

Sustainable City Outcome Improvement Group

Meeting on Teams 16th July 2024

Present: Alison Hannan, Alison Stuart, Allison Swanson, Andrew Baxter, Daria Shapovalova, David Mackay, Jacqui Bell, Jillian Evans, Joanna Teuton (PHS), Joanne Riach, Jon Barron, Kat Ramsay, Kevin Wright, Fiona Mann, Kat Ramsay, Martina Klubal, Olivia Theoret, Rachel Roberts, Phil Mackie, Sean Baird, Sinclair Laing, Urenna Adegbotolu.

Apologies: David Selkirk, Lenny Gibson, Martin Carle, Paul Finch, Sarah Irvine, Sophie Beier, Steven Shaw, Sue Lawrence.

Actions:

- 3 charters were approved by the group: Resilience (pending tweaks), Pledge and Emissions
- 3 require further revision and re-submission by 7th August: Waste, Cycling, Walking/wheeling
- QA meeting arranged for Social Prescribing and Community Environmental Groups – 4-5pm on Thursday 25th – contact Jacqui if you'd like an invite

1. Revised charters for group to discuss and sign off

Draft charters circulated before the meeting and discussion focussed on change ideas.

Waste:

- Behaviour change, food waste, small electrical reuse
- Need discussion offline on aim – target, consistency, level of ambition
- Suggestions for other/future change ideas - lending libraries for small electricals, lend and mend service in Central Library, incorporate CFINE tool libraries/ community tool libraries, include business waste, check not already a waste-management award, include partnership element e.g. lessons from NHS to school
- Measure for recycling behaviour change? Stick to organisational BC?
- Next steps – team to work through specific change ideas based on discussion and recirculate for SCG approval and reporting to management group on 7th Aug.

Resilience:

- Charter moved to more general environmental resilience not just flooding so clarity needed on definition of a vulnerable area? Clarify – initially focus on flood areas – also storm damage, power outage etc. FM to clarify in text
- National level interventions – show how these link in with local
- Offers of support from Sepa and NESCAN
- Completeness of persons at risk database questioned
- PARD developing in parallel
- Next steps - a few tweaks to share – everyone supportive – approved!

Pledge:

- NHSG – barriers to signing up – uncertainty in property
- Don't need to sign the pledge but can still contribute by taking action on some of commitments and raising awareness

- NESCAN offer of support
- Pt 4 linked to Richard's charter on nature awareness
- Next steps - a few tweaks to share – everyone supportive – approved!

2. New charters for group feedback

Social prescribing

Nature & Community groups: out to project team for feedback

- For both charters: QA group will be arranged to review, complete QA form and recommend to the wider group – Jillian, Sinclair, Alison H, Allison, Alison S, Jacqui, Jon and Joanne

2. Outstanding issues from revised charters considered at the last meeting (emissions, walking/wheeling, cycling)

Reducing public sector emissions

- Add active travel actions
- Revised charter approved.

Cycling

- Revised charter – case for change well-made - more needed on behaviour change
- Need more specifics on change ideas
- It would be good to have a short summary/ explanation of the people and place project in the charter
- Safety angle of cycling
- Leadership/coordination needed on city projects to encourage replication
- Meeting with Allison S to discuss comments and bring to next meeting

Walking/wheeling

- Meeting with Allison S to discuss comments
- Daily mile – explore whether anything else

4. AOB

1. City Voice – opportunity to add questions for green/community edition is about to end as that edition is planned for July/August so please submit any suggestions by Monday 22nd.
 2. Project leads please consider connecting with business/community using CPA **FORM**
 3. Is anyone planning to put their project forward for one of the awards? Tracker below
- (More detail on all in note of June meeting)

Other info:

- New fund btw on the back of the LEAF Charter from NESCAN [LEAF | NESCAN Hub](#)

Next meeting: Thurs 29/08/2024 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Please contact Jacqui or Jillian with any agenda items.

Awards Tracker

14 June 2024 – extended to 19 July	Smarter Working Live
14 June 2024 – extended to 28 June 2024	ACC Star Awards
1 July 2024	LARAC Conference and Celebration Award the only dedicated awards for waste and recycling officers
18 August 2024	Scotland's Health Awards
2 September	SURF Awards

Updated plan for submission of charters:

Continuing project – for SC group approval

New project – charter to CPA management group

13.1 Reduce public sector carbon emissions by at least 7% by 2026.	Approved
13.2 Reduce the generation of waste in Aberdeen by 8% by 2026	For SC signoff at August meeting
13.3 To have Community led resilience plans in place for the most vulnerable areas (6) in the City by 2025 and increase by 10% the % of people who know where to find information and resources to help prepare for severe weather events by 2025.	Approved (pending minor revisions)
13.4 Increase by 20 the number of teams and/or volunteers ready to mobilise in icy weather by 2025.	30 SEPT
14.1 Increase % of people who walk and wheel as one mode of travel by 5% by 2026.	For SC signoff at August meeting
14.2 Increase % of people who cycle as one mode of travel by 2% by 2026.	For SC signoff at August meeting
14.3 Reduce car kms by 5% by 2026	30 SEPT
15.1 Increase to 65% the proportion of citizens who feel they can regularly experience good quality natural space by 2026	30 SEPT
15.2 100 people to be socially prescribed nature by 2026 to support positive outcomes in relation to their health and wellbeing	29 JULY SC comments
15.3 25% of citizens report that they understand the importance of nature on both their neighbourhood and individual wellbeing by 2026	Approved
15.4 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	Approved
15.5 Increase by 50% the number of community groups delivering local environmental improvements in their neighbourhoods by 2026	29 JULY SC comments