

# Scotland's Climate Change Declaration

## We acknowledge that:

- Climate change is occurring and human activities are having a significant negative and potentially dangerous influence
- Climate change will have far reaching effects on Scotland, impacting on our economy, society and environment
- There are significant social, economic and environmental benefits in taking action to combat and prepare for climate change
- We all in Scotland have duties and responsibilities to take action to both mitigate and adapt to climate change, and to promote the sustainable development and well-being of our local communities

## We welcome the:

- Scottish and UK Climate Change Programmes and targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Opportunity for local authorities, other agencies, businesses, community organisations and individuals to work together at a local level to respond to climate change
- Opportunity to address climate change by promoting the sustainable development of our local communities

## We commit

*Fife Council*

## From this date

*27 February 2018*

## to

- Work with the Scottish and UK Governments and with each other, to contribute to the delivery of Scotland's and the UK's Climate Change Programmes, including to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to future climate change scenarios
- Include measures to reduce greenhouse emissions in relevant strategies, plans and programmes, in line with sustainable development principles
- Assess the risks and opportunities of predicted climate change scenarios and impacts, and take action to adapt, in line with sustainable development principles
- Work with others in Fife to take action to adapt to the impact of climate change, to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions and to make public their commitment to action
- Share and promote good practice and report on achievements in climate change mitigation and adaptation

We acknowledge the increasing impact that climate change will have on our community, Scotland and other countries during the 21st Century and commit to tackling the causes and effects of a changing climate within our local area.

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