

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Council**

**8 July 2019**

**Climate Change Action Plan 2019-30**

**Report of Councillor Charlotte Cupit, Portfolio Holder for Environment.**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To seek approval of the proposed Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2030, which forms part of the Council's Transformation Programme.

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 Carbon footprint is the amount of climate change gas emissions associated with an organisation or activity. An increase in climate change gas emissions and therefore our carbon footprint is the primary cause associated with climate change and its negative impacts.
- 1.2 There is growing global awareness of the effect of our carbon footprint on the planet, along with a growing appetite to reduce it. A reversal of these negative effects upon our planet requires a global effort however - global change can only happen if individuals, communities and countries are prepared to change and have the opportunity to change.
- 1.3 We need to reduce our reliance on climate damaging energy and change the way we operate better utilising more environmentally sustainable materials, products, practices and renewable energy sources in a move to a lower carbon lifestyle.
- 1.4 At the same time we need to reduce the amount of power we need by properly insulating our buildings, by utilising the latest technologies, by educating ourselves and others, by simply being more careful with our use of resources and by finding more efficient ways of doing things.
- 1.5 The ambition of this plan is to achieve 80% carbon reduction measured against our 2014 baseline by 2030. This target, whilst ambitious, is realistic given the challenges and our capability as an organisation today. We know however that knowledge, awareness, technology, products and regulation are evolving at a rapid pace.
- 1.6 This document therefore along with the action plan/targets within, will be reviewed regularly with a comprehensive review undertaken annually for the lifetime of the plan – it will be a *'dynamic'* plan that will change and flex as new opportunities arise which support and most likely further our ambition for carbon reduction.

- 1.7 By adopting this plan, North East Derbyshire District Council pledge to tackle climate change;
- *Through the design and construction process of any new Council buildings, properties and workplaces.*
  - *Through re-design and retro fitting existing buildings, properties and workplaces.*
  - *Through the operation, practice, systems and procedures implemented in our buildings, properties and workplaces.*
  - *Through our reduction in consumption of energy, water and consumables.*
  - *Through the exploration and utilisation of renewable energy sources and the support of renewable energy generation.*
  - *By reducing the need to travel, our approach to our fleet management and access to the services that we provide.*
  - *Through the planning process by shaping new and existing developments to become sustainable.*
  - *By working with County, Town and Parish Councils to attract and support low carbon business generation within the District.*
  - *By working with County, Town and Parish Councils and other partners to help communities and businesses become less dependent on energy.*
  - *By working with County, Town and Parish Councils along with businesses, other partners and residents to minimise waste and increase recycling.*
  - *By raising awareness and creating opportunities within our communities, working collaboratively with County, Town and Parish Councils, businesses and others, to develop a local response to climate change.*
  - *By encouraging and supporting young people in our schools to develop ideas and plans that lead towards a carbon considerate culture.*
  - *Through the promotion of energy efficiency and more environmentally friendly alternatives within our communities and businesses.*
  - *Through the effective planning, management and protection of our green infrastructure.*
  - *Through sustainable procurement which generates benefits for our communities whilst minimising damage to our environment.*
  - *Through effective monitoring, evaluation and review of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2030, including a comprehensive review undertaken annually for the lifetime of the plan.*

## **2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 Local authorities are well placed to influence change in our areas by being community leaders, raising awareness about the potential to reduce emissions and by working collaboratively with others to reduce emissions. Through the services that we deliver, by being a major employer and through our regulatory and strategic functions, our organisation can and should be at the forefront and leading on the changes that are required to protect our present and future communities, countries and planet.
- 2.2 By exercising these functions and having influence in these areas in a way that results in emissions reductions, there is the potential for a range of economic, social and environmental benefits for our organisation and our communities.

### **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 In the preparation of this proposed plan, Portfolio Holders, Strategic Alliance Management Team and operational managers and teams have been consulted. In addition to this, significant research into existing related material and information has taken place.
- 3.2 The individual themes of the plan may well require more extensive consultation, including with the public. This will be considered as part of the implementation of the plan.
- 3.3 There are no known equality related negative impacts arising from this proposed plan.

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 Should the Council reject the Climate Change Action Plan, this adversely indicates a lack of will to make a difference to the environment.

### **5 Implications**

#### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

- 5.1.1 There are no direct financial implications from the plan itself. Each action within the plan will be considered and where appropriate progressed via the established Transformation Governance Group arrangements (see 5.3).

#### **5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection**

- 5.2.1 There are a number of drivers underpinning the need for this plan including but not limited to; the *Kyoto Protocol*, the *Climate Change Act 2008* and the *Carbon Plan 2011*.

#### **5.3 Human Resources Implications**

- 5.3.1 This plan seeks to draw together a range of strategic, tactical and operational activity being undertaken by many partners in many different areas of influence in order to collaboratively reduce carbon emissions in the district.
- 5.3.2 Bringing the Climate Change Action Plan into operation successfully across the Council, will be the result of good programme management. This will involve senior and strategic ownership of the Climate Change Plan.
- 5.3.3 The Joint Strategic Director – People, will implement a robust monitoring system which will be implemented alongside the plan. To assess the overall impact of these activities in moving North East Derbyshire to become a low carbon area the plan will be monitored through the ***Transformation Governance Group*** and reported to the Communities Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet and Council.
- 5.3.4 To support this, the establishment of a ***Climate Change Sub Group*** will enable the Council to manage, monitor and review the action plans and consider new ideas that may be generated throughout the lifetime of the plan. This group will have the following composition;

**Chair** - Portfolio Holder for Environment  
**Lead Officer** - Joint Strategic Director – People  
**Finance Lead** - JHOS Finance, Revenues and Resources  
**Elected Members** – representing cross-Party approach

**Officers with the responsibility of Thematic Leads;**

- Theme 1 – Sustainable Buildings and Workplaces – JHOS Property and Estates
- Theme 2 – Renewable Energy - JHOS Property and Estates
- Theme 3 – Low Carbon Fleet - JHOS Streetscene
- Theme 4 – Transport – JHOS Partnership and Transformation
- Theme 5 – Planning - JHOS Planning
- Theme 6 – Community and Collaboration – JHOS Legal and Governance
- Theme 7 – Biodiversity - JHOS Streetscene
- Theme 8 – Procurement - JHOS Finance, Revenues and Resources

**6 Recommendations**

6.1 That Members adopt the proposed Climate Change Action Plan 2019-30, which forms part of the Council's Transformation Programme.

**7 Decision Information**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> 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:  <i>BDC:       Revenue - £75,000   <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>              Capital - £150,000   <input type="checkbox"/></i>  <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>              Capital - £250,000   <input type="checkbox"/></i>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</b>	Yes
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	All
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	Aim: Transforming our Organisation Priority: All

**8 Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
1	Climate Change Action Plan 2019-30 <i>(To save on printing costs this Appendix has been printed in black and white – if you want a colour version please contact the Governance Team)</i>
<b>Background Papers</b> (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) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
<b>Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2030</b>	
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