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Does the council have a climate adaptation strategy?

Yes

If yes, is this rolled into the mitigation/Net Zero strategy or is it set out in the form of a separate/stand-alone document?

A separate adaptation strategy called Climate Ready Edinburgh, running from 2024-2030, was developed in partnership between the Council and other key stakeholders in the city. A two year Implementation Plan has also been developed to implement the strategy.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/15836/climate-ready-edinburgh-plan>

Has the council conducted a climate risk assessment?

If yes, please provide link to the document

Yes. A summary of the risk assessment is in Appendix 2 of the Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan.

If yes, was it produced using the Local Partnerships Risk Areas Matrix?

No

What sectors does the climate risk assessment cover?

The risk assessment covered the following sectors:

- Housing and the Built Environment including a range of building types and locations and risks to business
- Transport including roads and other transport infrastructure
- Health
- Natural Environment

Has the council also produced a local climate adaptation action plan with associated timeframe for implementing and reviewing the strategy?

If yes, please provide link to the document

Yes

A first two year implementation plan was developed for implementing the Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan. This runs from 2024-2026. Further two year implementation plans will be developed going forward. Link: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/36664/climate-ready-edinburgh-implementation-plan>

What measures has the council put in place to withstand the climate impacts (e.g. severe heat, flooding, coastal erosion) experienced or predicted for your area? For example, by implementing:

The actions to tackle the impacts of climate change in Edinburgh currently and in the future are listed in the Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan.

Does the council have access to all the necessary information, technical advice and support to deliver on adaptation planning and implementation?

The Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan has been developed by the Adaptation and Nature Partnership, chaired by NatureScot. The partnership is one of four thematic workstreams reporting to the Net Zero Edinburgh Leadership Board (NZELB), which is the overarching body responsible for monitoring progress in tackling the climate emergency. Actions set out in the plan will be delivered by the members of the Adaptation and Nature Partnership, alongside supporting agencies from the Net Zero Edinburgh Leadership Board, key stakeholders and other citywide organisations.

These and other public and private sector organisations in the city and internally within organisations are providing information, technical advice and support to deliver the Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan.

Has the council identified funding gaps hindering its ability to implement adaptation action planning?

Yes

Which aspects would be priorities for additional funding?

Flooding, retrofitting of buildings, green and blue infrastructure, public realm, maintenance.

Has the council identified shortfalls in its capacity, skills and experience to deliver required adaptation actions?

If yes, what is needed?

As per the answer above, these are being built as part of the partnership approach to delivering the Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan.

Is the Council aware of, and does it have the capacity to draw in, external funds for climate adaptation measures? e.g.

Yes, from various sources including UK and Scottish Government funding, external funding providers and partnerships with third sector organisations.

Did the council submit a report to ARP4?

If yes, please provide a link

No, as a public body in Scotland, the Council is required to report annually in accordance with the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015, as amended by the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 which took effect for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 April 2021. This requires that public bodies annually report on how they are meeting this duty. The most recent report for the period 2024-25 will be submitted to the Scottish Government by 30 November and will be published on the [Scottish Sustainability Network](#) website in due course.

Has the council supported the call, as articulated by the LGA, for local authorities to be given statutory duties and powers, sufficient funding and robust support to lead on climate action including adaptation? If yes, please provide link documenting this support

No