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Report No	CCC/17/26

The Highland Council

Committee: Climate Change

Date: 12 August 2026

Report Title: Performance Monitoring Report – Q1 2026/27

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 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	Q4 25/26	On Target	Q1 26/27	On Target		
Council carbon emissions tonnes CO2e	FY 24/25	34,893	FY 25/26			Annual update November
No. HC & Public EV Charger Sites	FY 24/25	144	FY 25/26	144		Target for FY 23/24 to follow Path Finder Project
Identify income opportunities from renewable technologies	Q4 25/26	On Target	Q1 26/27	On Target		
Undertake a detailed options appraisal of all sites to establish options for energy saving intervention and consumption reduction	Q4 25/26	On Target	Q1 26/27	Completed		Completed Q1 26/27
Develop solar panel installations performance data	Q4 25/26	Some Slippage	Q1 26/27	Some Slippage		Target tbc
Projects assisting in reducing energy purchased	Q4 25/26	On Target	Q1 26/27	On Target		

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 Q1 26/27						
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	Q4 25/26	On Target	Q1 26/27	On Target		Ongoing

6.4

Renewables Q1 26/27						
Actions PIs being Monitored in Service Plan	Period	Data	Period	Data	Target Value	Completion/Update Date
Implement a remote performance monitoring system for renewable assets	Q4 25/26	Some Slippage	Q1 26/27	Some Slippage		

6.5

Energy Efficiency Q1 26/27						
Actions PIs being Monitored in Service Plan	Period	Data	Period	Data	Target Value	Completion/Update Date
Issue Energy Company Obligation Flex declarations	FY 24/25	276	FY 25/26			Completed

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