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HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

8 September 2021

Havant Borough Council Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021 to 2026 (Item 10)

Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

FOR DECISION

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Thain-Smith

Key Decision: No

1. Purpose

This paper is submitted to advise the Cabinet of the outcome of a scrutiny of the Cabinet report “**Havant Borough Council Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021 to 2026**” (see Item 7 of the agenda for the Cabinet meeting to be held on 8 September 2021)

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 that the action plan, as part of Havant Borough Council’s Climate Change & Environment Strategy 2021 to 2026 be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee before it is considered by Cabinet and has been passed by Full Council

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 24 August 2021, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the recommendations set in the Cabinet Report “**Havant Borough Council Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021 to 2026**” (Item 7 of the Cabinet Agenda (8.9.21)
- 3.2 The Committee examined, via a question and answer session with Councillor Thain-Smith, the Cabinet Lead, Councillor Satchwell and the relevant officers, the following aspects of the programme:
- The timing for publication of the action plan referred to in the report (“the action plan”)

- Early deliverables under the draft strategy
- The level of consultation with Hampshire County Council in developing the strategy
- How the strategy aligned with Hampshire Council's strategy and with climate strategies adopted by other councils
- The potential impact of the strategy
- How the strategy would be delivered and publicised
- The role of the Communications Team in the delivery of the strategy
- Training that would be provided to Councillors under the strategy
- How the strategy would seek to encourage residents, the construction industry, and businesses to embrace the aims and objectives of the strategy
- The financial implications of the strategy
- How the coastal problems were addressed in the strategy
- How the loss of trees which were protected by preservation orders could be addressed by the strategy
- How other trees and tree canopies could be addressed by the strategy
- How the strategy would seek to ensure that weeds would be continued to be tackled without the use of herbicides
- The baseline data that would be used in the action plan for performance indicators and benchmarks
- The governance arrangements for the operation of the strategy

3.3 During the question and answer session, it was clarified that reference to the adoption of open spaces by local communities, did not mean the local communities would purchase the open spaces but managed them on behalf of the Council.

3.4 The Committee noted that reference to "pesticides" when removing weeds in the strategy should read "herbicides"

3.5 The Committee considered that the action plan mentioned in the submitted strategy should be referred to this Committee before being submitted to Cabinet and Full Council.

Additional Budgetary Implications

3.6 None arising from this report

4.0 Background and relationship to Corporate Strategy and/or Business Plans

4.1 As set out in the Cabinet Report (Item 7 of the Agenda)

5.0 Options considered

5.1 Not applicable

6.0 Resource Implications

6.1 Financial Implications

None arising from this report

Section 151 Officer comments

Date: 3rd September 2021

No additional financial implications arising from this report

6.2 Human Resources Implications

None arising from this report

6.3 Information Governance Implications

None arising from this report

6.4 Links to Shaping our Future Programme

Not Applicable

6.5 Other resource implications

None arising from this report

6.6 Legal Implications

None arising from this report

Monitoring Officer comments

Date: 6th September 2021

Effective scrutiny helps secure the efficient delivery of public services and drives improvements within the authority itself. Looking at decisions before they are made on a “pre-scrutiny basis” (as is the case here) provides an important means to influence and potentially improve those decisions

Mark Watkins, DMO

7.0 Risks

7.1 *None Arising from this report*

8.0 Consultation

8.1 Not Applicable

9.0 Communication

9.1 Not Applicable

Appendices

None

**Background papers
Cabinet Report (Item 7 of the agenda)**

Agreed and signed off by:

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