

Sustainable City Outcome Improvement Group

Meeting on Teams 1st February 2024

Present: Alison Stuart, Andy Scott, David MacKay, Daria Shapovalova, Fiona Mann, Jacqui Bell, Jillian Evans, Joanne Riach, Lenny Gibson, Paul Finch, Phil Mackie and Sinclair Laing

Apologies: Allison Swanson, David Selkirk, Sarah Irvine, Sophie Beier, Sue Lawrence

Actions:

- Meet with Poverty OIG chair to discuss ECO4 initiative
- Suggestions for refresh on SO15 (see next page)
 - re-word stretch outcome
 - new charter on raising awareness about nature
 - new charter on developing meaningful measures for the group

SCARF update

DM spoke about the ECO4 programme that has launched in Aberdeen (SCARF & ACC) with the aim of decarbonising low income households in fuel poverty. There are different routes in including GP referral for people with respiratory illness. Interventions include the installation of insulation, air source heat pumps and solar. Open to any type of housing. Funding is through energy companies through green tariffs via OFGEN and hoping for £10-12 million funding in next year. Involves other North-East local authorities.

We considered what SCG can do to help:

- Potential to bring in Moray
- Use social media to increase awareness and credibility of scheme
- Support engagement with health system to increase referrals
- Set up a new improvement project – perhaps take to the management group as alternative route would be through the poverty OIG – would need to be managed for both poverty and carbon reduction, Decided to connect with Martin Murchie. Interest from Sinclair, Daria, Alison and Joanne.
- Request for David to provide a briefing note on ECO4 and how it works
- Need to maximise income for long-term - check we are tapping into/delivering as much as we can

Useful links from Alison

- [Energy Company Obligation \(ECO4\) Guidance: Delivery | Ofgem](#)
- [Ofgem opens £20m funding round for charities and community energy groups | Scottish Housing News](#)

Reflections from project reports & Building these in to the new charters (slides attached)

Additional comments:

- Green champs – suggestion to use climate cafes for peer support/management
- Resilience – Engage more with CPA groups, record engagement opportunities as outcomes, wider aim to include personal/business/climate resilience
- Waste – no new resources, need to make more effective use of what's in the system

- Transport – challenge of using city-wide measures of impact with small ‘pathfinder’ interventions and how to scale up; opportunity of funding becoming more localised/behaviour-change focus, sharing learning of NHSG step challenge
- Nature
 - for refresh decided to keep the stretch outcome referring to % land protected for nature alongside new outcome from City Voice of views on whether open and built spaces are well-cared for; add charters on (i) improving nature-awareness and engagement among local population and (ii) developing meaningful measures for this stretch outcome / for use more widely
 - Alison offered NESCAN support with approaching existing business networks/ sustainable networks locally to push the pledge

Revised proposals for SO15 as discussed

15. 26% of Aberdeen's area will be protected for nature and 60% of citizens report they feel that buildings and open spaces are well cared for by 2026 Baseline 2021: (i) 17% (ii) 46% Source: Aberdeen City Voice Place standard Question Responsible Outcome Improvement Group: Sustainable City Group	Increasing the diversity, quality and use of the Aberdeen's green spaces by facilitating community participation in them to restore nature and increase people's satisfaction, health, and wellbeing.	15.1 Increase to 65% the proportion of citizens who feel they can regularly experience good quality natural space by 2026		Priority neighbourhoods; Prevention	Aberdeen City Council
		15.2 100 people to be socially prescribed nature by 2026 to support positive outcomes in relation to their health and wellbeing	Baseline: 0	Priority neighbourhoods; Early Intervention	NHSG
	Increasing the area of public, private and community land managed for nature, in recognition of the nature crisis and in alignment with global and national ambitions to protect 30% of land and 30% of water by 2030 (30-30-30).	15.3 At least 23 organisations across all sectors in Aberdeen pledging to manage at least 10% of their land for nature by 2024 and at least 26% by 2026		City wide organisations; Prevention	Aberdeen City Council
	Supporting and empowering communities to care for their neighbourhoods to make all feel positive and secure and support their wellbeing.	15.4 Increase by 50% the numbers of community groups delivering local environmental improvements in their neighbourhoods by 2026	Baseline data to be provided	City Wide; Prevention	NESCAN
		15.5 Improve Winter maintenance	Baseline data to be provided	Priority Neighbourhoods; Prevention	NHSG TBC
	Overarching enabling projects for this stretch outcome	15.6 Improve nature-awareness and engagement among local population	Baseline data to be provided		TBC
		15.7 Develop meaningful measures for this stretch outcome			TBC

Other links/info shared

[Climate change - draft Scottish National Adaptation Plan 3: consultation - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space](#)

[Flood Resilience in Scotland Workshop Tickets, Fri 23 Feb 2024 at 09:45 | Eventbrite](#)

Next meeting: Tuesday 12/03/2024 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Please contact Jacqui or Jillian with any agenda items.