



**Preparing people and
places for a thriving future**



Introducing Climate Ready Tayside

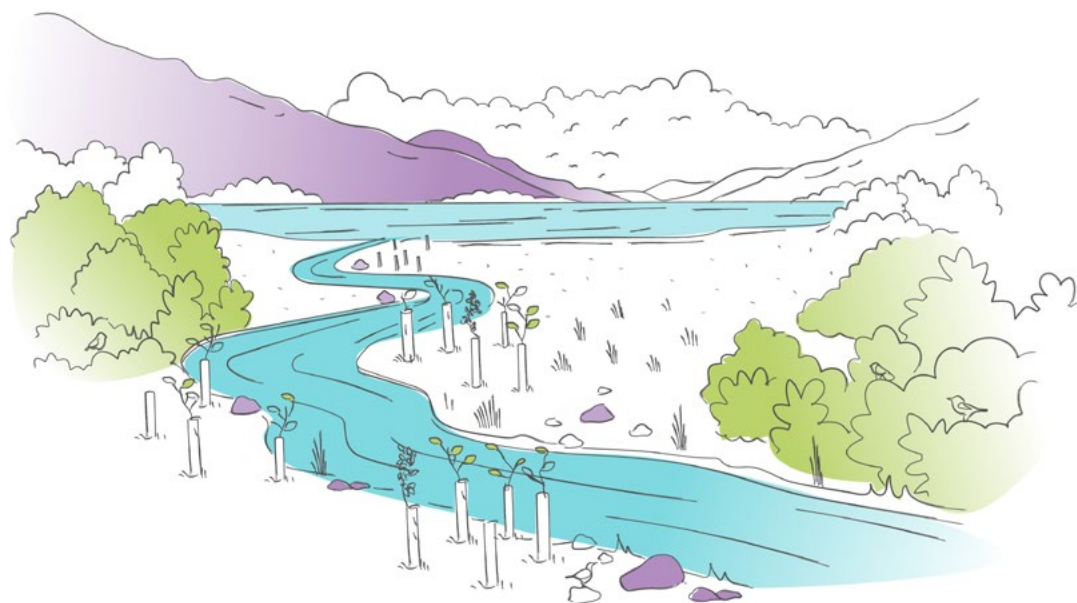
Tayside is a diverse region in Scotland, with thriving cities alongside rural communities.

We have nationally important cultural assets, prime agricultural land and outstanding nature and recreational opportunities. Our rural and urban communities have a proud history of design, innovation and industry, and a growing movement of locally led climate action. The River Tay shapes our communities, towns and landscape from the river, to the estuary and out into the North Sea.

Tayside's location makes it vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather, such as flooding, storms, sea level rise and coastal erosion. The assets that make our region so special are also under threat.

Climate Ready Tayside is a new partnership bringing together public, private and community organisations to prepare people and places for a thriving future, in our changing climate.

This document describes our vision and priority areas for action, which have been co-developed with local people and organisations.



Climate Ready Tayside covers the full local authority areas of Angus, Dundee and Perth and Kinross. The Scottish Government has set an ambition to establish regional adaptation partnerships across all regions in Scotland by 2029.

Creating a vision and priorities

In autumn 2024, four public workshops were held to involve local people and organisations in creating a vision and set of priorities for Climate Ready Tayside.

The Three Horizons futures method was used to explore;

- How prepared is Tayside for the current impacts of climate change? What is working well and what is not working so well?
- What do we want to see in Tayside in 2050, as the result of good adaptation action?
- How can Climate Ready Tayside help make this future happen?

367 comments were collected from 60 people from 34 different organisations, community groups and businesses.



The current situation

We asked everyone:

How prepared is Tayside for the current impacts of climate change? What is working well and what is not working so well?

People said:

1. Tayside's systems, infrastructure and economy are **not resilient** to climate change
2. We are in a climate and nature **emergency**
3. There is **a lack of funding, resources and capacity** for adaptation action
4. There are **examples of good partnership working**, but many sectors and organisations work in isolation
5. Most people have **low understanding of climate risks** and how to adapt
6. Organisations and community **groups are keen to take action and collaborate**
7. Many policies and decision-making **processes do not support or prioritise adaptation action**



The future we want to see

We asked everyone:

What do we want to see in Tayside in 2050, as the result of successful work to prepare for the impacts of climate change?

People said:

1. Tayside's food, energy, transport, housing, infrastructure and economy are **resilient**
2. **Nature and biodiversity are thriving**, connected and managed at a landscape scale
3. **Adapting to climate change is sufficiently funded**, to deliver impactful action
4. People, organisations and businesses **understand climate risks and how to respond** to them
5. Groups are **working together** to build healthy, resilient communities and places
6. **Community voices shape local resilience actions** and create co-benefits
7. **Adapting to climate change is business as usual**, mainstreamed into all policies, services, strategies and operation

We will use these points as our vision, for Climate Ready Tayside to work towards.



The role for Climate Ready Tayside

The future we want to see is ambitious and will require large changes. However this future is possible if we get everyone behind the goal of creating a Tayside where people and places thrive in our changing climate.



We asked everyone:

How can Climate Ready Tayside help make this future happen? What actions should the partnership prioritise?

Together we identified these 8 Priority Areas for Climate Ready Tayside:

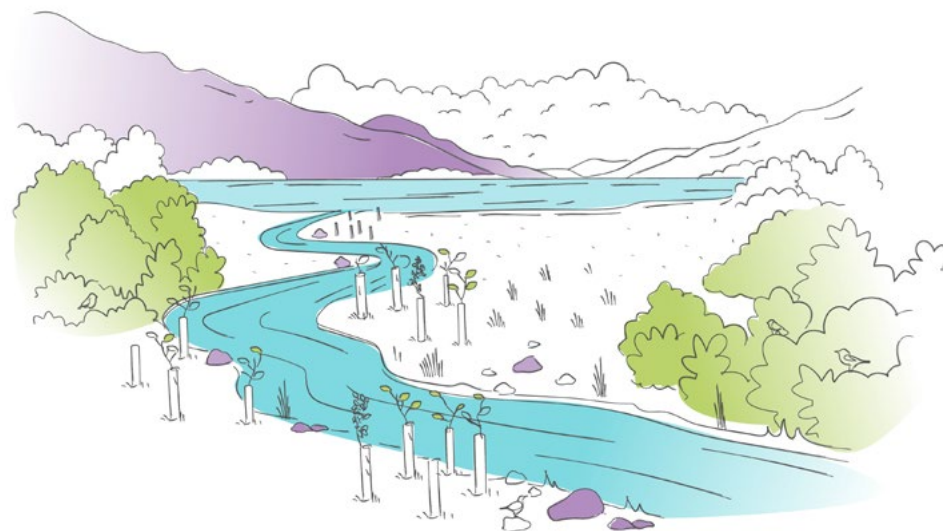
- 1. Share clear communication to raise awareness of Tayside specific climate impacts and solutions.**
 - a. Develop communication & engagement strategies for different audiences and sectors, building on awareness from flood and storm events.
 - b. Share clear communications about climate impacts in Tayside including how to prepare and take action.
 - c. Provide training and education, at all levels.
- 2. Support the development of regional projects and innovative pilots for Tayside.**
 - a. Promote area-wide working on adaptation plans and understanding of complex risks.
 - b. Facilitate regional resilience projects for both urban and rural communities.
 - c. Work with infrastructure and housing providers to understand vulnerability and future-proof their assets.

3. Promote nature-based solutions and landscape scale action.

- Support collaboration and highlight best practice with those involved in landscape scale management, from landowners to local authorities and communities.
- Seek regional investment to identify, prioritise and fund nature-based solutions to reduce climate impacts.
- Identify opportunities for nature restoration and nature-based adaptation via Nature Networks.

4. Ensure adaptation action is fair and inclusive.

- Work with existing groups and networks to amplify and support the on-going adaptation work in Tayside's rural and urban communities.
- Establish ways for local people to shape partnership activities in their area and make time to do this well.
- Identify the people and places most vulnerable to climate impacts in Tayside, and advocate for these groups to be prioritised for support.



5. Make adaptation business as usual in Tayside.

- Help public and third sector organisations future-proof their operations, decision making processes and business planning.
- Work with businesses and business support organisations to raise awareness of climate impacts and actions to improve business resilience.
- Help people on the ground understand and implement policy, and share their feedback at government level and policy forums.



6. Share knowledge, data & resources across Tayside.

- Help groups and organisations share practical knowledge, information and best practice.
- Provide training, upskilling and capacity building for adaptation.
- Encourage better data sharing (visible, up-to-date, user friendly).

7. Attract regional funding and maximise existing resources.

- Create a regional understanding of priority locations and adaptation actions for funding and investment.
- Encourage pooling of resources for adaptation e.g. between local authorities, farmers, community groups.
- Identify opportunities for joint funding proposals with multiple partners from across the region.

8. Create sustainable and resilient food growing systems that feed local people.

- Collaborate with Tayside's farming community to understand and enhance regional resilience.
- Link into Good Food Nation plans, Circular Tayside and other existing initiatives to build resilience within Tayside's food supply chain.
- Promote opportunities for nature friendly farming and food production.



Appendix

Three horizons map summarising workshop comments

Horizon 1 – the current situation	Horizon 2 - transformational actions	Horizon 3 – the future we want to see
Tayside's systems, infrastructure and economy are not resilient to climate change	Support the development of regional exemplars and innovative pilot projects	Tayside's food, energy, transport, housing, infrastructure and economy are resilient
We are in a climate, nature and biodiversity emergency	Promote nature-based solutions and landscape scale action	Nature and biodiversity are thriving, connected and managed at a landscape scale
Lack of funding, resources and capacity for adaptation action	Attract funding and maximise existing resources	Adapting to climate change is sufficiently funded, to deliver impactful action
Low understanding of climate risks and how to adapt	Share clear communication to raise awareness of climate impacts	People, organisations and businesses understand climate risks and how to respond to them
Many sectors and organisations work in isolation, but there are examples of good partnership working to learn from	Support the sharing of knowledge, data and resources across the region	Groups are working together to build healthy, resilient communities and places
Many policies and decision-making processes do not support or prioritise adaptation action	Advocate for fair and joined-up adaptation action	Adaptation is business as usual, mainstreamed into all policies, services, strategies and operation
Organisations and community groups are keen to take action and collaborate		Community voices shape local resilience actions and create co-benefits

Find out more

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You can find out more and how to get involved in upcoming activities on our website climatereadytayside.org.uk

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