

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 29 October 2024

BY: Executive Director for Council Resources

SUBJECT: Cross-party Group on Climate Change and Sustainability

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Council approval to the membership of the cross-party Climate Change and Sustainability Forum.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To agree the additional change to the membership of the group to allow substitutes to attend.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In August 2023, Council agreed to establish a cross-party Climate Change and Sustainability Forum. This forum had no specific decision-making powers and is not part of the Council's formal Scheme of Administration but was intended to support political oversight on the delivery of the Council's Climate Change Strategy.
- 3.2 The membership of the group was agreed to include the following representation and is supported by members of the Council Management Team:
- Green Party Member (Chair)
 - Council Leader
 - Depute Leader
 - Cabinet Spokesperson for Housing & Property Maintenance
 - Leader of the Opposition
 - Leader of the Conservative Group

- 3.3 It is proposed that the membership will remain under review and be extended to allow substitute members to attend from relevant political groups when substantive members are unable to attend.
- 3.4 The role and remit of the group will remain under review.
- 3.5 Members will be kept updated on discussions within the forum, with any decisions on any policy areas discussed at this forum taken in the relevant Committee aligned to the Council's Scheme of Administration.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial - None
- 6.2 Personnel – None
- 6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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