

Agenda Item	8
Report No	CCC/10/26

The Highland Council

Committee: Climate Change

Date: 20 May 2026

Report Title: Performance Monitoring Report - Q4 2025/26

Report By: Assistant Chief Executive - Place

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 The report details relevant performance monitoring information for the Climate Change function as follows:-

- Contribution to the Performance Plan; and
- Service Plan Progress

1.2 The content and structure are intended to:-

- assist Member scrutiny and performance management;
- inform decision making to aid continuous improvement; and
- provide transparency and accessibility.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to **scrutinise** and **note** the service performance information.

3 Implications

3.1 **Resource** - Any resource implications are detailed in the report.

3.2 **Legal** - This report contributes to the Council's statutory duties to report performance and secure best value in terms of; Section 1(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1992, and Section 1 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, respectively.

3.3 **Risk** - There are no implications arising as a direct result of this report.

3.4 **Health and Safety (risks arising from changes to plant, equipment, process, or people)** - There are no immediate health and safety implications arising from this report.

3.5 **Gaelic** - There are no implications for Gaelic arising from this report.

4 Impacts

4.1 In Highland, all policies, strategies or service changes are subject to an integrated screening for impact for Equalities, Poverty and Human Rights, Children’s Rights and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Islands and Mainland Rural Communities, and Data Protection. Where identified as required, a full impact assessment will be undertaken.

4.2 Considering impacts is a core part of the decision-making process and needs to inform the decision-making process. When taking any decision, Members must give due regard to the findings of any assessment.

4.3 This is a monitoring and update report and therefore an impact assessment is not required.

5 Function Contribution to the Performance Plan

5.1 The following summarises performance against the Climate Change performance indicators in the Council’s Performance Plan.

5.2

Climate Change: Contribution to the Performance Plan						
Strategic Priority 3 Accessible and Sustainable Highland Homes	Period	Data	Period	Data	Target Value	Completion/ Update Date
% EES:ABS grant funding utilised CP3.02	FY 24/25	100 %	FY 25/26			annual update June

Climate Change: Contribution to the Performance Plan						
Strategic Priority 4 A Sustainable Highland Environment and Global Centre for Renewable Energy	Period	Data	Period	Data	Target Value	Completion/ Update Date
Green Hydrogen: Joint venture opportunities CP4.02	Q3 25/26	Some Slippage	Q4 25/26	On Target		
Low carbon travel & transport [LAIP and LCTT] CP4.02	Q3 25/26		Q4 25/26			Completed Q2 23/24
Progress live sustainability software to allow measuring of engagement CP4.03	Q3 25/26		Q4 25/26			Completed Q1 25/26
Council carbon emissions tonnes CO2e CP4.07/4.09	FY 24/25	34,893	FY 25/26			Annual update November
Net Zero Strategy & Fully Costed Action Plan: Report Progress CP4.07	Q3 25/26	Some Slippage	Q4 25/26	Some Slippage		
No. HC & Public EV Charger Sites CP4.07	FY 24/25	144	FY 25/26	144		Target for FY 23/24 to follow Path Finder Project
Identify income opportunities from renewable technologies CP4.08	Q3 25/26	Some Slippage	Q4 25/26	On Target		
Introduce sustainability software: live data on carbon emissions CP4.09	Q3 25/26		Q4 25/26			Completed Q1 25/26
Options appraisal for sites for energy saving interventions CP4.09	Q3 25/26	On Target	Q4 25/26	On Target		
Develop solar panel installations performance data - due to start reporting Mar 24 CP4.10	Q3 25/26	Some Slippage	Q4 25/26	Some Slippage		Target tbc
Projects assisting in reducing energy purchased - due to start reporting Q1 24/25 CP4.10	Q3 25/26	Some Slippage	Q4 25/26	No Significant Progress		
Incorporate Just Transition principles into strategic planning/Net Zero strategy CP4.11	Q3 25/26		Q4 25/26			Completed Q1 23/24

6 Service Plan Progress

6.1 The Climate Change function performance information from the revised 2023/24 Deputy Chief Executive Service Plan is shown below.

6.2

Transition to Net Zero and a climate-ready organisation Q4 25/26						
Actions PIs being Monitored in Service Plan	Period	Data	Period	Data	Target Value	Completion/Update Date
Monitor EV charging point usage monthly - start reporting Q3 23/24	Q3 25/26	On Target	Q4 25/26	On Target		Ongoing

6.4

Renewables Q4 25/26						
Actions PIs being Monitored in Service Plan	Period	Data	Period	Data	Target Value	Completion/Update Date
50% of existing renewable energy generation assets to be inspected in FY	Q3 25/26	100 %	Q4 25/26	100 %		
Implement a remote performance monitoring system for renewable assets	Q3 25/26	Some Slippage	Q4 25/26	Some Slippage		

6.5

Energy Efficiency Q4 25/26						
Actions PIs being Monitored in Service Plan	Period	Data	Period	Data	Target Value	Completion/Update Date
% EES:ABS grant funding utilised CP3.02	FY 24/25	100 %	FY 25/26		80 %	annual update June
% SSE Renewable grant utilised	FY 24/25	100 %	FY 25/26		100 %	100% by June 2024
Issue Energy Company Obligation Flex declarations	FY 24/25	276	FY 25/26			Target 40 by March 24

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Appendices: None