

Building climate change into your decision- making

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Introduction and agenda

A little bit of context...

Four parts:

- Getting “buy-in” for your climate change impact assessment tool
- How to get people to use it
- Does it add value?
- What have we learned, and what next?





Developing a Climate Change Impact Assessment Framework

Guidance for Local Authorities and Public Sector Bodies

A little bit of context...

Getting buy-in to an impact assessment tool

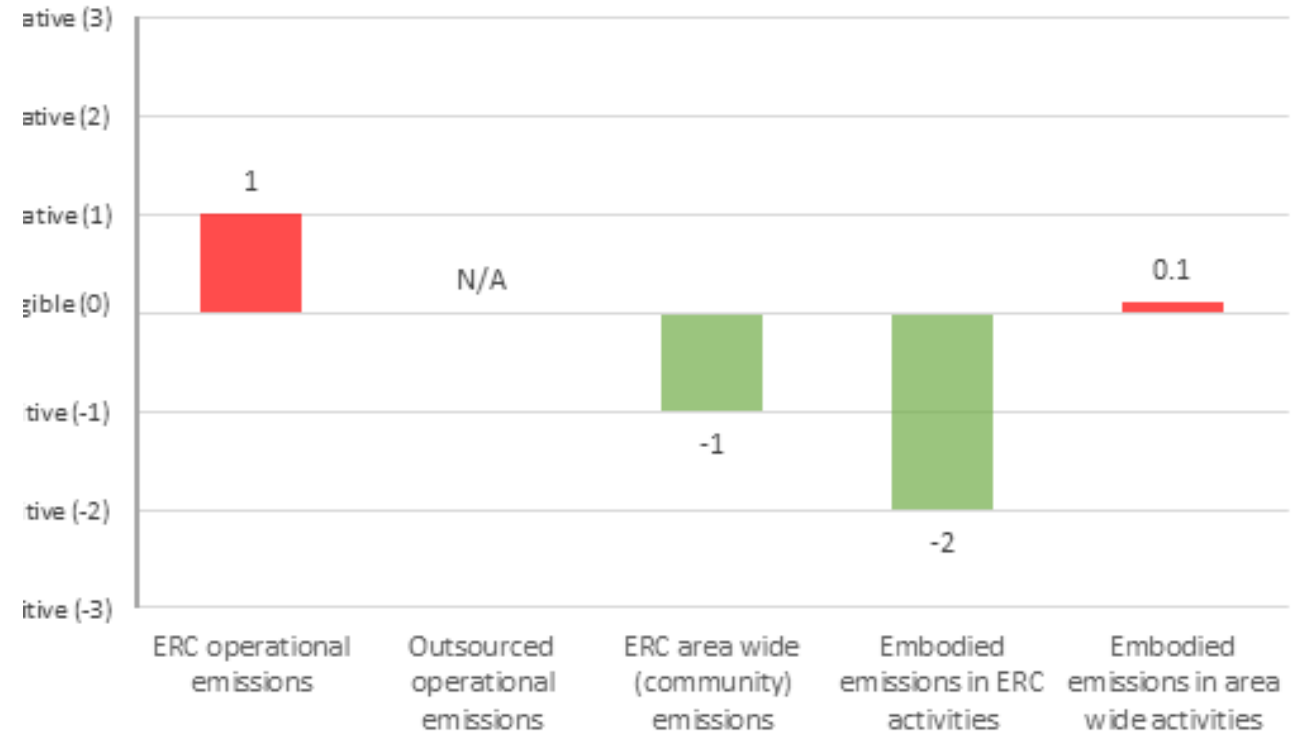
	Foundation 2023	Intermediate	Established
 People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited climate literacy across the organisation Small team of climate practitioners relative to organisation size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate literacy being established across organisation Sufficient team of climate practitioners relative to organisation size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate literacy embedded across organisation CCIA able to be carried out effectively by climate practitioners across the organisation.
 Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual assessment, based on limited data or individual judgement Project being assessed at early stage or limited in its scope/scale in relation to emissions. Only 'core' categories assessed as part of CCIA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment using carbon management data or evidence-based assessment completed by climate practitioners Project being assessed has sufficient detail on which to base an assessment. Broader range of categories included in assessment to capture wider environmental impacts of proposal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment using detailed modelling or carbon accounting assessment Project being assessed has good, estimated data on which to base an assessment CCIA followed up once project has been implemented to assess whether assumptions made match reality of project delivered. CCIA linked to other required assessments to create an Integrated Impact Assessment (optional).
 Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual or paper-based systems commonly used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some tools available to support digital assessment (MS Excel, Power BI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End-to-end digital process for recording and assessing
 Organisational culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited commitment to CCIA across the organisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear commitment to CCIA across the organisation with support for process from Executive Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCIA integral part of decision-making within organisation

Getting buy-in to an impact assessment tool

People

- Carbon literacy training
- CCIA statement requirement for Committee Papers
- The role of procurement

Climate Change Impact Assessment Category Scores



How to get people to use it

Process & Technology

- Make it accessible and easy to complete
- Support them- do the heavy-lifting!
- Flaunt your credentials- credible data
- Leverage tech to get time back



Climate Change Impact Assessment

The Climate Change Impact Assessment (CCIA) will help us to assess the impact of our decisions and provide the required insight to allow us to understand what effect proposed initiatives will have on the environment.

A CCIA will be required to be completed for all reports going to Council, Cabinet and committee. It will also be part of the Capital Programme Application (CPA) process and may be included in Contract Strategies (Procurement) and external funding evaluation processes.

The CCIA is split into two stages. The first stage (this form) consists of 16 multiple choice questions and should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. If you are required to undertake the second stage, a member of the Get to Zero team will be in contact within two working days of submission.

If you have any further questions, or require assistance, please contact a member of the Get to Zero team (climatechange@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk)

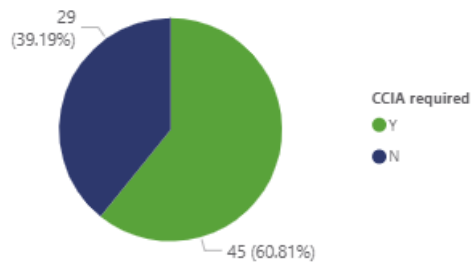
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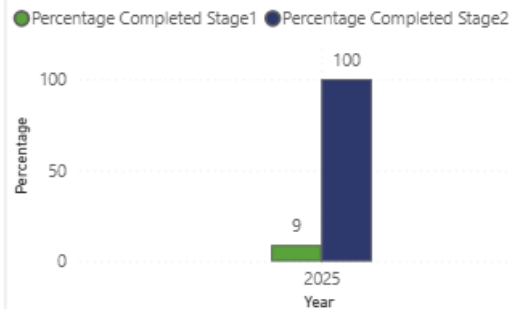
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CCIA Council Meetings Audit Report Jan-Sep 2025

CCIA Stage1 Required



Percentage completed by Year



Total Meeting

12

Total Agenda Items

74

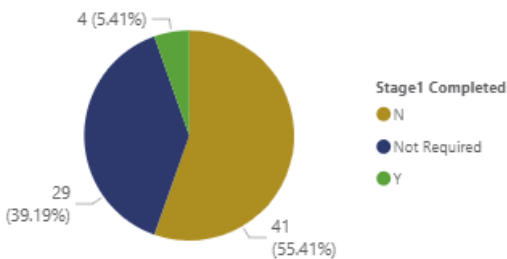
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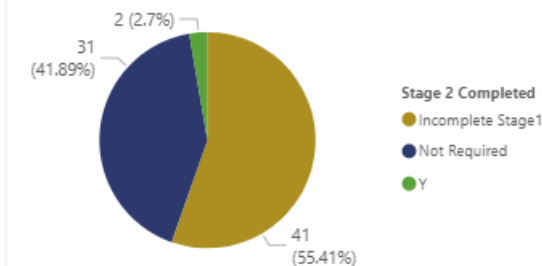
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Stage1 Completion Status



Stage 2 Completion Status



CCIA Stage1

Required	Completed	Incomplete
45	4	41

CCIA stage2

Required	Completed	Incomplete
2	2	0

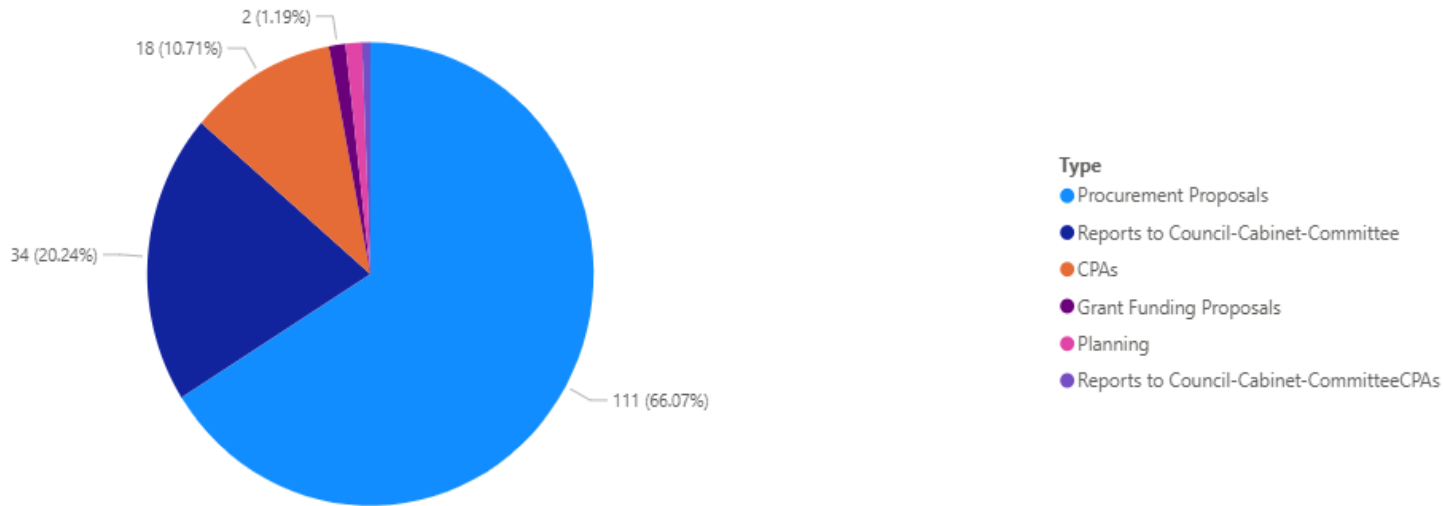
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CCIA Data Analysis

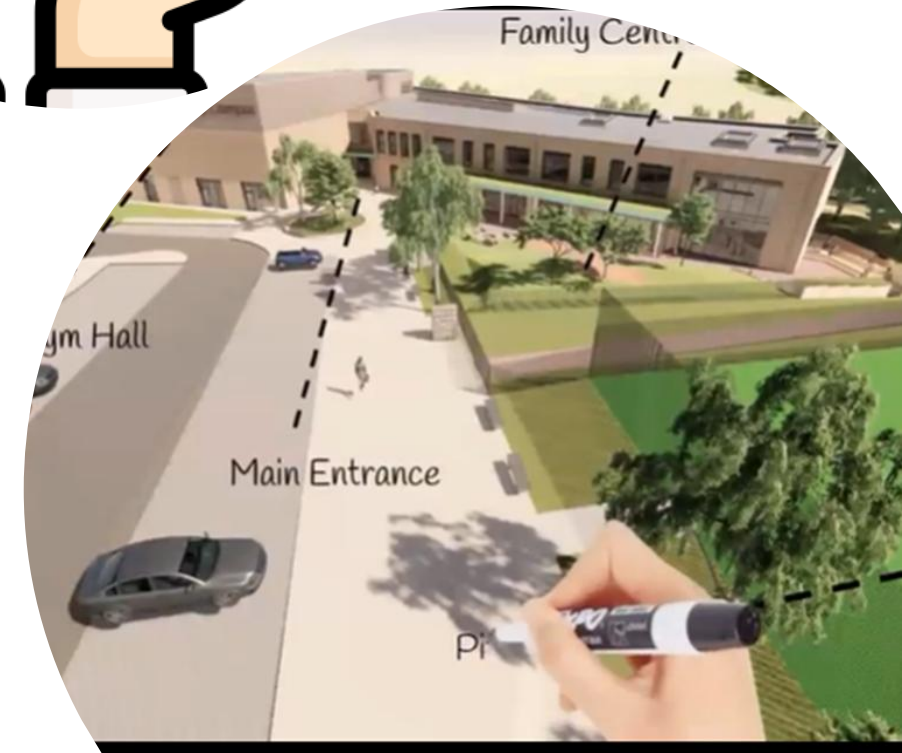
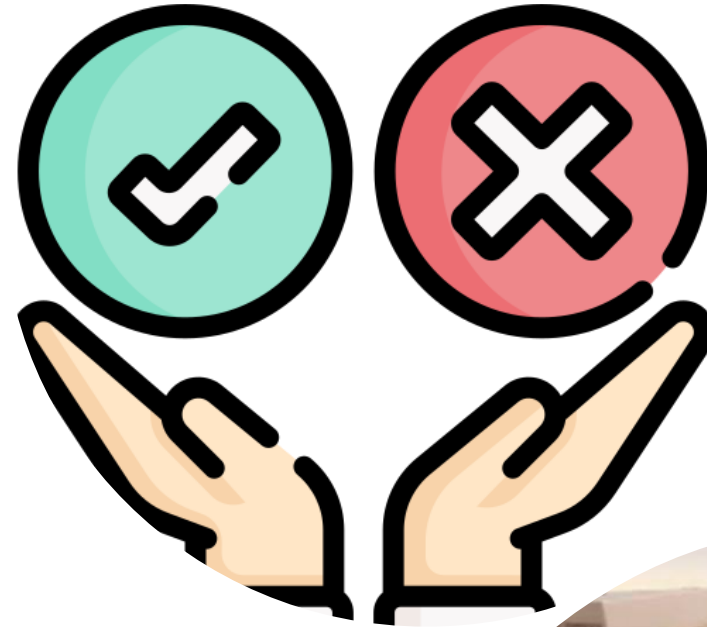
Total CCIA's	Started	Incomplete records	Completed	Stage 2 Incomplete	Stage 2 Completed
179	1	24	152	2	56



Does it add value?

Yes!!

- Raising awareness
- Helps fulfil Public Bodies Climate Change Duty Reporting requirement



What have we learned? Next Steps

There are barriers!

We need to:

- Better understand the barriers
- keep updating data feeds to maintain credibility
- Build and share our findings to create a 'bank' of emissions impacts/create efficiencies
- Revisit projects and test our assumptions and use findings to inform future assessments





To read the guidance visit:
sustainablecotlandnetwork.org

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