**Terms of Reference – APG on Climate Action**

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| **Group name** | **All Party Group on Climate Action** |  |
| **Chair** | Kate Nicholl MLA | Alliance Party |
| **Vice-Chair** | Eoin Tennyson MLA | Alliance Party |
| **Secretary** | Harry Harvey MLA | Democratic Unionist Party |
| **Members** | Paula Bradshaw MLA | Alliance Party |
|  | Andrew Muir MLA | Alliance Party |
|  | Nuala McAllister MLA | Alliance Party |
|  | John Blair MLA | Alliance Party |
|  | Danny Donnelly MLA | Alliance Party |
|  | Peter McReynolds MLA | Alliance Party |
|  | Kellie Armstrong MLA | Alliance Party |
|  | Steve Aiken MLA | Ulster Unionist Party |
|  | Cara Hunter MLA | Social Democratic and Labour Party |
|  | Philip McGuigan MLA | Sinn Féin |
|  | Cllr Billy Webb (Antrim and Newtownabbey) | Alliance Party |
|  | Cllr Roisin Lynch (Antrim and Newtownabbey) | Social Democratic and Labour Party |
|  | Cllr Lauren Kendall (Ards and North Down) | Green Party NI |
|  | Cllr Eddie Thompson (Ards and North Down) | Democratic Unionist Party |
|  | Cllr Debbie Coyle (Fermanagh and Omagh) | Sinn Féin |
|  | Cllr Robert Irvine (Fermanagh and Omagh) | Ulster Unionist Party |
|  | Cllr Martin Gregg (Lisburn and Castlereagh) | Alliance Party |
|  | Alderman Michael Henderson (Lisburn and Castlereagh) | Ulster Unionist Party |
|  | Cllr Simon Lee (Lisburn and Castlereagh) | Green Party NI |
|  | Cllr William Clarke (Newry, Mourne and Down) | Sinn Féin |
|  | Cllr Terry Andrews (Newry, Mourne and Down) | Social Democratic and Labour Party |
|  | Cllr Christopher Jackson (Derry City and Strabane District Council) | Sinn Féin |
|  | Cllr Maeve O’Neill (Derry City and Strabane District Council) | People Before Profit Alliance |
|  | Cllr Brian Smyth (Belfast City Council) | Green Party NI |
|  | Cllr Greg McKeen (Mid and East Antrim Borough Council) | Democratic Unionist Party |
|  | Alderman Gordon Kennedy (Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council) | UUP |
|  | Cllr Paul Greenfield (Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council) | DUP |
|  | Cllr Anne Forde (Mid Ulster District Council) | Democratic Unionist Party |
|  | Cllr Donal McPeake (Mid Ulster District Council) | Sinn Féin |
|  | Cllr Cathal McLaughlin (Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council) | Sinn Féin |
|  | Alderman Mark Fielding (Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council) | DUP |
|  | **Purpose** - the Group will provide a forum for discussion between politicians, NGOs, business leaders and academics, to drive progress on climate action and sustainable development in Northern Ireland. **Mission** - to influence policymaking and put climate action and sustainability at the centre of political decision making in Northern Ireland.**Function** - to consider the potential implications of climate change for Northern Ireland and make recommendations to government on interventions to help Northern Ireland transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient economy. **Specific functions include:****Democratic Scrutiny:** of central and local government input on climate action and sustainable development, and to influence regional policy approaches on these and related issues. **Monitoring:** the progress of central and local government on climate change and sustainable development approaches, including the role of arms-length bodies.**Oversight:** of coordination betweenlocal and central government and their partners on delivery of key climate and sustainability issues impacting on citizens, and over which councils and government can influence. **Awareness**: to ensure a shared understanding of key climate and sustainability issues and opportunities across all political parties, through the provision of independent information and best practice. **Lobbying:** for improvements in policy and for resources to deliver this agenda.MembershipMembership of the Group will be cross party and include representatives from the NI Assembly (at least 10 MLAs and parties from all three designations)and elected members from local authorities.Frequency of meetingsThe All Party Group will meet bi-monthly, usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at 1pm with an Annual General Meeting once per year. External GroupsThe Group will have a working relationship with other related All Party Groups, relevant boards, relevant council and departmental working groups, representative bodies, as well as energy and environmental organisations in the region. All members of the group will have speaking rights.Public observers may attend.Financial & Resource ImplicationsThere will be some ongoing support costs in relation to the Group, which will be covered through existing public body subscriptions to Sustainable Northern Ireland. |  |
| **Secretariat** | Sustainable NI |  |

**Scope**

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| **Policy Area** | **Lead**  |
| Climate Change and Sustainable DevelopmentEnergy TransportStrategic & Regional PlanningNatural environment (soil/water/air quality, biodiversity)AgricultureWasteResource Management / Circular EconomyBuilding Regulations & Energy PerformanceGreen Finance Public Sector ProcurementDomestic Energy Efficiency (Fuel Poverty) Community DevelopmentLocal PlanningEducation for Sustainable Development  | DAERADepartment for the EconomyDepartment for InfrastructureDepartment for InfrastructureDAERADAERADEARADepartment of EconomyDepartment of FinanceDepartment of FinanceDepartment of FinanceDepartment for CommunitiesDepartment for Communities Local GovernmentDepartment of Education |