

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to Climate Change Scrutiny Panel

**Date**                    **15 October 2024**

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

**Subject:**              **CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN UPDATE – Annual Review  
2023/24**

#### **SUMMARY**

The Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) was approved by the 07 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 CCAP is a public facing document designed to be accessible and engaging to residents. An initial officer draft of the third annual review of the CCAP is found in Appendix A. Views on the officer draft are sought from the Panel. The final review of the update for publication will be undertaken by officers in conjunction with the Executive portfolio holder. This review process will include appropriate consideration of any comments made by the Scrutiny Panel.

When published, the document will provide an overview of the main areas of progress that have been made since the last annual review, which was presented to the 04 July 2023 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 initial officer draft of the third 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 carbon neutral 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 emission reductions 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 initial officer draft of the third annual review of the CCAP. The document is designed to be public facing and both accessible and engaging to residents, that:
  5. Explains how the Council calculates its carbon footprint and the baseline carbon footprint of 3658.39 tCO<sub>2</sub>e for 2019/20;
  6. Provides an overview of the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) and the types of projects involved;
  7. Updates readers on the top-level achievements made during 2023/24.
  8. Discusses the Council's carbon footprint calculation of 2810 tCO<sub>2</sub>e for 2023/24 whilst highlighting some of the reasons behind the overall reduction;
  9. Highlights the projects and actions planned to take place over the next 12 months.
10. Members are asked to note and comment on the contents of the initial officer draft of the review document. The final review of the update for publication will be undertaken by officers in conjunction with the Executive portfolio holder. This review process will include appropriate consideration of any comments made by the Scrutiny Panel.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

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

## **CONCLUSION**

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

**Appendices:                    A: Climate Change Action Plan – Annual Review 2023/24**

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