

Climate Conversation Survey – Guidance Notes

You are being invited to complete a survey which forms part of East Dunbartonshire Council's Climate Conversation. The Conversation is the first stage in the development of a Climate Action Plan for East Dunbartonshire. Your responses to the survey will help us to identify and address key concerns and issues around climate change and other environmental pressures, which present a growing threat to our economy and way of life.

The Climate Conversation also includes online events and an opportunity to submit questions to the Council's Sustainability Team on climate change and biodiversity loss. Full details of the Climate Conversation can be found online at: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/CAP>

In December 2020, the UN Secretary General told a summit of world leaders that Governments around the world should declare a state of climate emergency until the world has reached net-zero carbon emissions. The Scottish Government declared a global climate emergency in 2019 and, in its Climate Change Strategy Update published in December 2020 [insert link: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/securing-green-recovery-path-net-zero-update-climate-change-plan-20182032/>], set an agenda for action on climate change.

The United Nations Environment Programme has assessed evidence from a range of global environmental assessments and state in their recent report, 'Making Peace with Nature' (February 2021) [insert link: <https://www.unep.org/resources/making-peace-nature>], that the serious degradation of our ecosystems is resulting in an ecological emergency, and that this and our wasteful consumption and production of energy and natural resources are linked, and are contributing to the climate emergency.

The Council approved a Sustainability and Climate Change Framework Action Plan in 2019 along with a set of 'headline commitments' on climate change in 2019:

- The Council will set a date by which we will reach net-zero emissions, including interim annual targets
- The council will report on how our spending plans and procurement activities align with our agreed emissions targets
- The Council will report annually on progress towards achieving net-zero emissions.

Further details on the Sustainability and Climate Change Framework can be found on the Council website at <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/sustainable-development>

We now intend to prepare a Climate Action Plan to expand on our existing commitments and respond to the threats posed by climate change and biodiversity loss. As part of the Plan we will set net-zero emissions targets at both the corporate level and for East Dunbartonshire as a whole, and set out actions to support delivery of these targets. The Plan will be supported by a range of other strategies including a Greenspace Strategy, Active Travel Strategy and Circular Economy Strategy, that address the wider influences that drive climate change and can help address it locally.

Further consultation on the Greenspace Strategy, Active Travel Strategy and Circular Economy Strategy will be carried out later in 2021. This will include dedicated discussions on these topics and details of engagement on each of these will be available on the Council website. Consultation responses to each will also inform the development of the Climate Action Plan, along with views received through the Climate Conversation.

The survey contains the following sections:

Awareness and Views of Climate Change

The questions in this section focus on your awareness of climate change and related environmental issues, and ask for your views on climate change and associated biodiversity loss.

Transport

Transport is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the UK as a whole and the second largest in East Dunbartonshire.

The Council's Local Transport Strategy 2020-25 (LTS) was approved and published in 2020. It sets out the Council's Transport Planning Objectives and actions to improve travel and transport across East Dunbartonshire, with a particular emphasis on improving sustainable transport. Responses to the previous consultation on the LTS will be considered alongside views expressed through this Climate Conversation and both will inform the preparation of the Council's Climate Action Plan.

Domestic Energy

Emissions from domestic energy form the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in East Dunbartonshire. Improving energy efficiency and installing renewable energy technologies are important ways to help reduce carbon emissions from homes. The Council is currently undertaking research into heat and energy efficiency, and a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy will be prepared as an integral part of the forthcoming Climate Action Plan. This will set out specific proposals to improve the energy efficiency of - and reduce emissions from - East Dunbartonshire's housing stock.

Sustainable Consumption and Production

Sustainable consumption and production is about doing more with less. The United Nations has set a goal of achieving responsible consumption and production (UN Sustainable Development Goal 12). This seeks to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, increasing resource efficiency and promoting more sustainable lifestyles.

Tackling the climate and ecological emergencies successfully depends on moving away from a linear 'throwaway society' towards the creation of a circular economy that achieves a sustainable model of consumption and production. A circular economy is essential to green economic recovery from the pandemic, helping to regenerate communities, supporting job creation and skills development as part of a sustainable economy, reducing carbon emissions and pollution, and preventing the depletion of finite resources on which our economy depends.

The Council has commenced work on the preparation of a Circular Economy Strategy that will guide the transition to a more sustainable economy in East Dunbartonshire and support the objectives of the Climate Action Plan.

The waste management sector produces around 4% of Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions, primarily as a result of landfilling waste. The Council has already made very good progress in reducing waste to landfill and has taken steps to reduce single-use plastics in its own operations. The Scottish Government is taking action in a number of areas to reduce waste, including increasing the charge for single-use carrier bags, establishment of a deposit return scheme for drinks containers and the proposed introduction of market restrictions on single-use plastic items. But a lot more remains to be done.

If you manage or are employed in a local business you are invited to complete the Climate Conversation Business Survey which can be found here: <https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/webform/climate-conversation-survey-business>

Food and Climate Change

It is estimated that the food chain contributes around 20% of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions and agriculture directly contributes 10% of emissions, with emissions from livestock alone accounting for around 57% of agricultural emissions. Agriculture is an important sector of East Dunbartonshire's economy, comprising around 41% of land use.

Growing more food locally can reduce 'food miles' and its associated carbon emissions as well as helping secure fresh, nutritious food to support health improvement. There is also strong evidence that reducing consumption of meat can make a significant contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Biodiversity and Climate Change

Cutting our emissions is the most important way to make progress towards a net-zero emissions target. However, it is unlikely we will ever be able to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions entirely without unacceptable impacts on our economy and way of life. It will therefore be necessary to 're-carbonise' our landscape and considerably increase 'carbon sinks' – ways of taking and storing carbon from the atmosphere. The Council and its partners are already working on this through, for example, restoration of peatland at Lenzie Moss and Low Moss, Bishopbriggs, and through increasing tree planting – for example through the proposed 'Clyde Climate Forest'.

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Securing a green recovery on a path to net zero: climate change plan 2018–2032 - update



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This update to Scotland's 2018-2032 Climate Change Plan sets out the Scottish Government's pathway to our new and ambitious targets set by the Climate Change Act 2019. It is a key strategic document on our green recovery from COVID-19.

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| Miniserial Foreword | <h2>Miniserial Foreword</h2> <p>When we first set out to update the 2018 Climate Change Plan, to outline the pathway to delivery of our ambitious climate change targets, we never imagined it would be published in the midst of a global pandemic. The impacts of <u>COVID-19</u> are profound; a public health, economic and social crisis. The challenges we face as a country to recover from it are unprecedented.</p> <p>In this context, it is clear that the challenge of meeting our emissions reductions targets becomes more difficult. <u>COVID-19</u> has affected every aspect of our lives, with thousands of people losing their jobs and businesses in distress; and a fundamental shift in how we live and work in our local communities, towns and cities. We are witnessing war-time levels of lending and significant pressure on budgets, especially on devolved budgets where we lack the necessary financial levers.</p> <p>Amid the enormous challenges of the global pandemic, the climate emergency has not gone away – far from it – and the Scottish Government remains absolutely committed to ending Scotland’s contribution to climate change by 2045 in a just and fair way. Indeed, it is central to our recovery. We have the opportunity to design a better future and, coming out of the pandemic, put things back together differently.</p> <p>That is why we have committed to a ‘green recovery’ from <u>COVID-19</u>, one which captures the opportunities of our just transition to net zero. That means creating green jobs, developing sustainable skills and nurturing wellbeing. This approach recognises climate change as a human rights issue and the</p> |
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| <p>3.6. Land Use, Land Use Change and Foresry</p> | <p>transition to net zero as an opportunity to tackle inequalities. It is an approach that is fundamentally important to the future prosperity of our people and planet.</p> |
| <p>Chapters 7 Agriculture - 3.7. Agriculture</p> | <p>Put simply, a green recovery is our commitment to transition to net zero emissions in a way that is just, and that delivers a thriving, sustainable economy that works for all of us. Our last two Programmes for Government have committed to delivering a Green New Deal, setting out how the investments we are making will support this holistic and fair transformation of our economy in the coming decades, leading to greater prosperity and social outcomes. This Climate Change Plan update builds on that work and sets out the actions we are taking to make this Deal a reality through our green recovery. The prize of achieving this is a better world – a more equal world, a world of greater opportunities, and a natural environment that is vibrant and diverse.</p> |
| <p>Chapter 8 Negative Emissions Technologies - 3.8. Negative Emissions Technologies</p> | <p>We have developed our approach based on the advice and contributions received from the Climate Change Committee, Just Transition Commission, Advisory Group on Economic Recovery, Climate Emergency Response Group, Scottish Science Advisory Council and the Sustainable Renewal Advisory Group.</p> |
| <p>Annex A – Policies and Proposals in the Climate Change Plan</p> | <p>This update to the 2018 Climate Change Plan sets out bold actions, which together chart our pathway to our new emissions reduction targets out to 2032. This journey will not be easy, and will need to be a truly national endeavour with business, communities, and individuals contributing fully. It will require us to be innovative, to learn as we are going and to utilise new and exciting technologies and ideas. It will also mean supporting individuals and businesses to adapt their choices and behaviours, as set out in our new Public Engagement Strategy: ‘Net Zero Nation: Draft Public Engagement Strategy for Climate Change’.</p> |
| <p>Annex B: Monitoring Framework</p> | <p>This Plan update therefore gives clear signals of where we are going, what the Scottish Government is doing to enable us to get</p> |
| <p>Annex C: Derivation of Sector Emissions Envelopes</p> | <p></p> |
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there and how others can contribute.

Looking ahead to the UN Climate Conference, COP26, that will take place in Glasgow in 2021, we are also reminded that not only do we need a truly national endeavour, we also need this spirit and commitment to be applied internationally. This plan sets out areas where we are already collaborating with our global partners; but also provides a foundation to strengthen and deepen our engagement with other countries, states and regions around the world.

Over and above the impacts of COVID-19, we are also facing the impacts of EU Exit, a set of circumstances which is not of Scotland's choosing. As we move to a new relationship, we remain committed to a deep and close partnership with the EU, its Member States and other European actors, and indeed to Scotland re-joining the bloc as an independent country. We believe this plan can support that important collaboration.

The scale of the challenge ahead, both to rebuild our economy in the wake of COVID-19, and to deliver our world-leading climate change targets, is unprecedented. However, we know the huge opportunities that a transition to a fairer, more sustainable and greener economy can bring for Scotland, including in creating green jobs and wellbeing for everyone. We are therefore determined to grasp these opportunities and transform our country for the better. This Climate Change Plan update is a vital step in this process, ahead of the next full Plan, to be completed by early 2025.

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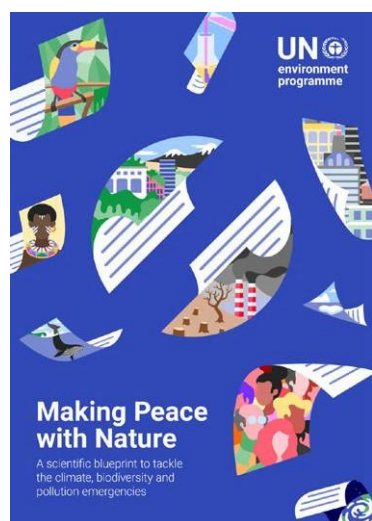
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Making Peace With Nature

Authors: UNEP

The first UNEP synthesis report is titled: *“Making Peace With Nature: A scientific blueprint to tackle the climate, biodiversity and pollution emergencies”* and is based on evidence from global environmental assessments.

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The resulting synthesis communicates how climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution can be tackled jointly within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals. The report serves to translate the current state of scientific knowledge into crisp, clear and

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digestible facts-based messages that the world can relate to and follow up on. It first provides an Earth diagnosis of current and projected human-induced environmental change, by putting facts and interlinkages in perspective, including by using smart infographics. In building on this diagnosis, the report identifies the shifts needed to close gaps between current actions and those needed to achieve sustainable development. The analysis is anchored in current economic, social and ecological reality and framed by economics and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. By synthesizing the latest scientific findings from the global environmental assessments, the report communicates the current status of the world's urgent issues and opportunities to solve them.

Ahead of the fifth [United Nations Environment Assembly \(UNEA-5\)](#), UN Secretary-General António Guterres, and Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Inger Andersen will launch the report [during an online press briefing](#) at **7:00pm EAT/ 11:00am EST/ 5:00pm CET on Thursday, 18 February 2021.**

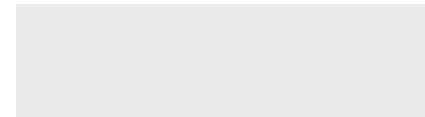


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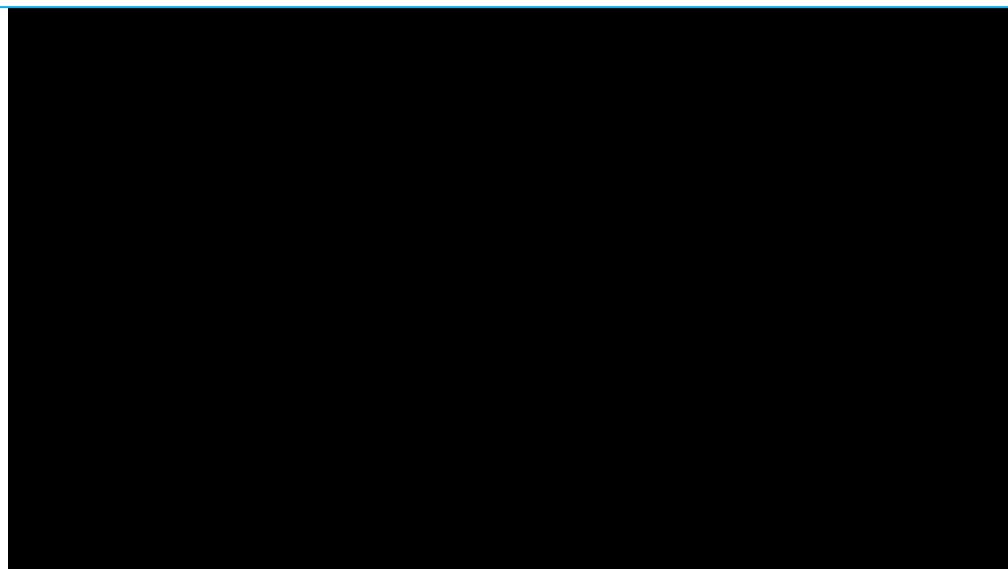
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Making Peace With Nature Video

Making Peace with Nature is the defining task of the 21st century. UNEP's new report offers a blueprint for the sustainable world we need, with practical recommendations on how to tackle the three planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution



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"Humanity is waging war on nature", warned [UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres in 2020](#), referring to how our consumption and production systems are destroying the environment.

New report provides blueprint to solve planetary emergencies and secure humanity's future

The world can transform its relationship with nature and tackle the climate, biodiversity and pollution crises together to secure a sustainable future and prevent future pandemics, according to a new report by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP)



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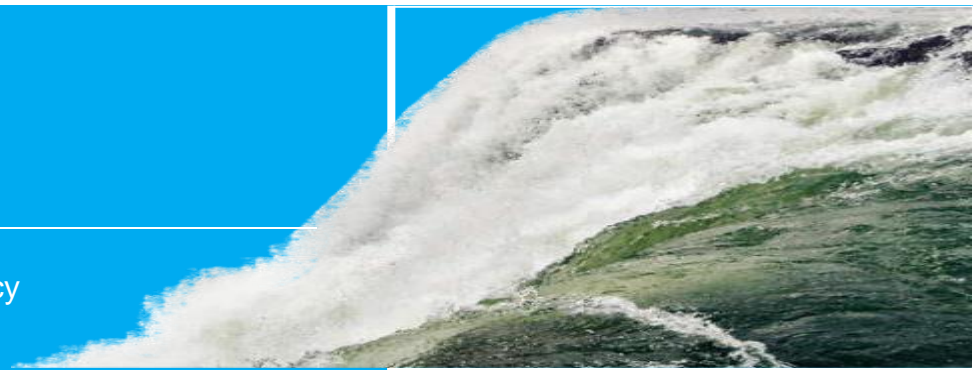
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Sustainable development

Sustainable development may sound complicated, but it's based on a simple idea: that we should meet our needs without creating negative impacts environmentally, socially or economically. Put simply, it is about living our lives in a way that looks after places, people and pockets, especially those most in need.

Sustainable development is relevant to everyone's lives and we must all do our bit and take responsibility for our own actions. The Council has produced a [Sustainability and Climate Change Framework \(SCCF\)](#) to set out a strategic approach for delivering environmental, social and economic benefits in a joined-up way, helping us to meet local, national and international obligations and offering opportunities for efficiency and cost avoidance. The SCCF was amended in 2019 to reflect key changes in the policy landscape.

The following 'headline commitments' were also agreed in 2019, to act as a steer for future work related to the SCCF:

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The SCCF replaces 'A Sustainable Development Strategy for East Dunbartonshire', which was launched in 2004. An accompanying [action plan](#), which sets out how our strategic commitments will be delivered, was approved at Special Council on 19 December 2019.

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