

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 16 June 2021

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Work on the Climate Change and Environment Strategy has been informed by the online community climate conversations hosted in December 2020 and March 2021. We anticipate that it will be published in the next democratic cycle with an Action Plan to follow.

Domestic retrofit undertaken by third party installers in Havant Borough Council for the benefit of residents and the climate, continues with the energy company obligation.

Two new schemes have been added,

The Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Phase One is delivered through a consortium led by Portsmouth City Council and delivered by Agility Eco. Details are on the website <https://www.havant.gov.uk/green-homes-grant>. The scheme has been extended from September to December 2021, and a marketing campaign is currently underway to promote the opportunity for eligible residents to benefit from energy saving retrofit measures.

The Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Phase Two is anticipated to commence in September, and will be delivered through the Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy BEIS Southwest Local Energy Hub through a consortium covering the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area.

Electric vehicle charge point infrastructure - Reporting of use of our public facing network of charge points in Havant Borough Council car parks will be transferred to the parking team and come under the Community Safety and Organisational Development portfolio.

Hampshire County Council is considering a pilot scheme for on street charge-points. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/electric-vehicles> for more information.

A recent campaign for residents offering solar PV panels at a discount called Solar Together (operated by iChoosr, promoted by the Council) attracted over 1000 inquiries. Actual uptake is yet to be confirmed, but if it proves to be popular, additional opportunities will be identified.

We plan to support a 'Community COP' focussing on local issues such as extending the debate about domestic energy efficiency, low carbon transport, and what we can do to address the climate crisis. This event will parallel the UN Climate Conference COP 26 to be hosted by the UK and held in November in Glasgow. More information and how to be involved will be available through our website and on social media in due course.