

**Duties and Actions Under the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015.**

**1. The steps your organisation has taken to embed consideration of climate change issues strategically and at a leadership level in the organisation;**

A Carbon Management Plan (CMP) has been developed and is currently under review by associated stakeholders before presentation to Senior Management Team (SMT). Sign-off will be undertaken by the Chief Executive and the plan will be cascaded through a series of awareness sessions, culminating in the active management of associated KPIs and initiatives to improve the impact we have on the wider environment, across the term of the CMP. It is hoped the CMP will be signed off in September 2017.

Climate change and sustainability has played a key role in the scoping of two major contracts, namely the upcoming Delivery of Meat Official Controls and Facilities Management contracts. FSS has identified a potential benefit to environmental performance and impact reduction across the breadth of these two contracts, one of which is the largest operated by FSS. These parameters will also feature strongly in other contracts under review where environmental due diligence is not only a 'nice to have' but will feature as key deliverables and weighted as such.

**2. Specific examples of how and where this has been done and where this has influenced a strategic decision;**

While reviewing the tender paperwork for contracts, changes have been implemented to a current scope which have already brought about significant travel reductions and associated emissions. A cultural change has been embedded in how the current Delivery of Meat Official Controls contract is managed to lessen our carbon footprint while reducing an existing health and safety risk.

A waste management company continually failed to deliver robust and transparent waste performance details and was not awarded a contract extension

due to this. The new contractor is already providing reliable and timely waste performance figures.

FSS is developing a new transport policy where methods will be identified and promoted with a view to minimising emissions and environmental impacts as far as is reasonably practicable.

**3. Your views on any barriers or challenges the organisation faces in demonstrating climate change leadership and on the support the Scottish Government could provide that might assist you.**

Barriers that may be faced include the fact that FSS is a tenant and as such has limited locus on what can be done to mitigate CO<sub>2e</sub> from head office and the thirty one external sites from which we operate.

Implementing a transport policy which is reflective of need against targets is a challenge when a large amount of travel is necessary and cannot be avoided.

Although identified as a major player, FSS has very few activities which contribute significantly towards climate change. To have a relatively small impact sustained through only a couple of activities makes targetting areas simple, but also makes achieving significant improvements difficult without large scale cultural and/or technological change.

The Scottish Government have been contacted with regard to support for Individual, Social, Material awareness raising and this will be followed up soon. It is planned that seminars can be run to promote this ethos across the organisation.

The Scottish Government have also already provided a full peer review of the CMP and their feedback will be sought across the scope to ensure the document remains timely and accurate. The CMP will be available, should you require it, once it has achieved sign-off.

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