

Cabinet Lead for the Climate Change and the Environment

1. Havant Borough Council (HBC) climate conversation workshop with community groups

The first HBC engagement on climate and the environment with community groups and other stakeholders took place virtually using MS Teams on 8 December 2020.

The event was hosted by Jane Devlin, Climate and Environment Lead and myself, with grateful thanks to Holly Weaver for her organisation. The event was publicised to known groups and stakeholders with email invitations, and promoted on HBC social media. Approximately 45 people, made up of residents, members of environmentally focussed groups (the majority), Councillors and 3 members of staff joined the meeting.

After welcoming everyone to the workshop, I highlighted the importance of reaching out to all ages and backgrounds and that we must endeavour to be inclusive of all residents across the Borough. I also emphasised that we must support initiatives and developments which create jobs, especially in the Green sector. It is of note that younger people are well informed as climate change and the environment is part of their school curriculum. I also explained that my role will be pivotal in implementing change across the Borough, through the new Climate Change and Environment Strategy which is being developed.

Jane Devlin presented the context and operating principles of the Council. She summarised policy changes over the last few years which has led to our current position. She also clarified the distinction between the work an individual could do, the work a Borough council could do, and the work a County Council could do in effecting environment and climate change. In her presentation she explained the spheres of influence, and how HBC connects and influences them.

The event was not recorded (to comply with GDPR and privacy) but members of the public were invited to request a speaking spot. 9 people from the community took up this offer and spoke on a wide range of topics to be considered in the emerging strategy which included,

- Local renewable energy generation
- The local green economy
- Tree planting and biodiversity
- Energy efficient homes and
- Cycling and walking infrastructure

A question and answer session which covered a wide range of issues, some within HBC's sphere of influence and some outwith, followed the presentations. Future events are likely to occur three or four times a year and will make connections with other Cabinet Lead portfolios too.

2. Electric Vehicle charge-point Infrastructure (EVCI)

Figures for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020.

	Count		Average £ paid per visit
Leigh Park	251	1137.66	4.53
Emsworth	378	1214.93	3.21
Waterlooville	208	547.94	2.63
	837	2900.53	

Average stay times and therefore average paid per charge have fallen compared to previous periods. This may be due to lower demand during COVID-19 lockdown.

3. Domestic Retrofit ECO flex and ECO3.

Domestic retrofit work continues despite the pandemic but at a lower rate than previous years. More information on the website

<https://www.havant.gov.uk/energy-efficiency>

2019-2020 (For comparison)

	£	Count	Rounded average £
Q1	95,328.29	52	1,840
Q2	53,243.01	52	1,030
Q3	90,005.59	73	1,240
Q4	264,025.09	186	1,420
TOTAL	502,601.98	363	1,390

2020-2021 (figures to end of October 2020)

	£	Count	Rounded average £
Q1	65,012.42	36	1,810
Q2	176,940.83	74	2,400
Q3 (to end Oct)	229,045.83	125	1,840
Q4 (to end Dec) *	-	-	
TOTAL	470,999.08	235	2,010

*Figures awaited from the service support team since resources have been diverted to Covid and Brexit activities.

4. Retrofit News.

Havant BC has successfully secured a share of £3.1M through the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery phase 1a.

Using our existing channels, a promotion of the 'warmer homes' initiative is planned for the next few weeks. There is no 'quota' for Havant, funding will be allocated on a first come, first eligible and first served basis. It is aimed at the worst homes (EPC E, F and G) and at households with an income of less than £30,000 per annum.

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