact
Community resilience	The purpose of the recommendations is to adapt to a changing climate and increase the Council's resilience to extreme weather events. This includes working with communities to increase their resilience to climate change and weather.
Wildlife and biodiversity	The purpose of the recommendations is to adapt to a changing climate and increase the Council's resilience to extreme weather events. This includes the protection of the natural environment and its wildlife and biodiversity.

4.4. Evidence

Type	Source	It says?	It Means?
Internal Data	Bellwin Reports	Lists the damage caused by storms and high winds with the financial costs of responding to and repairing these.	This is evidence of the damage caused to buildings, infrastructure, etc by extreme weather and the need to adapt and build resilience to this.
Internal Consultation	Rangers Service Reports on damage caused by extreme weather events	Identifies the damage to the natural environment and local wildlife and biodiversity due to extreme weather	Provides evidence that action is required to protect the quality and quantity our natural environment including its wildlife and biodiversity and build its resilience to weather.
Internal Consultation	Questionnaire and interviews with employees	All employees stated their service had been impacted by extreme weather events, including impacts on service delivery and an increase in demand for services	Provides evidence of the impact of weather on the Council and services and the need to adapt and build resilience.
Internal Consultation	Community Risk and Resilience Team interview	Communities have been impacted negatively by a changing climate and weather events and have a desire to work with the council and other services to adapt and build their resilience.	Provides evidence of the impact of extreme weather on communities and the need for action to help them adapt and increase resilience.
External Data	Adaptation Scotland	The previous and predicted impact of climate change and extreme weather events to communities, businesses and the environment of Scotland.	Provides evidence of the need to adapt and increase resilience

4.5. Overall Outcome

No Negative Impacts Identified.

The purpose of this report is to provide evidence of the negative impact of extreme weather

events and provide recommendations to decrease these impacts. These recommendations have been assessed by the Sustainability and Climate Change Team and presented at Sustainability Committee and no negative impacts were identified by either.

5. Action Plan

Planned Action	Details	
<p>The recommendation's from the LCLIP will be included in the Council's Route Map Action Plan to ensure that, if they are accepted, that they are completed and their outcomes monitored.</p>	Lead Officer	Tara Murray
	Repeating Activity	No
	Planned Start	Monday April 01, 2024
	Planned Finish	Monday March 31, 2025
	Expected Outcome	That recommendations are accepted, completed and are achieve their outcomes.
	Resource Implications	None