

North East Derbyshire District Council

Environment Scrutiny Committee

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Updates to the Climate Change Strategy

Report of Councillor Steve Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To present the overview of the draft updates to the Climate Change Strategy that have been made in order to better align to the Council Plan 2023-2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In regards to the updated Climate Change Strategy, Members are asked to comment on the following:
 - 1.1 That the Strategy reflects the current Council Plan's vision and priorities in a concise and clear manner.
 - 1.2 That the updated Strategy title 'Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' better reflects the Council's commitment to sustainable thinking.
- 2.0 To note that the monitoring approach now aligns with Government guidelines to aid transparency and cohesiveness.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr. Steve Pickering

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

There are no current financial implications.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

There are no current legal implications.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

There are no human resource implications as a result of this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

| Decision Information | |
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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes Details: Cllr. Steve Pickering and Steve Lee, Assistant Director, Regeneration and Programmes. |

Links to Council Plan (NED) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

Key Council Plan priority of 'A great place that cares for the environment', increase biodiversity across the District and reduce carbon emissions and pollution across the District. Responding to Climate Emergency declared by the Council in 2019 and delivery of Council's commitment to sustainability, local communities and biodiversity.

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background**

- 1.1 The original Climate Change Strategy was published in 2019 and revised in 2022. With the approval of the new Council Plan 2023-27, a light touch refresh has taken place in order to align the current Strategy with the new Council Plan.
- 1.2 The draft updates of the Strategy are being presented to Scrutiny as part of the consultation process. Once this process has concluded, the final version of the Strategy will be published.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1. This was a very light-touch refresh, with no fundamental changes to the subject matter and the existing ten themes remain. The refresh ensures consistency of language and thinking with the current Council Plan.
- 2.2 The Strategy title has been slightly modified, with 'Rethink' aspect being moved to the forefront, in order to emphasise the golden thread of the Strategy – the behavioural change needed in the ways we do things, which starts with rethinking current practices and operations.
- 2.3 The figures from SCATTER and Tyndall were updated to include the latest available data. The Council's emissions arising from fossil fuels have been updated to capture years 2021 and 2022, including Killamarsh Active, which was acquired from the Parish Council after the current Strategy had been published.

Killamarsh Active is the only Council commercial property not on 100% renewable electricity tariff, due to the property being tied into current energy provider's contract for further 5 years.
- 2.4 'Monitoring our Progress' section now offers the alignment with the reporting guidance issued by Government to aid transparency and cohesiveness.
- 2.5 The Strategy will be underpinned with an action plan which is currently being drafted with input from Assistant Directors and Service Managers. This will be a working document which will enable delivery of the Strategy.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To present the Council's approach on tackling climate change and enable the Council to be more sustainable and for Environment Scrutiny Committee's views to be taken into account as part of the review process and for those views to be referred to Cabinet when Cabinet considers the draft for approval.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 No alternative options are considered appropriate as the aim of the refresh was to align the Strategy with the Council Plan 2023-27.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

| Appendix No | Title |
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| 1 | Climate Change Strategy |
| 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 (NEDDC) you must provide copies of the background papers) | |
| n/a | |