

# Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee

10am, Friday 3 December 2021

## National Climate Resilience Summit Ambition Statement

### Item number 5.6

#### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To endorse the Ambition Statement that was set out at the National Climate Resilience summit, organised by the Scottish Government on 1 October 2021.

#### 2. Background

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- 2.1 On 1 October 2021, chief executives, directors and other senior leaders from 70 organisations participated in the Scottish Government-hosted National Climate Resilience Summit. Douglas Proudfoot, Executive Director for Place at East Lothian Council attended on behalf of the City Region Deal partners.
- 2.2 Delegates were invited to endorse a public Ambition Statement to allow them to demonstrate and communicate enhanced ambition and collective leadership on climate resilience. More than 50 organisations and senior leaders have endorsed this Ambition Statement or committed to taking it to their board or appropriate governance structures.

#### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 The Ambition Statement for endorsement is copied below:

*Scotland is already experiencing warming, with more extreme weather events and rising sea levels and these changes will continue due to the locked-in effects of global climate change. As a nation we must prepare for these changes in order to protect our places, communities, businesses and nature. This will include understanding climate risk and vulnerabilities, planning and implementing adaptation actions, unlocking finance and supporting transformational change at local, national and international levels. The Climate Change Committee's recent independent Assessment of UK Climate Risk is clear it will be impossible to achieve a just transition to net zero or tackle inequalities more widely without also addressing climate risks, and that the time for us to build resilience is now.*

*As delegates to the National Climate Resilience Summit we support collective action to transform Scotland into a climate resilient nation. As part of this journey, we:*

- 1. support enhanced understanding and action on climate risk and look forward to collaborating across sectors;*
- 2. will further embed climate adaptation in our culture, corporate governance and organisational priorities as an immediate priority and throughout 2022 and beyond; and*
- 3. express our support for an ambitious global deal at COP26 which addresses adaptation and resilience needs in a fair and just way.*

#### **4. Financial impact**

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4.1 N/A

#### **5. Alignment with Sustainable, Inclusive Growth Ambitions**

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5.1 The ambition statement aligns with the climate ambitions set out in the [Regional Prosperity Framework](#), approved by this Committee in September 2021.

#### **6. Background reading/external references**

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6.1 [Regional Prosperity Framework](#): ESESCR Deal Joint Committee report, 3 September 2021.

#### **7. Appendices**

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7.1 N/A

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