

MINUTES OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

5 OCTOBER 2022

PRESENT:

Members of the Working Group: Councillors Mrs Crane (Chair), Harrington and Picker

7. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2022 were approved.

8. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Ms Livesey and Roodhouse.

9. CLIMATE RISK ADAPTATION

The Working Group considered a briefing paper concerning the climate adaptation policy and associated challenges and barriers.

Following the adoption of the Climate Change Strategy, the next step was for the council to gain a better understating of the climate change risks faced in terms of council's services and the wider borough. An adaptation plan would follow the risk assessment.

The Working Group agreed to commission an external expert to undertake a detailed analysis of the risks faced in Rugby subject to costs together with further investigative work being undertaken by the Deputy Chief Executive.

10. CLIMATE CHAMPIONS

The role of Climate Champions was a key role for the members of the Working Group.

A Councillors' Toolkit was being produced to assist Members in getting involved with their communities about climate change and issues faced. A draft toolkit be circulated to the Working Group for comments prior to wider Member circulation.

Following the launch of the Councillors' Toolkit, the next step was to produce a Community Toolkit for groups, parish councils, businesses, etc to enable them to start their own climate change work.

11. CLIMATE CHANGE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Working Group considered the draft Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The Chief Officer for Growth and Investment attended the meeting to present the draft SPD and answer questions.

A six-week public consultation began on Friday 7 November following which the SPD would be submitted to Full Council for adoption.

A summary of consultation responses be presented to the Working Group at a future meeting.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

An invitation to attend a future meeting of the Working Group be extended to Chief Officers to update on work being undertaken by their service areas in relation to climate change.

CHAIR