

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

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NEDDC Climate Change Strategy 2024-2030

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

Classification: Public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To provide an overview of the Climate Change Strategy, which has been refreshed to better align to the Council Plan 2023-2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. With regard 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.
 - 1.3 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. The Sustainability Officer position has been established to work closely with Service Managers to creatively develop Climate Change interventions, using existing budgets and accessing external funds.

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	
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.
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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 re-align the current Strategy with the new Council Plan.
- 1.2 The Strategy was presented to SMT and Environmental Scrutiny Committee as part of the consultation process and was well received. SMT and Environmental Scrutiny Committee recommended no further changes to the Strategy.
- 1.3 The Strategy is being presented to the Cabinet as a final step in the consultation process. Once the refreshed Climate Change Strategy has been approved by the Cabinet, the final version will be published.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1. Whilst the review considered a breadth of emerging information and policy, there were no fundamental changes to the subject matter and the existing ten themes remain. The refresh ensures consistency of language and thinking with the current 2023-2027 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 latest figures from SCATTER and Tyndall have been updated. The Council's emissions arising from fossil fuels have been updated to include years 2021 and 2022, including Killamarsh Active, which was acquired from Killamarsh Parish Council after the current Strategy had been published.

Killamarsh Active is the only commercial property not on a 100% renewable electricity tariff, due to property being tied into current energy provider's contract for a further 5 years.

- 2.4 The 'Monitoring our Progress' section now offers the alignment with the reporting guidance applicable to central government.
- 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 enabling the Council to be more sustainable.

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
1	North East Derbyshire District Council Climate Change Strategy, 2024-2030
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)	
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