Flourishing in our future climate: Building just and inclusive resilience in the face of climate change

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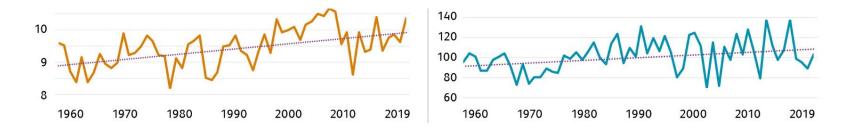
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Observations show Glasgow City Region's temperatures and rainfall are increasing



In all scenarios, climate change means Glasgow City Region will experience:



Increasing extreme weather



Heavier winter rainfall and reduced summer rainfall

Higher average temperatures, with more frequent and extreme heatwaves

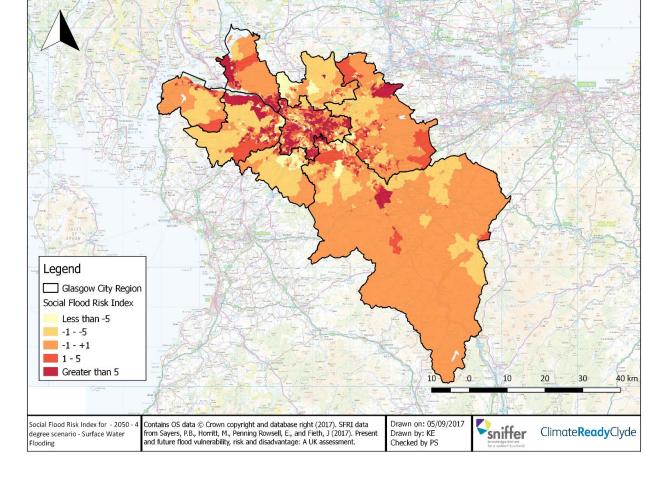


Sea level rise and coastal erosion

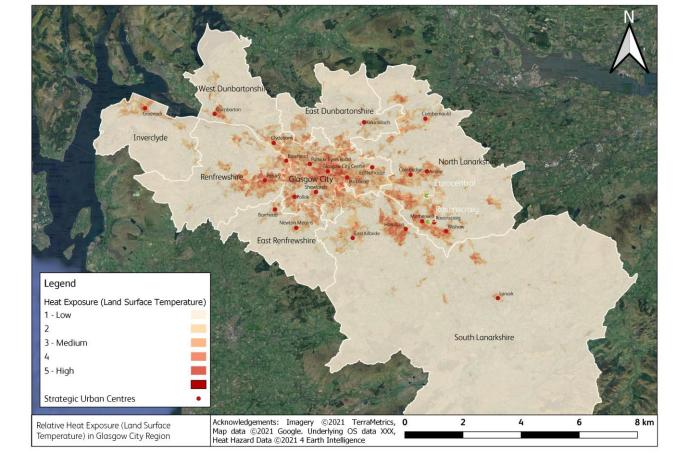


Increased likelihood of flooding

Intersection of future flood exposure (surface water flooding) and social vulnerability in 2050, 4°C scenario



Relative heat exposure (land surface temperature) in Glasgow City Region



Climate Risks and Opportunities for Glasgow City Region



Introduction

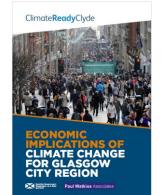
Glasgow City Region's first Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment sets out the risks and opportunities posed by climate change to the end of this century, and highlights areas where more action is needed in the next five years. The findings and recommendations in the issessment will be used to guide the development of the first Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan for the Glasgow City Region

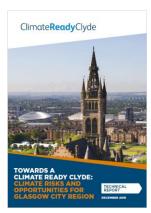
The assessment was created by reviewing over 100 documents and speaking to a wide range of stakeholders on the current and future impacts of climate change throughout the city region.

Navigate to relevant sections of the assessment based o hazards, risks to different sectors, and













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Glasgow City Region's risks and opportunities: 10 priority areas

IN3: Risks to infrastructure services from coastal flooding and erosion	IN7: Risks to energy, transport and ICT infrastructure from storms and high waves	IN8: Risks to energy, transport and ICT infrastructure from extreme heat	SH5: Risks to NHS estates due to flooding and overheating
NE1: Risks to soil stock from changes in temperature and water regime	NE5: Risks to crops and livestock from extremes in temperature and water regime	NE17: Risks to freshwater biodiversity from pests, invasive species and disease	BI1: Risks to new and existing business sites from river, surface water and coastal flooding
	BI4: Risks to business from disruption to supply chains and distribution networks	BI5: Opportunities for products and services to support adaptation	

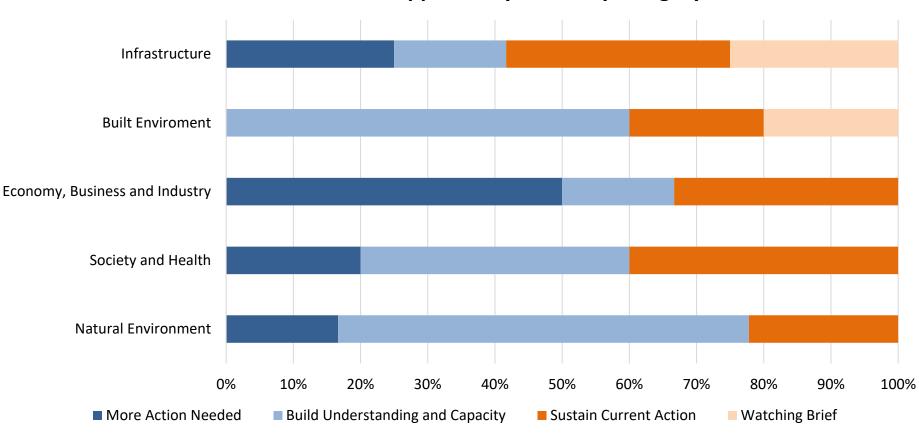




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Climate Risk and Opportunity scores by category



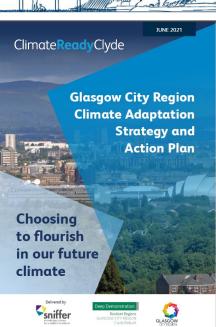
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Glasgow City Region Climate Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan - Overview

- High ambition A best in class in Europe, and worthy of a city region hosting COP26.
- Will systematically transform our economy, society and natural environment to one which flourishes in a future climate within a decade.
- Aimed at real transformation with the region looking and feeling very different.
- Contains hard choices now, but means we avoid harder ones in future.
- Requires a step change and a new approach:
 - Systems focused addressing the structural changes required
 - Inclusive community/locality led, private sector contributing
 - Collaborative with dynamic partnerships and new actors focused on collective outcomes
 - Innovative and transformative because true resilience requires changing our culture, finance and institutions
- It means:

New governance is required– with changes for oversight, delivery, ownership and agency, and **New funding is required** – using public funds strategically, unlocking private sector investment.

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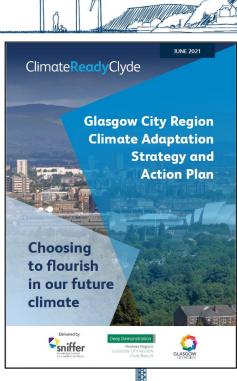
What is transformational adaptation?

Involves changing existing approaches, altering governance arrangements, and addressing underlying causes of climate risk or vulnerability.

It may also involve re-thinking the future vision of the Region, including the societal, cultural, institutional, ecological and physical changes needed, as well as the region's political economy.

Transformational approaches call for systems thinking and socio-institutional analysis, and offer the potential to deliver a larger, more sustainable, permanent, long-term change.

(Source: Resilient Regions: Clyde Rebuilt, 2020)





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Social Impact Assessment - to Support Just and Inclusive Adaptation

Intervention 4: Enable and equip individuals and communities to participate in adaptation, focusing on the most vulnerable

Aim: Increased desire of individuals and communities to shape their places so they are climate ready and an increase in resources for equipping them to do so, effectively building cohesion and social capital between intersecting communities of interest and geography. This should increase the pace and scale of community and local level action on adaptation.

What needs to happen :

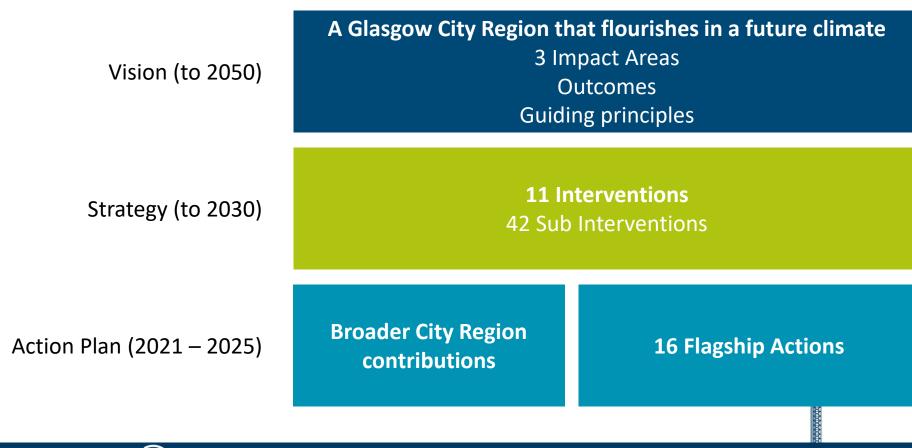
4.1 A shared understanding of how current community engagement and empowerment activity is structured for adaptation

4.2 Increased community involvement in the region's adaptation governance, decision- making, planning and delivery

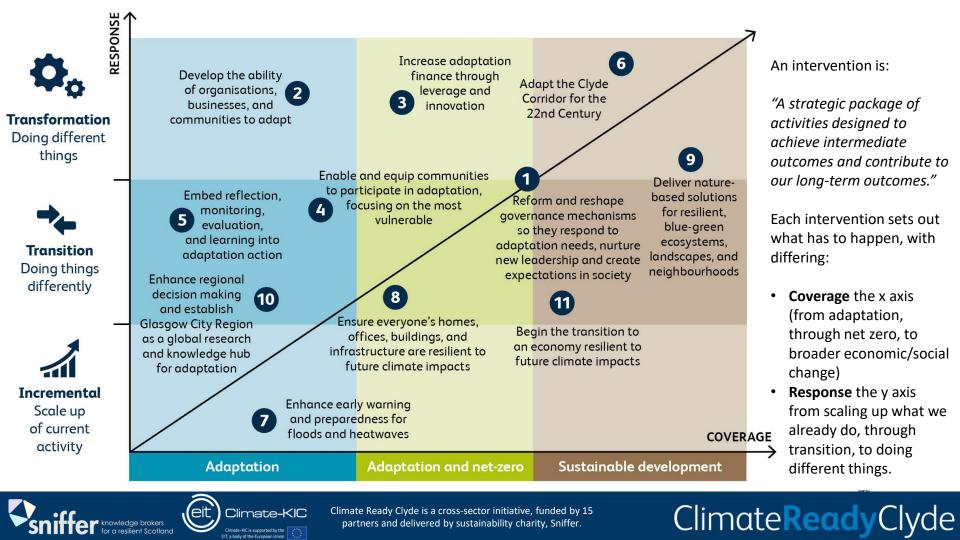
4.3 Resources, training and education for communities and young people to shape their places4.4 Collaborations between organizations, communities, artists and cultural practitioners to stimulate creative and relevant adaptation responses

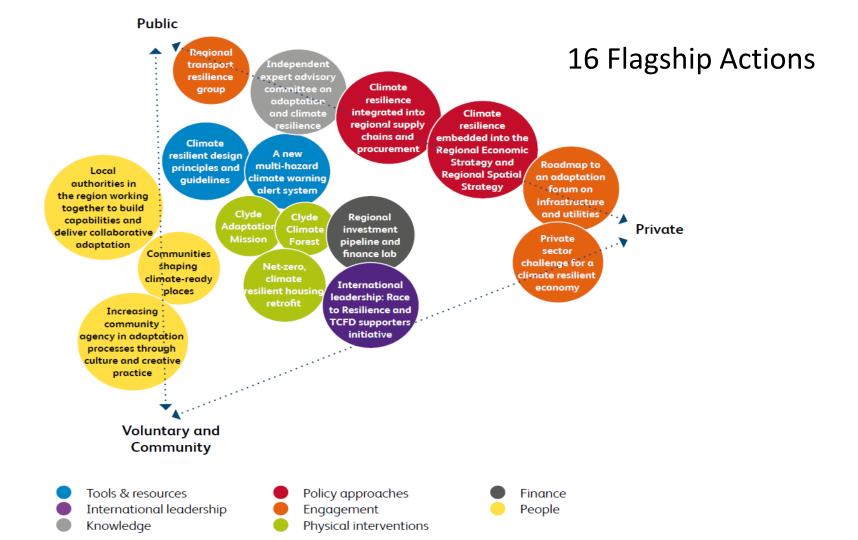
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Clyde Climate Forest



Canopy

Up to **1.5 million** new trees planted with local communities in urban areas.

Greenock



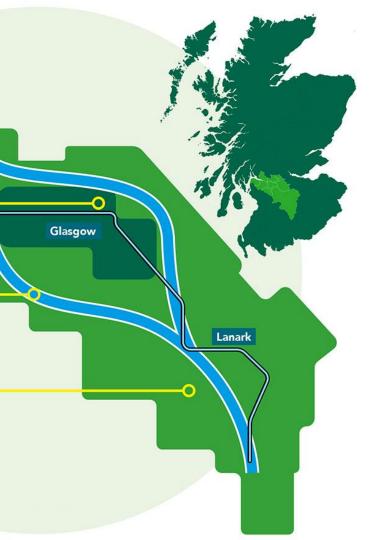
Connectivity

Targeting planting of 101 native woodlands creating a migratory route for wildlife.



Carbon

Up to **1,000 hectares** per year of new forests & woodlands planted across the region.



Place based priorities



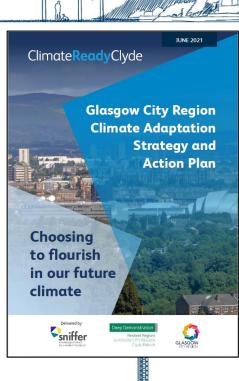


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A focus on achieving 'Just Resilience'

- Parallel concept to the Just Transition
- Strategy acknowledges social and economic inequalities created by climate impacts and people's varying ability to deal with them
- Recognises that social and economic factors, (e.g. gender, ethnicity, age, disabilities, income, housing tenure) affect how people are impacted by climate change
- Also involves economic considerations promoting diversification to ensure workers in sectors and locations impacted by climate change can re-train
- Interventions seek to address this and ensure the benefits of region's adaptation are widely and equitably shared, and ensure adaptation itself doesn't increase vulnerability or exacerbate existing inequalities

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Action Plan includes 3 'stretch targets'

By 2025 we will have:

- Increased the resilience of over 140,000 of the region's most vulnerable people to the impact of climate change. The target of supporting the most vulnerable is aligned to the UN's 'Race to Resilience' campaign, of which Climate Ready Clyde is a member, and which will build the resilience of 4 billion of the world's most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change
- Closed the region's adaptation finance gap of £184m a year
- Involved 125 new organisations, community groups and businesses supporting the City Region to adapt



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Delivery through support from CRC to:

- 1. Foster an ambitious, adaptive culture, celebrating and monitoring progress
- 2. Coordinate and activate institutions, communities and business
- 3. Drive and deliver innovation

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4. Enable and equip action



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