

Draft notes Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee 06 November 2023

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the Climate Change Annual Report (2023) and Draft Climate Change Action Plan, revision 3 at their meeting on 06 November 2023. Members at that meeting did not suggest any specific changes or additions to the actions contained in the plan, however, the following comments were made:

- The plan showed ambition and built on last year's plan. It demonstrated vision and direction of travel.
- There was a need for the council to bring together partners and develop guidance and approaches to help standardize delivery. It was felt that this was one of our key roles in tackling climate change. Examples where this would be beneficial were given as:
 - planning legislation/guidance on solar panel farms and housing developments.
 - Influencing policy so that housing developers invest in properties prior to sale, requiring the buyer to then retrofit new technologies.
 - EV charging in both remote and urban settings.
 - Centralise knowledge and best practice.
 - drainage; and
 - waste collection.
- HVO and hydrogen as fuels for fleet vehicles needed more development.
- The council needed to act as a consortium with partners to achieve greater savings and benefits through sharing infrastructure and services.
- The Members Climate Action Fund was valued by some members and increasing the fund was suggested.
- There needed to be a mechanism for ensuring that all of the Members Climate Action Fund is spent, and that District and Borough councils be encouraged to identify similar funding could really show commitment to local communities who want to develop schemes.

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee look forward to reviewing progress in the 2023/24 Climate Change Annual Report along with the action plan and reviewing the results of the recent Climate Change Consultation at a future meeting.