

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: Wednesday, 9 March 2022

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor Mrs T L Ellis (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M R Daniells

T Davies

J S Forrest

N R Gregory

Mrs J Kelly

Deputies: Mrs P Hayre

Mrs K K Trott



1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 24 January 2022.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in accordance with the Standing Orders and Council's Code of Conduct and disclosures of advice or directions received from Group Leaders or Political Groups, in accordance with Council's Constitution.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Climate Change Action Plan Update Summary (Pages 9 - 10)

To consider an update from the Policy, Resources and Engagement Manager on prevailing climate change matters.

7. Green Energy Supply (Pages 11 - 12)

To receive a presentation from the Policy, Research and Engagement Manager on the which will outline the Council's approach to reducing the Scope 2 footprint for 2022/23 whilst balancing the need to minimise the financial impact on the Council.

8. Local Energy Advice Service (LEAP) (Pages 13 - 14)

To receive a presentation from the Policy, Research and Engagement Manager providing an overview of the Local Energy Advice Service (LEAP).

9. Executive Business (Pages 15 - 16)

To consider any items of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Panel, that falls under the remit of Planning and Development Portfolio. This will include any decisions taken by individual Members during the same time period.

10. Climate Change Scrutiny Panel Priorities

To provide an opportunity for Members to consider the scrutiny priorities for the Climate Change Panel.



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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Monday, 24 January 2022

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs T L Ellis (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: M R Daniells, T Davies, J S Forrest, N R Gregory and
Mrs J Kelly

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence received at the meeting from Panel Members.

Councillor S Martin, Executive Member for Planning and Development tendered apologies.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel held on the 12 October 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made no announcements at the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

A written deputation was received from Anne Stephenson for items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

At the agreement of the Chairman, the relevant sections of the written statement were read out as appropriate at each agenda item.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE

The Panel received the deputation as referred to at Minute 5 above.

The Panel received a presentation from the Policy, Engagement and Research Manager providing an overview of the main areas of progress that have been made since the last meeting. The presentation included the projected potential carbon savings from current projects, feedback from the recent Senior Managers' Workshop and an overview of the carbon footprint calculation for the whole of the Borough. A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.

Members enquired about the size of the potential opportunity for a Solar Farm at Hook tip and how this compared with Solar Farms in the Borough. Officers confirmed that the Hook site is smaller. Officers agreed to provide Members with accurate data on how the sizes compare outside of the meeting.

Members also enquired about the proposed switch to a Renewable Electricity Tariff by the Council specifically around what guarantees are offered by the energy provider in the terms of this type of tariff. Officers agreed to look into this further and provide this information to Panel Members in due course.

RESOLVED that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADES TO THE COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK

The Panel received the deputation as referred to at Minute 5 above.

The Panel received a presentation from the Housing Policy and Development Officer detailing the progress that the Housing team has made in making its housing stock more environmentally friendly. A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.

Members enquired as to the percentage of Council houses that are registered as EPC (energy performance certificate) E or lower. Officers explained that EPC ratings are not available on all properties as this the certificate is only obtained on vacant properties and some Council houses have not been empty for many years. The Housing Policy and Development Officer agreed to analysis that data that is available and provide this to Members for information.

RESOLVED that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

8. SUSTAINABLE WARMTH SCHEME OVERVIEW

The Panel received the deputation as referred to at Minute 5 above.

The Panel received a presentation from the Policy, Engagement and Research Manager providing an overview of the Sustainable Warmth Scheme, including the role the Council has and details on how residents can apply for funding.

RESOLVED that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

9. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel received the deputation as referred to at Minute 5 above.

There were no items of Executive Business for the Panel to consider.

The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel to remind members that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel sits within the Planning & Development executive portfolio. All relevant decisions pertaining to the Climate Change Action Plan (performance, monitoring, review and updates) would therefore be brought directly to this Panel for scrutiny.

However, Officers will additionally ensure that all Executive decisions relating to projects associated with the delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan, for example the recent Executive decision - Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Fuel Pilot, will be highlighted to Members of the Panel within the presentation update at each meeting of the Panel. This will allow Panel Members to discuss these topics by way of an update, rather than in a formal scrutiny role which will be the function of other Scrutiny Panels.

10. CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Panel received the deputation as referred to at Minute 5 above.

The Chairman asked Members of the Panel to consider the scrutiny priorities for the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel.

Members asked that Officers consider the impact that the real Christmas Tree collection service has on the Council's carbon footprint and if this could be brought to the Panel by way of an update. Officers explained that this matter is already being explored by the Streetscene Service. Once the data has been gathered this will be brought to the Panel through a Climate Change Action Plan Update as appropriate.

Members enquired about the Solent Airport's progress on reducing its carbon footprint and asked that further details be brought to the Panel. The Director of Planning and Regeneration explained that the Council is in active dialogue with RCA (Regional City Airports) who run the Solent Airport on their plans to reduce their carbon footprint. The Daedalus Scrutiny Panel will receive updates and officers will include this through a Climate Change Action Plan Update as appropriate.

RESOLVED that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel considered the priorities for the Panel.

(The meeting started at 6.03 pm
and ended at 7.58 pm).

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Presentation to Climate Change Panel

Date **09 March 2022**

Report of: **Director of Planning and Regeneration**

Subject: **CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN UPDATE SUMMARY**

SUMMARY

The Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) was approved by the 7 June 2020 Executive. The Plan has three key areas; it outlines how the Council will reduce the carbon emissions of its services, how it will assist the wider borough in mitigating climate change and how it will respond to climate change by protecting Fareham's communities through adaptation and resilience.

The presentation will provide an overview of the main areas of progress that have been made since the update to the 24 January 2022 Climate Change Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

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Presentation to Climate Change Panel

Date: 09 March 2022
Report of: Director of Planning and Regeneration
Subject: Green Energy Supply

SUMMARY

The supply of electricity to Council sites such as the Civic Offices, Depot, car parks and communal spaces in social housing schemes accounts for all of our Scope 2 carbon emissions. Electricity generated 550.02 TCO₂e in the baseline measurement year of 2019/20 which accounts for 15% of the Council's carbon footprint that year.

The current energy price crises will significantly increase the cost of electricity for the Council in 2022/23. The cost of potential renewable electricity tariffs will also increase in line with this rise.

The presentation will outline the Council's approach to reducing our Scope 2 footprint for 2022/23 whilst balancing the need to minimise the financial impact on the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

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Presentation to Climate Change Panel

Date: 09 March 2022

Report of: Director of Planning and Regeneration

Subject: Local Energy Advice Service (LEAP)

SUMMARY

The Council has signed up to the Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP). Funded by the energy sector it offers free energy efficiency and energy bills advice to residents. Referrals can be made by LEAP for eligible residents to receive free home energy visits and a range of free energy saving measures.

This presentation will provide Members with an overview of how the scheme works, the benefits that eligible residents can receive and the role that the Council will have in promoting the project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

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Report to Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

Date: 09 March 2022
Report of: Director of Planning and Regeneration
Subject: EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

SUMMARY

One of the key functions of this Scrutiny Panel is to hold the Executive Portfolio Holder and senior Officers to account in delivery of the service and the Improvement Actions identified in the Council's Corporate Priorities and Corporate Vision.

Members are therefore invited to consider the items of business which fall under the remit of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel and have been dealt with by the Executive. This also includes any decisions taken by individual Executive Members.

The remit of the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel is defined as decisions pertaining to the performance, monitoring, review and updates of the Climate Change Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the items of Business discharged by the executive since the last meeting of the Panel and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.

