Adaptation at the University of St Andrews

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University Governance Overview

- Court – main governing body
- Planning and Resources Committee
  - Sustainability Development Working Group (SDWG) – chaired by Quaestor (CEO)
- Audit and Risk Group
  - Risk Management Group (RMG)

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Previous adaptation actions

- SDWG previously used Climate Change Assessment Tool (CCAT)

  - Outcome to get basic Climate Risks added to main University Risk Register
  - Climate Impact Assessments for key departments
  - Data for PBCCD Report

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Current adaptation actions

- Recently presented Adaption Benchmarking Tool to SDWG

  - Self assessed Benchmarking Tool
  - Outcome to bring to Audit and Risk Committee via Risk Management Group
  - Update of Climate Risks on University Risk Register

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Risk Register Update – Climate Risk

- Cost of estate adaptation arising from climate change and increasing incidence of adverse weather events
  - Likelihood now increased to 50%
  - Severity   Medium
  - Status   Serious

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Risk Register Update – Climate Risk

- Local Controls
  - Most buildings elevated above natural water courses
  - Flood reports for all new developments
  - New buildings with SUDS
  - Oversight of SDWG
  - Sustainability Team resourced
  - Scotland Adapts Capability Framework

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Risk Register Update – Climate Risk

- Business Change Initiatives
  - Creation of climate resilience plan
  - Creation of historic climate impact assessment
  - Awareness of Finance Director
  - Inclusion of additional budgets for weather related risks
  - Review after new SEPA flood maps released in late 2019

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Risk Register Update – Reputation

- Reputational damage due to failure to have a demonstratable program relative to climate change risks
  - Likelihood   Medium
  - Severity   Medium
  - Status   Tolerable

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Risk Register Update – Reputation

- Local Controls
  - Engagement with University management on climate change
  - University Strategy provides aspiration relative to sustainability
  - Scotland Adapts Capability Framework

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Risk Register Update – Climate Risk

- Business Change Initiatives
  - Raise profile with the Risk Management Group
  - Work with academics regarding curriculum

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