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Circular economy forward plan

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Sustainability context – Council duties and policy

Duties*

- Emissions reduction^{1,2}
- Adaptation^{1,3}
- Biodiversity^{1,4}
- Overall ‘sustainability’¹
- Reporting⁵

Policy*

- Environmental and Climate Change Policy⁶
- Carbon Budget⁷
- Climate Change Declaration⁸
- Pollinator Action Plan⁹
- Resources and Circular Economy Commitment¹⁰

1. Scottish Government, [Climate Change \(Scotland\) Act 2009](#) (Part 4)
2. Scottish Government, [Climate Change \(Emissions Reduction Targets\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019](#)
3. Scottish Government, [Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme \(SCCAP\)](#)
4. Scottish Government, [Nature Conservation \(Scotland\) Act 2004](#)
5. Scottish Government, [The Climate Change \(Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Order 2015](#)
6. Aberdeenshire Council, [Environmental and Climate Change Policy](#) (2017)
7. Aberdeenshire Council, [Carbon Budget](#)
8. Aberdeenshire Council, [Climate Change Declaration](#)
9. Aberdeenshire Council, [Pollinator Action Plan 2019 to 2021](#)
10. Aberdeenshire Council, [Resources and Circular Economy Commitment](#)

*a selection!



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Circular economy¹ context



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Priorities²

NE potential⁴

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. Food and drink | £52m |
| 2. Remanufacture | £37m |
| 3. Construction | £286m |
| 4. Energy infrastructure | £250m |

¹ Zero Waste Scotland, [Defining the circular economy](#)

² Scottish Government, [Making Things Last: a circular economy strategy for Scotland](#)

³ Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce, [Circular North-east](#)

⁴ Zero Waste Scotland, [Circular North East Scotland](#)



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Resources and Circular Economy Commitment

*'Promote, effect and support circular economy principles and practice **internally and in our external areas of influence.**'*

Smarter purchasing

- Promote **circular purchasing** options
(sharing, reuse, leasing, circular design)
- **Support suppliers** with circular economy principles
(circular design, reuse, repair, waste reduction)
- **Avoid**, where possible, non-circular purchasing



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Aberdeenshire Council, building on its commitments in its Environmental and Climate Change Policy, recognises that it has a duty to support and lead in the transition to a circular economy, both locally and nationally. The Council will therefore strive towards greater sustainability and responsibility in the way it considers, purchases and manages physical resources, promoting and collaborating in support of a more circular economy.

To meet this commitment we will:

- Promote, effect and support circular economy principles and practice internally and in our external areas of influence such as events, contractors, partners, community and government
- Develop an Internal Resources and Circular Economy Framework to give principles, expectations and guidance to all staff and Services.

Smarter purchasing

- Promote circular purchasing options, such as sharing, reuse, leasing and purchasing of items that have been designed, manufactured or sourced with circular economy principles in mind.
- Support suppliers with circular economy principles, including [circular design](#), reuse and repair, and the reduction of unnecessary use of resources.
- Avoid, where possible, the purchase of items which do not contribute to a more circular economy and do not represent a responsible use of resources, such as some single-use limited use items.

Better resource management

- Establish reuse systems and processes that facilitate the efficient and effective internal sharing and reuse of all manner of council physical resources.
- Develop external links and arrangements, including with the third sector and community groups, to ensure that resources not needed within the council go to the most productive use possible, with deposit (recycling, landfill or burning) being the last resort.

Responsible recycling

- Ensure that verified, responsible recycling routes are used, wherever practicable, that appropriate infrastructure and guidance is provided across council premises, and that staff comply with recycling procedures.

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Better resource management

- Establish **reuse systems** and processes
- Develop **external links** and arrangements to ensure resources go to the most productive use possible

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- Responsible recycling **routes** and compliance with **procedures**



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Sensible purchasing

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Examples



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April 2019 - March 2020



- Warp-It reuse portal¹
- Furniture Reuse Consortium²
- Joint Equipment Centre³

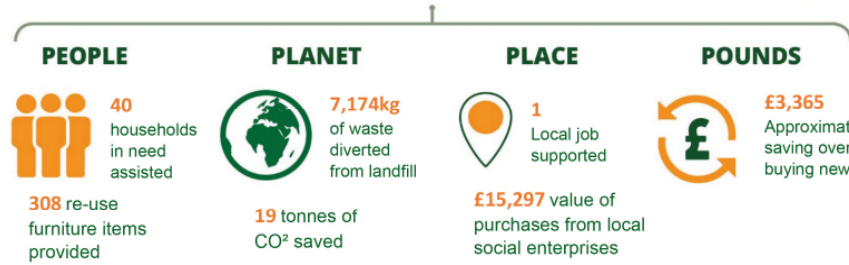
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purchases re-use furniture and furnishings through the award winning CRNS Reuse Consortium.

- ✓ Offering choice and value to households in need
- ✓ Reducing waste going to landfill and CO2 emissions
- ✓ Supporting community based social enterprises
- ✓ Creating local employment and training
- ✓ Stretching budgets and helping more people

crns.org.uk

@CommunityResourcesNetworkScotland



“Furniture for Good” is a consortium approach to provision of reuse furniture, created and led by Community Resources Network Scotland (CRNS). It changes the way that people in need are given access to the main household items to allow them to move into a home, or remain in their home.



CRNS exists to build a stronger community reuse, repair and recycling sector in Scotland that can create real social, environmental and economic benefits within our local communities. We are a charity and membership organisation, supporting over 120 community based reuse and recycling projects in Scotland.



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¹ Aberdeenshire Council, [Warp-It](#)

² CRNS, [Reuse Consortium](#)

³ Aberdeenshire Council, [Our re-use success story hidden in Inverurie](#)



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Framework

*‘Develop an internal Resources and Circular Economy Framework to give **principles, expectations and guidance** to all staff and Services’*

Work completed

- Circular North-east¹ support – summer 2020 to spring 2021
- Service engagement – key opportunities identified
- Directorate Circular Economy Leads nominated
- Kick-off workshop and key areas identified



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Framework – forward plan

- Proposed pilot projects*
- Integrating into existing workstreams
- Working groups and action plans

Directorate	Project area
Infrastructure Services	Regeneration and town centre projects
	Local materials network promoting reuse in road works
Business Services	Office Space Strategy
	Estate modernisation programme
	Hard FM
	Council plans and procedures
E&CS	Peterhead Campus
AHSCP	Extra care needs housing in Ellon
	Goods and Equipment Group

*For investigation – TBC



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**Thank you and any
questions?**

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