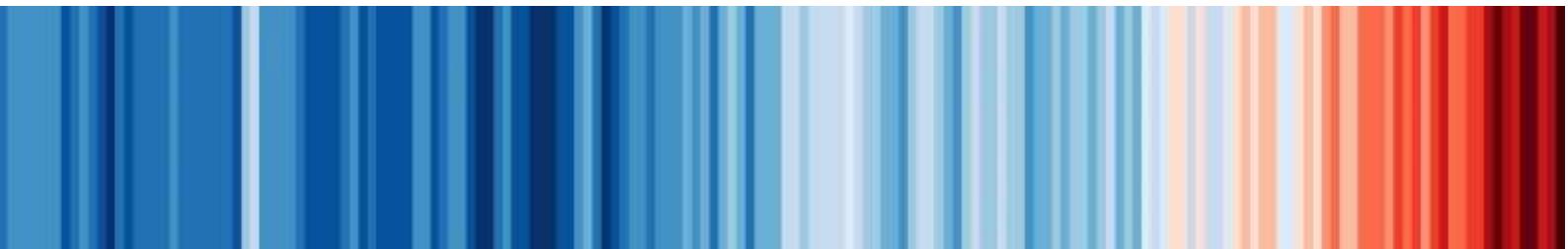


Draft Climate Adaptation Strategy First Action Plan

2025-2035





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Our Strategic Approach

Our Plan for Action

Our strategic approach to tackling the impacts of climate change is outlined below.

The Strategy will help achieve several of the Council's **10 Key Priorities**, especially:

Priority 8: *Tackling the climate and nature emergency and pursuing our net zero ambition through action.*

It will also fulfil **Objective 5** of the Council's Climate & Nature Emergency Plan, to:

Plan and prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Our Vision

A well-prepared, collaborative, and climate-resilient Stirling

We will know we have achieved this vision when Stirling Council is an organisation that understands how climate change will affect our area, our businesses and our communities. The Council will work actively with critical agencies and partners to reduce our exposure to climate risks and to capture new opportunities, making Stirling one of the best prepared, climate resilient areas of Scotland.

Our Outcomes

Delivering our Climate Adaptation Strategy will result in four main outcomes:

1. Awareness and understanding of risks, opportunities, and adaptation actions.
2. Resilient buildings and infrastructure.
3. Protected and enhanced natural environment.
4. Engaged and supported communities.

Our Objectives

To help us achieve the **Vision** and associated **Outcomes**, we have established a set of four thematic **Objectives**. These provide a focus for tackling climate adaptation by the Council and pave the way for making the outcomes and vision a reality. Each Objective is divided into four **Sub-objectives** designed to capture the breadth of activity required to deliver climate resilience for the Stirling Council area. The approach is outlined in the table on the following page.

The Strategy Vision will be delivered by a series of **Actions** aligned with the four objectives and listed in the Action Plan below, while **Indicators** of delivered actions will identify progress, support monitoring, and help us understand where improvement is required.

Our Strategy: Climate Adaptation Framework

Climate Adaptation Framework	
Stirling Council: Key Priority 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackling the climate and nature emergency and pursuing our net zero ambition through action
CaNE Plan: Objective 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and prepare for the impacts of climate change
Climate Adaptation Strategy Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A well-prepared, collaborative and climate-resilient Stirling
Outcome	Objective and sub-objectives
1. Awareness and understanding of risks, opportunities & adaptation actions	<p>Develop and maintain a clear understanding of climate impacts, risks, opportunities, and adaptation actions in collaboration with key partners</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake research Promote and build awareness Encourage new and ongoing joint planning and response Promote and support engagement and participation
2. Resilient buildings & infrastructure	<p>Ensure the resilience of our buildings and critical infrastructure to local climate impacts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Protect buildings and historic assets Resilient and responsive transport Secure utilities and communications Manage flooding, shade & shelter
3. Protected and enhanced natural environment	<p>Protect and enhance our natural environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Make space for nature Maintain healthy soils Protect and expand tree and woodland habitat Protect wetlands, watercourses, and coastline
4. Engaged and supported communities	<p>Encourage and support individual and community resilience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure prepared individuals and communities Promote health and wellbeing Build resilience in the local economy Encourage food security and resilient supply chains

OUR ACTION PLAN

Programme of Improvement

Delivery of the Climate Adaptation Strategy is dependent on the availability of resources and positive collaboration with partner organisations and local communities.

The tables below contain initial actions the Council will be taking to support delivery of our Adaptation Strategy using largely existing resources but this will evolve in response to changes in legislation, guidance, resource availability, understanding, and knowledge. Where delivery does not align with deadlines set, particularly if the performance is not meeting expectations, then corrective actions will be pursued.

The Action Plan will be reviewed regularly by the Council's Adaptation Working Group and will evolve through engagement with partner organisations and the wider community.

Awareness and Understanding of Risks, Opportunities & Adaptation Actions					
1. Develop and maintain a clear understanding of climate impacts, risks, opportunities, and adaption actions in collaboration with others					
Ref	Action	Lead	Partners	Timescales Short: 1-2 years Medium: 2-5 years Long: 5-10 years	Indicator (of action delivery)
1.1	Undertake research				
1.1.1	ESTABLISH procedures to ensure service delivery and financial impacts of weather events are recorded, collated and reported to CaNE Board.	Sustainable Development (SD) Team	Risk, Resilience, Finance, Working Group / all Services	Short / Medium	Establishment & use of process.
1.1.2	INVESTIGATE most appropriate measures to track the local impacts of our changing climate, recording these as new information becomes available.	Climate Adaptation Working Group	Adaptation Scotland, Met Office	Short / Ongoing	Set of measures / indicators adopted.
1.1.3	ESTABLISH process to carry out Risk Assessments of Council assets, integrating with existing programmes and drawing up improvement plans for affected sites and areas.	Housing, Land, Property Assets and Roads Services	Scottish Water, Forestry & Land Scotland, Transport Scotland	Short / Medium	i. Process agreed. ii. Assessment programme. iii. Site plans. iv. Prioritised delivery plans.

1.1.4	INVESTIGATE options and DEVELOP corporate dashboard to support civil contingency-related monitoring and horizon scanning for future issues.	Resilience	Internal stakeholders	Short / Ongoing	Dashboard developed, users trained & system in use by end of the Summer 2024.
1.1.5	DEVELOP organisational fuel and power resilience capabilities	Resilience	Internal stakeholders	Short / Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel Plan Tested and Approved at Resilience Board. • National Power Outage Plan Tested and Approved at Resilience Board. • Business Continuity Management System (C2 Meridan) in place across the organisation – Plans Tested.
1.1.6	DEVELOP, REVIEW, TEST and EXERCISE emergency plans	Resilience	Internal and External stakeholders	Short / Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans reviewed, tested and teams exercised as per agreed Resilience Board priorities and identified risks. • Assurance on this to be presented annually to Resilience Board.
1.1.7	DEVELOP, REVIEW, TEST and EXERCISE business continuity plans	Resilience	Internal stakeholders	Short / Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans reviewed, tested and teams exercised as per agreed Resilience Board priorities and Business Impact Analysis process. • Assurance on this to be presented annually to Resilience Board – Plans Tested.
1.1.8	USE relevant evidence to INFORM land allocation in a spatial strategy, e.g. strategic flood risk assessment, audit of blue & green infrastructure, local biodiversity assessments, and local landscape and nature conservation designations.	SC Planning		Short / Ongoing	

1.1.9	IMPROVE data collection and use to improve intelligence-led decision-making.	Housing		Medium: Start date tbc	Sector feasibility search, alignment with current Northgate systems, project plan timeline
1.1.10	REVIEW Asset Management needs for fuller digitisation and monitoring of key criteria, such as energy, stock profile, build, repair, condition, servicing, reports.	Housing		Medium: Start date tbc	Sector feasibility search, alignment with current Northgate systems, project plan timeline
1.2	Promote and build awareness				
1.2.1	ESTABLISH Communication Plan to inform stakeholders of Climate Impacts, progress in delivering Council Adaptation Strategy, and actions for individuals.	SD Team	Communications, Adaptation Working Group	Establishment: short Delivery: Long	Plan developed. Delivery programme.
1.2.2	RAISE AWARENESS of Climate Adaptation issues with communities through Community Development Bulletin	Community Development	SD Team	Short / Ongoing	Number of articles.
1.2.3	INVESTIGATE and DELIVER appropriate adaptation training.	SD Team & OD	External providers	Short / Ongoing	Number of staff trained.
1.2.4	DEVELOP organisational Leadership and Incident Management capabilities through training and exercising.	Resilience	Internal Stakeholders	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Board agreed leadership and management requirements, development training and exercising built into Business as Usual. Number of trained people to be monitored at the Resilience Working Group. Assurance on this to be presented annually to Resilience Board.
1.2.5	PREPARE and DELIVER a training plan for officers in Infrastructure's Capital Delivery and Maintenance Teams to improve awareness of sustainable solutions through design and maintenance.	Infrastructure Delivery		Short / Medium	Number of Infrastructure's Capital Delivery & Maintenance Team trained.
1.2.6	INTEGRATE adaptation considerations into contracts following completion of bench-marking exercise.	Procurement	Internal stakeholders	Short / Ongoing	Number of contracts (where applicable)
1.2.7	RAISE AWARENESS of the importance of peatlands in tackling the climate emergency	SD Team	Sustainable Stirling Partnership	Short / Ongoing	Number of articles, publications and relevant events

1.3	Encourage new and ongoing joint planning and response				
1.3.1	ENSURE joint working with Community Planning Partners (CPP) through Sustainable Stirling Partnership (SSP).	R&IG / SD Team	Working Group / SSP membership	Short / Medium	Re-establish SSP. Monitor actions delivered.
1.3.2	DEVELOP and DELIVER National Park Adaptation Plan	LL&TNP	Sustainable Stirling Partnership	Short / Ongoing	Plan publication. Monitor Action Plan delivery
1.3.3	PILOT use and management of trees, woodlands, peatlands and waterways upstream to reduce the risk of flooding downstream	Roads (Flooding)	LL&TTNP	Medium / Long	Successful pilot and roll out of action plan
1.3.4	CONTRIBUTE to Scottish Risk Assessment (SRA) Risk Register reviews	Resilience	Internal & External stakeholders	Short / Ongoing	Annual Resilience and Risk Preparedness Assessments.
1.3.5	CONSULT with colleagues to ensure that the Road Service's policies and plans are consistent with delivering the Council's ambitions, e.g., Roads Asset Management Plan and Road Safety Plan both link with the Local Transport Strategy	Roads	Council Services	Short / Ongoing	New Local Transport Strategy
1.4	Promote and support engagement and participation				
1.4.1	ESTABLISH stakeholder engagement process to continue throughout the lifetime of the Strategy.	SD Team	Business Planning & Research, Communities	Short / Ongoing	i. Establish process. ii. Assessment / feedback on events.
1.4.2	ESTABLISH Community Champions Forum (action in both AWN Plan and CaNE Plan)	SD and Communities Teams	FEL FV Community Climate Action Hub	Short / Ongoing	i. Establish process. ii. Programme of meetings. iii. Actions delivered.
1.4.3	INVESTIGATE potential for schools and nurseries to engage with their local communities (following Dunblane Primary School model).	Education	Central Team	Short	Survey to monitor school and nursery engagement activity.

Resilient Buildings and Infrastructure

2. Ensure the resilience of our buildings and critical infrastructure to local climate impacts

Ref	Action	Lead	Partners	Timescales Short: 1-2 years Medium: 2-5 years Long: 5-10 years	Indicator (of action delivery)
2.1	Protect buildings and historic assets				
2.1.1	ESTABLISH Service champions to help inform briefs and support scope development for more resilient buildings and infrastructure.	Infrastructure Delivery		Short / Ongoing	Number of champions and briefs including issues.
2.1.2	INVESTIGATE existing estate: i. Use sustainability reports and analysis of existing performance data to create an action plan for future investment; ii. Develop a maintenance strategy to keep buildings safe, compliant and resilient (and also puts carbon reduction and climate impacts at the heart of decision-making on methods of installation and product choice).	Infrastructure Delivery		i. Short / Ongoing ii. Short	i. Investment action plan developed and maintained. ii. Maintenance strategy developed and in use.
2.1.3	ENSURE briefs and project scopes for new builds support Passive house principles and embrace wider climate adaptation considerations.	Infrastructure Delivery		Short / Ongoing	Number of briefs and project scopes integrating relevant principles.
2.1.4	PREPARE funding business cases for investment and enhancement across the estate and DEVELOP a pipeline of projects.	Infrastructure Delivery		Short / Ongoing	Number of business cases in project pipeline.
2.1.5	EMBED property guidance within Property Strategic Asset Management Plan	Infrastructure Delivery		Short	Guidance embedded.
2.1.6	CREATE guidance within Premises Manager's Handbook	Infrastructure Delivery		Short	Guidance included.
2.1.7	REVIEW Infrastructure Delivery's Energy Policy for Council buildings .	Infrastructure Delivery		Short	Policy reviewed.
2.1.8	IMPLEMENT further stock improvements to bring higher proportion of properties up to EESSH (Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing) (2) standards linked to climate.	Housing		Medium / Ongoing	Increase in % of EESSH2 homes meeting standard

2.1.9	IMPLEMENT actions identified through damp process review. Includes improved thermal benefits process, air handling, and devices to improve and guide tenants to manage energy use and the internal environment	Housing		Short / Ongoing	New policy approved, additional staff surveyor added, process map
2.1.10	AIM for improved sustainability level of Silver Active or above, where possible, for current and future new builds. Includes indoor ventilation rates, construction air tightness, insulation levels, thermal bridging and glazing.	Housing		Medium / Ongoing	Development approvals meeting the design standards sought
2.2	Resilient and responsive transport				
2.2.1	REDUCE number of temporary repairs and INCREASE permanent programmed work for a positive long-term impact on road network condition (Roads Asset Management Plan: RAMP).	Roads		Short / On-going	Decrease in RCI %
2.2.2	CONSIDER novel surface water capture and attenuation for roads infrastructure improvements rather than replace like for like.	Roads	Infrastructure Delivery, Communities	Medium / On-going	Increase in the amount of blue-green infrastructure
2.2.3	ENSURE Winter Service Plan covers areas in CaNE Plan, such as flooding, and considers the Flood Risk Management Plan .	Roads	Resilience	Short / On-going	Winter Service Plan 2024/25 to reference Flood Risk Management and SWMPs
2.2.4	REVIEW and UPDATE maintenance operations in RAMP to support climate adaptation considerations, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • active travel routes • road verge cutting regime 	Roads	Infrastructure / Land	Medium / On-going	Inventory of all active travel routes and masterplan. Design for maintenance to be factored into all new delivery projects. Repurposing of verges / maintenance regimes. Reduction in verge cutting.
2.2.5	CONSIDER grassland areas as natural drainage solutions (RAMP).	Roads	Land Service	Short / Ongoing	Grassland areas reviewed. Number of sites converted.
2.2.6	DEVELOP and REVIEW transport policies to strengthen the resilience of Stirling's transport network to the impacts of climate change.	Transport Development, Planning	Tactran	Short / Medium	Policies include relevant adaptation considerations.
2.2.7	MAXIMISE opportunities for outdoor recreation and active travel.	Planning	SC Planning LL&TTNP	Short / Medium	Monitor implementation of NPF 4 Policy 15 local living / 20-minute neighbourhoods.

2.3	Secure utilities and communications				
2.3.1	ENSURE co-ordinated rapid response and recovery to incidents through ongoing liaison with partners.	Incident Management Team	Internal and external stakeholders	Short / Ongoing	Continual review of guidance documents and testing of procedures.
2.4	Manage flooding, shade and shelter				
2.4.1	ENSURE new developments install Sustainable Drainage Systems (to protect biodiversity, reverse biodiversity loss, deliver positive effects from development and strengthen nature networks)	SC Planning LL&TNP	Scottish Water, SEPA, SC Building Standards	Short / Ongoing	Take sample of newly built developments and assess quality of implemented SuDS and future management arrangements.
2.4.2	IMPLEMENT Flood Risk Assessment Report requirements for new build sites. Includes extent of attenuation required and flood protection measures, such as raised floor levels, non-return valves, and flood cover vents in properties, etc.	Housing	Planning, Flooding, Scottish Water and SEPA	Short / Ongoing	Fewer complaints regarding flooding (Benchmarking required).
2.4.3	IDENTIFY and DELIVER flood mitigation projects not covered by Scottish Government Flood Risk Management funding (such as road raising, temporary defences, natural flood management or property flood defences) through use of Roads Infrastructure Improvement Fund .	Roads	Planning, Scottish Water, SEPA, Communities	Medium / On-going [Funding required]	Fewer complaints regarding flooding (Benchmarking required).
2.4.4	INVESTIGATE natural flood management options to alleviate flooding in Aberfoyle, Callander and the Loch Lomond catchment.	Roads (Flooding)	LL&TTNP	Long / On-going	Action Plan and monitoring.
2.4.5	Where appropriate, CREATE and MAINTAIN rain gardens across school & nursery estate to attenuate rainfall.	Education	SD Team, Land	Short / Ongoing	Number of rain gardens.
2.4.6	INCLUDE appropriate Blue & Green Infrastructure (B&GI) in all new projects.	SC Planning LL&TNP	SD Team, Roads & Land	Short / Medium	Monitor implementation of relevant requirements of NPF 4 Policy 20 Blue and green Infrastructure
2.4.7	IDENTIFY, PROTECT & ENHANCE B&G corridors in urban and rural settings.	SC Planning LL&TNP	SD Team, Roads & Land	Short / Medium	Monitor implementation of relevant requirements of NPF 4 Policy 20 Blue and green Infrastructure
2.4.8	INCREASE number of street trees and trees in urban environments to meet 20% tree canopy cover (target within Alive with Nature Plan). Includes new developments.	SD Team / SC Planning LL&TNP	Land Services	Short / Ongoing	Monitor implementation of relevant requirements of NPF 4 Policy 6 Forestry, woodland and trees

Protected and Enhanced Natural Environment

3. Protect and enhance our natural environment

Ref.	Action	Lead	Partners	Timescales Short: 1-2 years Medium: 2-5 years Long: 5-10 years	Indicator (of action delivery)
3.1	Make space for nature				
3.1.1	ASSESS all Council land to determine areas suitable to manage for biodiversity - includes tree and hedgerow planting, community growing and wildflowers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Larger-scale development proposals ii. HRA (Housing Revenue Account) land iii. Land maintained by Land Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Planning ii. Housing iii. Land 	SD Team	ii. 1-2 years	ii. Suitable HRA land planted up
3.1.2	REVIEW and ADAPT maintenance operations in line with CaNE Plan , Alive with Nature Plan , and Pollinator Strategy .	Land Service	Sustainability/Bio diversity	Medium / Ongoing	Quantity of sites with amended maintenance/reduced pesticide use.
3.1.3	IMPLEMENT Pollinator Strategy to ensure 50% of Council land is managed for biodiversity.	SD Team	Land Service	Medium	Implementation Plan delivered
3.1.4	REVIEW road verge cutting regime to include climate adaptation considerations.	Roads	Land Service	Short / Ongoing	Reduction in verges mowed
3.1.5	IMPROVE school and nursery outdoor areas for learning, biodiversity and adaptation to climate impacts.	Education	SD Team Land Service	Short / Ongoing	Development of outdoor areas documented.
3.2	Maintain healthy soils				
3.2.1	ENSURE NPF4 Policy 5 on Soil considerations are integrated into statutory development plan.	SC Planning LL&TNP		Short / Medium	Monitor implementation of relevant requirements

3.2.2	PROTECT and ENHANCE soils by working with land managers to increase resilience to climate impacts.	LL&TNP		Short / Ongoing	
3.3	Protect and expand tree and woodland habitat				
3.3.1	INVEST in tree planting.	SD Team, Land Service	Forth Climate Forest, TreeLink, Cowane's Trust	Long / ongoing	Number of trees planted / area of land committed
3.4	Protect wetlands, watercourses, and coastline (includes peat)				
3.4.1	CONSIDER grassland areas as natural drainage solutions	Land Service		Short / Ongoing	Grassland areas reviewed. Number of sites converted.
3.4.2	Work in partnership to RESTORE and reduce water flow through peat bogs (consultation required)	Roads (Flooding)	LL&TTNP Forth Rivers Trust	Long / On-going	Monitor and review inventory and action plan
3.4.3	IMPLEMENT 'Policy Intent' of NPF 4 Policy 3 Biodiversity - To protect biodiversity, reverse biodiversity loss, deliver positive effects from development and strengthen nature networks.	SC Planning LL&TNP		Short / Ongoing	Monitor implementation

Engaged and Supported Communities

4. Encourage and support individual and community resilience

Ref.	Action	Lead	Partners	Timescales Short: 1-2 years Medium: 2-5 years Long: 5-10 years	Measure/Indicator (of action delivery)
4.1	Ensure prepared individuals and communities				
4.1.1	DEVELOP and DELIVER Community Resilience Strategy	Resilience / Roads (Flooding)	Internal & external stakeholders inc Community Groups	Short / Ongoing	Strategy agreed and in place autumn 2024.
4.1.2	DEVELOP individual and community resilience capabilities in collaboration with communities and other stakeholders	Resilience	SC Corporate Communications Community Groups	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Groups established in risk areas. Proactive warning and informing community campaigns.
4.1.3	ENCOURAGE an increase in urban tree canopy, green infrastructure, and biodiverse open spaces to support community resilience to climate change	SD Team	Internal & external stakeholders	Long	Action from AWN Plan
4.1.4	CONTRIBUTE to Local Resilience Partnership (LRP) Community Risk Register reviews.	Resilience	Internal & external stakeholders	Short / Ongoing	Annual Resilience/Risk Preparedness assessments at the LRP.
4.1.5	SUPPORT community involvement in community resilience	Community Development	Resilience	Medium / Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resilience Groups established in risk areas. Proactive warning and informing community campaigns.
4.1.6	IDENTIFY, DEVELOP and DELIVER appropriate actions across Health & Social Care Partnership (H&SCP).	H&SCP	SD Team	Short / Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions identified. Actions delivered.

4.2	Promote health and wellbeing				
4.2.1	DEVELOP better understanding of climate impacts on health inequalities. Share Improvement Service publication via the CPP Senior Officer Group (SOG) and develop local response to recommendations.	People & Community Wellbeing	NHS Forth Valley + C+S HSCP	Medium	Monitor implementation via Senior Officer Group
4.2.2	PROMOTE use and importance of green spaces in communities	Community Development	Internal and External stakeholders	Long Term	
4.3	Build resilience in the local economy				
4.3.1	PREPARE and DELIVER replacement Local Development Plan that integrates NPF4 climate adaptation and resilience considerations	SC Planning		December 2027	Plan Adoption.
4.3.2	ENSURE businesses include adaptation considerations within their energy audit/sustainability plans (STEP Energy Advisor Business support)	Economic Development	STEP Graham Sibbald	Short	Number of audits completed
4.3.3	EXPLORE funding sources and suppliers to deliver climate adaptation workshop to a) city centre and b) rural areas to address local climate risks, impacts and opportunities	Economic Development	Adaptation Scotland	Short	Number of workshops delivered.
4.3.4	INCLUDE a module on adaptation in International Environment Centre Net-Zero Accelerator development to support business action (subject to funding: awaiting decision)	Economic Development	University of Stirling	Short	Number of audits completed, and workshops delivered.
4.3.5	PROMOTE adaptation case studies and Adaptation Scotland business guidance via social media	Economic Development	Business support partner links: STEP / GoForth / FVCC / SIEC / SE	Short	Number of social media posts per annum
4.3.6	BUILD a shared understanding of and joint response to local skills gaps, training needs, and employment opportunities	Learning & Employability	Learning & Employability Partnership	Short / Medium	Prepare local gap analysis
4.4	Encourage food security and resilient supply chains				
4.4.1	ENSURE any funds received for community food production are appropriately dispersed and monitored in line with climate adaptation outcomes.	People & Community Wellbeing	Stirling Food Partnership (SFP)	Medium / Long	Finalise and adopt SFP Charter

4.4.2	WORK to initiate and progress actions at a community and third sector organisation level.	People & Community Wellbeing	Stirling Food Partnership (SFP)	Short	Finalise and adopt SFP Charter
4.4.3	SUPPORT local growing, community gardens and food sustainability initiatives	Community Development	Communities, SFP	Medium / Long	Support provided to initiatives. Develop SFP Good Food Plan .
4.4.4	INVESTIGATE use of school grounds (including High School roof terrace greenhouses) to establish community gardens	Education	Learning through Landscapes, Transition Stirling – Reuse Hub, On The Verge	Short / Medium	Schools will document development of community gardens.

MEASURING PROGRESS

Stirling Council is the lead authority for delivering the Climate Adaption Strategy, with the Council's cross-service Adaptation Working Group the main body for tracking delivery.

Performance Indicators

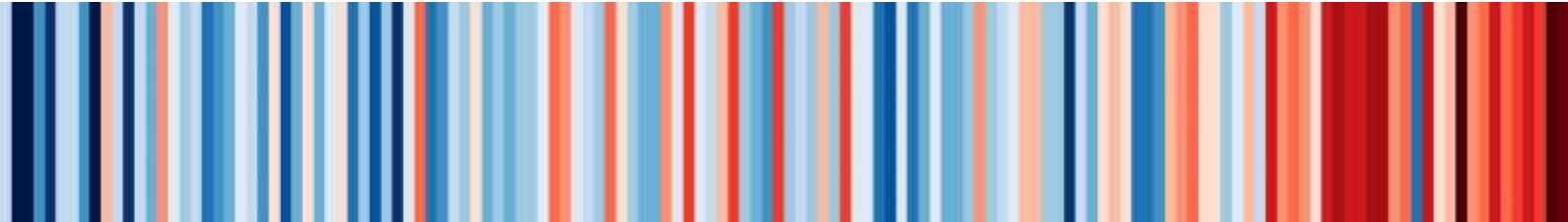
Measuring the impacts from delivering the actions included in this Strategy will be challenging. The benefits from Climate Adaptation work are generally localised but, unlike work to reduce carbon emissions, there is no single measure to report success. There are numerous *potential* Adaptation Indicators, but most are unavailable at a local authority level or are not measured regularly enough to be of use.

Identifying appropriate indicators to monitor and track progress towards meeting our Objectives is therefore a key action for the Strategy. In the meantime, measures of progress in implementing the actions in the Action Plan above will be used to indicate progress in delivering each one.

Monitoring and Reporting

Any issues of concern will be raised with the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan Board and Member/Officer Group, with progress reported annually to the relevant Council Committee. The Council also reports every November to Scottish Government on performance in adapting to climate change through statutory Public Bodies' Climate Change Duties' [Reports](#).

In addition, the Council is a participant in Adaptation Scotland's Public Sector Climate Action Network and will carry out regular reviews of progress using their [Capability Framework for a Climate Ready Public Sector](#).



Annual average temperature change in Scotland, 1884-2022



CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY ACTION PLAN

