

MINUTES OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

8 AUGUST 2022

PRESENT:

Members of the Working Group: Councillors Harrington, Ms Livesey, Picker, Rabin and Roodhouse

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Picker be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2022 were approved.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Crane (Chair) and Edwards.

4. OVERVIEW OF CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

The Deputy Executive Director shared a presentation with the Working Group setting out the approach and actions that the Council would need to take to meet its net zero by 2030 target. The strategy further set out how the Council would respond to the climate and nature emergencies and how it would work together with all stakeholders to tackle climate change and nature loss.

A formal review of the strategy would be undertaken by Full Council every three years or sooner if required together with the action plan being reviewed annually.

The Working Group agreed to review the action plan on a quarterly basis.

5. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The Deputy Executive Director shared a presentation with the Working Group concerning the feedback received through the six-week public consultation undertaken in Summer 2022.

The Council was exploring ways to improve engagement with minority groups, faith groups and young people. EQuIP were approached to assist with improving engagement with minority groups while Warwickshire College and local schools could assist with improving engagement with young people.

To begin discussion with businesses in Rugby, the Council would host a business roundtable later in the year.

A bespoke meeting with the borough's parish councils would be held later in the year to discuss the strategy in greater detail.

To engage with the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce further, the Deputy Executive Director would be attending one of their meetings later in the year.

To strengthen the joint approach in delivering actions, periodic engagement with all stakeholder groups be considered.

6. PRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF FINAL DRAFT

The full consultation feedback report together with a summary of agency responses and proposed amendments would be circulated to the Working Group subsequently to the meeting.

Any additional feedback from Members be provided by 20 August.

A report concerning the adoption of the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan together with a recommendation to incorporate all agreed actions into the Council's Corporate Strategy Delivery Plan be submitted for consideration by Full Council in September 2022.

CHAIR