

North East Derbyshire District Council

Council

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VISION DERBYSHIRE CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY (2022-2025)

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Transformation and Climate Change

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To formally endorse the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council endorses the publication and delivery of the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025).

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr J Kenyon, Cabinet Member for Economy, Transformation and Climate Change

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

Supporting the delivery of some of the priority areas of work within the Strategy will have financial implications for the Council. These will be considered on a project-by-project basis.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

There is no statutory obligation on Derbyshire’s councils to produce a Climate Change Strategy, however, councils have the power contained in the Local Government Act 2000, Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Sustainable Communities Act 2007 and Localism Act 2011 to engage directly and work with other agencies in helping to tackle climate change.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

Supporting the delivery of some of the priority areas of work within the Strategy may have human resource implications. These will be considered on a project-by-project basis.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	All
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

Supplements the delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2030 and influences the development of the forthcoming Climate Change Strategy 2022 – 2030.

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 Through an approach identified in the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2030 the Council is taking action to tackle climate change, through reducing emissions from its own estates and operations and working to influence the behaviours of its partners and residents.
- 1.2 The Council plays an active role in the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group, which includes representatives from the county council and all eight Derbyshire district and borough councils.
- 1.3 With the increasing need to accelerate action on tackling climate change, the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group has identified the development and adoption of a joint climate change strategy as an opportunity to establish common ambitions and priorities, foster collaboration and resource sharing, and provide consistency in delivery.
- 1.4 The joint Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025) sets out what needs to be done to reduce emissions across the county to net zero by 2050, or sooner, and how Derbyshire's councils will work to achieve this through a series of ambitions and priorities, supported by an action plan. This will influence the Council's forthcoming Climate Change Strategy 2022 – 2030 which will be presented to Council in due course.
- 1.5 The draft Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025) was presented to the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Lead Members and Portfolio Holders Meeting held on 3 February 2022. The Group supported the Strategy, and it was agreed that each council would individually seek the necessary support and approval for the Strategy.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The proposed Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025) can be found in Appendix 1. It is not intended to replace individual councils existing climate change strategies and plans, instead it will complement these and set out key common areas of collaboration.
- 2.2 The Strategy was developed through consultation between officers from the county council and all Derbyshire district and borough councils through the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group, and with Elected Members through the Vision Derbyshire Lead Members and Portfolio Holders Group. There is no statutory duty to consult on this document. However, it is the intention to consult more widely with Derbyshire's businesses and communities on the delivery mechanisms of the Strategy where relevant.
- 2.3 The Strategy focuses principally on what Derbyshire's councils can do about the county-wide emissions that they have direct control or influence over, but also considers wider opportunities where councils can encourage, promote and

facilitate action by others – including central government as well as businesses, communities and individuals across the county.

2.4 The Strategy has the following structure:

- Introduction – Setting out the wider context in which the Strategy sits, its purpose and scope, and why the Strategy is needed.
- Existing Strategies and Collaboration – Providing a summary of the ways in which Derbyshire’s councils have already been working together to develop joint strategies to tackle climate change and wider sustainability issues at county and regional levels. It also outlines the existing strategies and action plans to tackle climate change that have been developed at the county, district and borough levels.
- Delivering the Strategy – Setting out the importance of councils across Derbyshire working together to deliver projects and initiatives that align with and achieve the Strategy’s visions and priorities, and how this will be achieved.
- Derbyshire’s Emissions – Providing a summary of Derbyshire’s annual carbon emissions and their sources.
- Strategic Vision and Priorities – Setting out the strategic vision for net zero and a set of common priorities under five key themes:
 - Local Authority Estate, Operations and Services
 - Strengthening the Low Carbon Economy
 - Decarbonising Derbyshire's Housing
 - Sustainable Transport, Travel and Infrastructure
 - Waste and Resources
- Carbon Offsetting and Sequestration – Providing an overview of action that may be taken to help offset the remaining residual emissions to enable Derbyshire to be a net zero county by 2050.
- Communication and Engagement – Setting out the importance of Derbyshire’s councils working jointly with the county’s residents, businesses, academic, public, community and voluntary sectors to achieve the net zero ambitions.
- Monitoring, Review and Reporting – Setting out the monitoring, evaluation and reporting requirements needed to deliver the Strategy successfully and effectively.

2.5 The Strategy covers the period 2022 to 2025 and will be supported by a live action plan, which is currently in development by the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group.

- 2.6 The action plan will set out the priority areas of collaborative working and projects. It will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis by the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group to ensure that the councils are continuing to focus on and develop the appropriate climate actions necessary to achieve the net zero targets in collaboration with other partners, stakeholders, and community members, and to respond to future technological and policy developments.
- 2.7 As well as reducing emissions across Derbyshire, delivery of the Strategy will help to address the wider key issues facing society, including improving and future-proofing homes, businesses, infrastructure and transport, reversing the decline in biodiversity, promoting community health and wellbeing, and the facilitation of a sustainable and robust low carbon economy.
- 2.8 The Strategy will be co-ordinated and monitored by the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group, which comprises of officers from the county, district and borough councils. This Officer Group reports into the wider Vision Derbyshire governance structure, ensuring oversight and accountability of activities and projects being delivered.
- 2.9 As Derbyshire councils cannot deliver all of the necessary actions required to reduce emissions alone, delivering the Strategy will therefore require collaboration with and across partners, citizens, businesses and communities.
- 2.10 The councils will collectively use their leadership, partnership building and influencing role to facilitate and promote actions across all sectors and groups. Councils will also work together to identify and prepare for external funding opportunities and maximise collective success in securing funding and other support for delivering action on decarbonisation.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To enable the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy to be delivered and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the county.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not producing a Derbyshire Strategy: The Climate Change Act 2008 (amendment 2019) commits the UK to a legally binding target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. Derbyshire's councils must, therefore, play their part in reducing emissions and take action to achieve this in line with the targets set out by the UK government. If the council does not support the collaborative approach to taking action on the delivery of a joint Strategy, emissions across the county would not reduce sufficiently to achieve the targets.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025)

Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)

Not applicable.