

(vii) Mr D Macpherson

To the Chair of the Economy & Infrastructure Committee

When will you be in a position to produce a timetable for Members to see on the rollout of Hydrogen vehicles and Electric vehicles to replace the existing Highland Council fleet in order to meet the Council's own commitment to greatly reduce its carbon emissions as it tackles the previously agreed Climate and Ecological Emergency?

A report outlining the approach to decarbonising the light fleet was presented to Communities and Place Committee in August 2020 and agreed by Members. It can be accessed at this link:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/77419/item_12ii_developing_the_approach_to_greening_the_fleet

A further report describing the approach to decarbonising the heavy fleet was presented to Communities and Place Committee in May 2021 and agreed by Members. It includes the engagement we have with other partners and Councils. It can be accessed at this link:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/78144/12_developing_the_approach_to_decarbonising_the_large_good_vehicle_fleet

It is anticipated that the Council will meet Scottish Government targets to decarbonise its light commercial fleet by 2025, and the groundwork will be laid over the coming months to ensure that the heavy fleet can transition to zero carbon sources of fuel once that market is sufficiently mature.