

Definition of a just transition and climate justice

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The suggested definition of a just transition for the Isle of Man is "A just transition ensures that no-one is unfairly disadvantaged by rapid decarbonisation"
- 1.2. As we make the transition towards a net zero carbon economy and society there is a risk that the most vulnerable members of society could get left behind.
- 1.3. The social costs of poverty and social exclusion are high, requiring a holistic, proactive and preventative approach.
- 1.4. Suggested actions to mitigate this risk include consideration of a just transition in decision making processes, strategies and implementation plans.
- 1.5. Areas for focus could include energy efficiency and insulation for those at risk of fuel poverty and re-skilling for those moving into sustainable, low carbon jobs.
- 1.6. Engagement and consultation, ideally including community outreach, will be important as action plans are developed and implemented.

2. SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- 2.1. Identify potentially vulnerable groups in the Isle of Man and consult relevant stakeholders on their specific needs.
- 2.2. Engage with the third sector to reach segments of society who may otherwise not participate.
- 2.3. Improve energy efficiency for those facing or at risk of fuel poverty. Ensure that homes are well insulated to minimise the risks of fuel poverty.
- 2.4. Anticipate future skills needs and equip young people for them through an education system aligned to the future needs of the economy.
- 2.5. Consider options for adult education to raise awareness of climate change and related issues.
- 2.6. Develop an inclusive language so that information is provided to people in a way that has meaning for them so that they can understand the situation and respond accordingly. Ensure that community engagement is inclusive and uses a wide range of accessible channels.
- 2.7. Encourage proactive inclusion of a diverse group of people in decision-making. This can be achieved through people's assemblies or steering groups. Regardless of the structure, it is vital that there is community representation.

- 2.8. Engage with the Treasury Social Security Division to anticipate issues and potential mitigation to support a just transition.