

Sustainability Reference Group

Terms of Reference

Constitution

Eleven Members of the Council, being 6 members of the Administration, including the Executive Member for Environment & Transport, and 5 members of the Opposition.

Chair

The Chair of the Sustainability Reference Group shall be the Executive Member for Environment & Transport.

Remit

- 1. Provide oversight and scrutiny of the Council's strategies, plans, policies and actions in leading and driving action to combat the negative impacts of climate change, build resilience to adapt to climate change, and to deliver Zero net carbon by 2045 (at the latest) both organisationally and in the Scottish Borders overall.**
- 2. Provide oversight and scrutiny of the Council's strategies, plans, policies and actions in leading and driving action to undertake, promote and deliver environmental practices which accord with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.**
- 3. In relation to 1 and 2 above, review recent decisions and actions of the UK and Scottish Government, UK local authorities, Borders wide community and voluntary sector initiatives, the Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership, and Council partner organisations, with a view to making recommendations as to how the Council can exercise leadership in tackling climate change and promoting sustainable environmental practices.**