

REPORT

EIJB Climate Change Charter

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

27 April 2021

Executive Summary

1. In September 2020, Futures Committee considered the current global climate change emergency and the urgency to reduce greenhouse gas. Committee agreed to progress environmental outcomes and develop an Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) Climate Change Charter. This was introduced to the EIJB in October 2020 and welcomed.
2. A draft of the EIJB Charter was considered by Futures Committee on 2 February 2021 and referred to the EIJB.
3. The Charter sets out the EIJB's climate change commitments, proposal to establish EIJB climate change champions, a pledge of support to our Partners and changes in business practices, in order to support the attainment of the Edinburgh 2030 net zero carbon emission target.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the EIJB:

1. Agrees to adopt the draft EIJB Climate Change Charter.
2. Agrees to establish climate change champions within EIJB members.
3. Notes the intent of Futures Committee to maintain a focus on longer term environmental and climate change factors.

Directions

Direction to City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian or both organisations		
	No direction required	✓
	Issue a direction to City of Edinburgh Council	
	Issue a direction to NHS Lothian	
	Issue a direction to City of Edinburgh Council and NHS Lothian	

Report Circulation

1. The draft EIJB Climate Change Charter has been considered by Futures Committee and referred to the EIJB.

Main Report

1. On 9 September 2020, Futures Committee acknowledged that greenhouse gas emissions must be drastically reduced in order to prevent global disaster. Committee considered the international, national and local efforts to combat climate change including the Edinburgh City Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019 and the target to make Edinburgh a carbon-neutral city by 2030.
2. Futures Committee agreed to progress environmental outcomes and lead in the development of an EIJB Climate Change Charter. This was welcomed and approved at the EIJB on 27 October 2020.
3. On 2 December 2020, Futures Committee considered an initial proposition for the Climate Change Charter framework and recommended adjustments. A revised draft Charter was developed for consideration by Futures Committee on 2 February 2021. This was then further refined and circulated to member of Futures Committee. The final draft EIJB Climate Change Charter is at Appendix 1.
4. The draft Charter recognises the work of the Edinburgh Climate Commission and the development of the [Edinburgh Climate Compact](#). Both NHS Lothian and City of Edinburgh Council signed up to the Compact in December 2020.
5. The draft EIJB Charter also outlines the EIJB's commitments, pledges of support and changes to business practices which will help Edinburgh reach its net zero carbon emission target by 2030.

6. It is recognised that a common approach will be required to achieve the net zero carbon target by Edinburgh 2030. NHSL published their Sustainable Development Framework and Action Plan in December 2020. The City of Edinburgh Council is due to publish its Sustainability Strategy in June 2021. Opportunities for working with our Partners to implement these strategies will be identified.
7. It is proposed that once the draft Charter is agreed and adopted then it will be presented to the CEC Policy and Sustainability Committee and the new NHSL Planning and Performance Committee to allow linkages and a harmonised approach to be considered across the four Lothian IJBs.
8. The draft Charter commits to appointing climate change champions to support the implementation of change to culture and working practices across all areas of health and social care. It is proposed that current EIJB members Melanie Main and Martin Hill are established as the first EIJB climate change champions. In the longer term, it is envisaged that the call for champions be extended to the EHSCP staff group and wider citizens.
9. The Futures Committee intends to maintain a focus on longer term environmental and climate change factors as one of its key areas for consideration. The Futures Committee is sponsoring the development of a higher level and longer term strategic direction with particular focus on environmental protection, data sharing and technology, and innovative models of community care.

Implications for Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

Financial

10. There are no financial implications associated with endorsing the recommendations of this report.

Legal / risk implications

11. There is no identified risk associated with endorsing the recommendations of this report.

Equality and integrated impact assessment

12. There are no equality impacts associated with the development of the draft Charter.

Environment and sustainability impacts

13. As detailed in the main body of the report.

Quality of care

14. This report does not impact on quality of care.

Consultation

15. There has been no specific consultation carried out with regards to the Climate Change Charter, with development based upon discussions taking place at Futures Committee and with key EIJB members and drawing on the key characteristics in the Climate Change Compact, as indicated above.

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Background Reports

EIJB Report 27 October 2020: [Public Bodies Climate Change Return and Wider Considerations](#)

[NHS Lothian Sustainable Development Framework and Action Plan](#)

Appendices

Appendix One EIJB draft Climate Change Charter
Appendix Two References, Links and Information

Appendix 1

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Climate Change Charter

25 February 2021 (DRAFT 7)

Edinburgh's net zero target 2030

In 2019, the City of Edinburgh Council agreed an Edinburgh net-zero carbon target of 2030. The [Edinburgh Climate Commission](#) was set up to accelerate action and impact on climate change in the city, and provide independent, expert and authoritative advice to enable and support the best choices being made for Edinburgh.

In December 2020, NHS Lothian and the City of Edinburgh Council signed the [Edinburgh Climate Compact](#) undertaking to:

'Effect significant and demonstrable change in our business practices resulting in an accelerated reduction in climate emissions that contribute to Edinburgh's net-zero target.'

Our commitment

The EIJB Strategic Plan 2019-22 made a clear commitment to support the Edinburgh 2030 net-zero carbon target.

As the body responsible for strategy, planning and budget setting across a wide range of health and social care services, we will set all our plans and budgets in line with and in support of the Edinburgh Climate Compact.

In doing so the EIJB encourages NHS Lothian and the City of Edinburgh Council, their staff, partners, the voluntary sector, our residents and communities to contribute through their actions to Edinburgh's net-zero target 2030.

Our support

We will support our partners to close the gap between their projected business as usual emissions for 2030 and net-zero emissions in the key priority areas:

- **Transport and Travel**- 31% Edinburgh's emissions come from the transport sector¹
- **Housing** - 29% of emissions¹
- **Buildings** - Public and commercial buildings account for 23% of emissions¹

We will work with our NHSL, CEC and Lothian IJB partners to achieve the goals set out in the CEC's sustainability strategy, NHSL's Sustainable Development Framework and Action Plan and the Edinburgh Climate Compact. As examples, we will embed the **20 minute neighbourhood** principles in our strategic planning and decision making and require the development of sustainable models of care.

Our working practices

- We will **seek assurance** and scrutinise the implementation of our strategic plans and budgets and commissioning plans. We will also seek assurances that relevant carbon scenario planning and reports on progress take place.
- We will **show leadership** by appointing climate champions and asking NHSL and CEC to appoint climate champions to support staff and communities to make changes.
- In our public annual report, we will **report on progress** towards net zero 2030 including measurements of emissions from our partners.

Edinburgh Climate Change Charter References, links and information

- ¹ A Net Zero Carbon Roadmap for Edinburgh
<https://www.edinburghclimate.org.uk/sites/default/files/Edinburgh%20Carbon%20Roadmap.pdf>
- Final Integration Scheme (Body Corporate), Edinburgh Integration Joint Board ,
Version 2 - 19 September 2019
<https://www.edinburghhsc.scot/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Integration-Scheme-1.pdf>
- Edinburgh Climate Compact - signed by the City of Edinburgh Council and NHS Lothian in December 2020.
<https://www.edinburghclimate.org.uk/sites/default/files/The%20Edinburgh%20Climate%20Compact%20-%20founding%20City%20Climate%20Champions%20%28FINAL%29.PDF>
- The Edinburgh Climate Commission

Some examples of other charters:

Cambridge interactive charter and website:

[Charter – Cambridge Carbon Footprint](https://www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/charter) [cambridgecarbonfootprint.org](https://www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org)

Derbyshire partnership:

<https://www.derbyshirepartnership.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/pdf/climate-change-charter.pdf>

UN Fashion industry Climate change charter:

<https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Industry%20Charter%20%20Fashion%20and%20Climate%20Action%20-%202022102018.pdf>

Swansea operational charter

<https://www.swansea.gov.uk/climatechange#:~:text=The%20Climate%20Change%20Charter,by%2055%25%20from%202010%20levels.>