

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Presentation to Climate Change Panel

Date **12 July 2022**

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

Subject: **CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN UPDATE – Annual Review**

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 first annual review of the CCAP is found in Appendix A. This is a public facing document designed to be accessible and engaging to residents.

The document will provide an overview of the main areas of progress that have been made since the Climate Change Action Plan was first presented to the 27 May 2021 Climate Change Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Climate Change Scrutiny Panel note and comment on the contents of the review document in Appendix A.

INTRODUCTION

1. This report presents the first annual review (Appendix A) of the Council's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP).

Background

2. In September 2019, the Council announced its commitment to becoming net zero in our operations by 2030. To achieve this, a Climate Change Action Plan was developed which was overseen by a Member Working Group and then approved by the Executive on 7 June 2020.
3. The CCAP contains over 40 projects which primarily focus on reducing the Council's own operational emissions. However, a number of projects reflect the Council's leadership role in encouraging emissions across the wider Borough where we can as well as those that aim to help the Borough adapt to and become more resilient to the changes brought by climate change.
4. Appendix A contains the first annual review of the CCAP. The document is designed to be public facing and both accessible and engaging to residents that:
 - Explains how the Council calculates its carbon footprint and the baseline carbon footprint of 3658.39 tCO₂e for 2019/20.
 - Provides an overview of the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) and the types of projects involved.
 - Updates readers on the top level achievements made during since June 2021.
 - Discusses the Council's carbon footprint calculation of 3327.08 tCO₂e for 2021/22 whilst highlighting some of the reasons behind the overall reduction.
 - Highlights the projects and actions planned to take place over the next 12 months.
5. The document also signposts readers to useful sources of information related to climate change alongside funding opportunities for energy improvements to low income households living in energy inefficient housing.
6. Members are asked to note and comment on the contents of the review document. A detailed Action Plan Project Programme will be shared with the Panel at the next meeting on 18 October 2022.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

CONCLUSION

8. This report presents the results of the first annual review of the Council's Climate Change Action Plan, which can be found in Appendix A.

Appendix: A – Climate Change Action Plan 2022 – public facing review document

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