

REPORT TO SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – 10 NOVEMBER 2021

CARBON BUDGET UPDATE 2021-2022

1 Reason for Report/Summary

- 1.1 The report presents an update to the Sustainability Committee on Directorate Carbon Budget six monthly update progress reports that have been reported or are about to be reported to each Policy Committee covering the agreed Carbon Budget 2021-2022 set out by Aberdeenshire Council on 17 March 2021 (Item 9).

2 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Consider and comment on the Carbon Budget six monthly updates as attached in Appendices 1-4;
- 2.2 Note the ongoing responsibility of each Director to secure their reduction targets as set out in the Carbon Budget, and to report progress at six monthly to the relevant Policy Committees and to the Sustainability Committee;
- 2.3 Note that the previous requirements for each Director to develop a Carbon Reduction Plan setting out how their Directorate will reach emission reduction targets by 2030 and 2045 and present this to their relevant Policy Committees by 31 October 2021 has been incorporated into the Route Map to 2030 work which is ongoing; and
- 2.4 Note the requirement for the Director of Environment and Infrastructure Services to develop a Medium-Term Carbon Strategy, based on the four Directorate Carbon Reduction Plans, which will now be included in the Route Map to 2030 work and will be presented alongside the Carbon Budget 2022-23.

3 Purpose and Decision-Making Route

- 3.1 All Directors are required to submit six monthly updates on in-year progress in relation to the reduction targets in the Carbon Budget to their relevant Policy Committees and additionally to the Sustainability Committee following the decision of Aberdeenshire Council on 18 March 2020 (Item 10) Carbon Budget 2020-21.
- 3.2 A total Carbon Budget for 2021-2022 was set as 48,744 tonnes Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO₂e) by Aberdeenshire Council on 17 March 2021 (Item 9). At

