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HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

13 JULY 2022

CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT GOVERNANCE AND ACTION PRIORITIES 2022-2023

FOR ENDORSING

Cabinet Lead: **Cllr Elizabeth Lloyd**, Local Plan, Environment and Water Quality

Key Decision: No

Report Number: HBC/064/2022

- a. To report on Climate Change and Environment governance panel (to be noted).
- b. To list Climate Change initiatives for the year ahead (to be endorsed) following consideration Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 12 April 22. (The Action Plan becomes a working document.)

2. Recommendations

Members of Corporate Governance Board/Cabinet are requested:

- a. **To note** the governance structure and Terms of Reference for the Climate Change and Environment Panel (CCEP). 6-8 elected members with the ability to co-opt experts, to be chaired by the Cabinet Lead (Cllr E Lloyd) ToR previously approved (Dec 2021) by the Leader and Cabinet.
- b. **To endorse** The Havant Borough Climate Change and Environment initial Priorities for 2022 -2023 CCEP (at a meeting chaired by Cllr Bowerman as the then Cabinet Lead.)

3. Executive Summary

3.1. Havant Borough Council adopted a Climate Change and Environment Strategy for the period 2021- 2026 in September 2021. It comprises three key objectives:

A: To address direct and indirect carbon emissions from Havant BC operations

B: To engage with the community and address carbon emissions from development (through the Local Plan), residents and industry

C: To protect and enhance local greenspaces

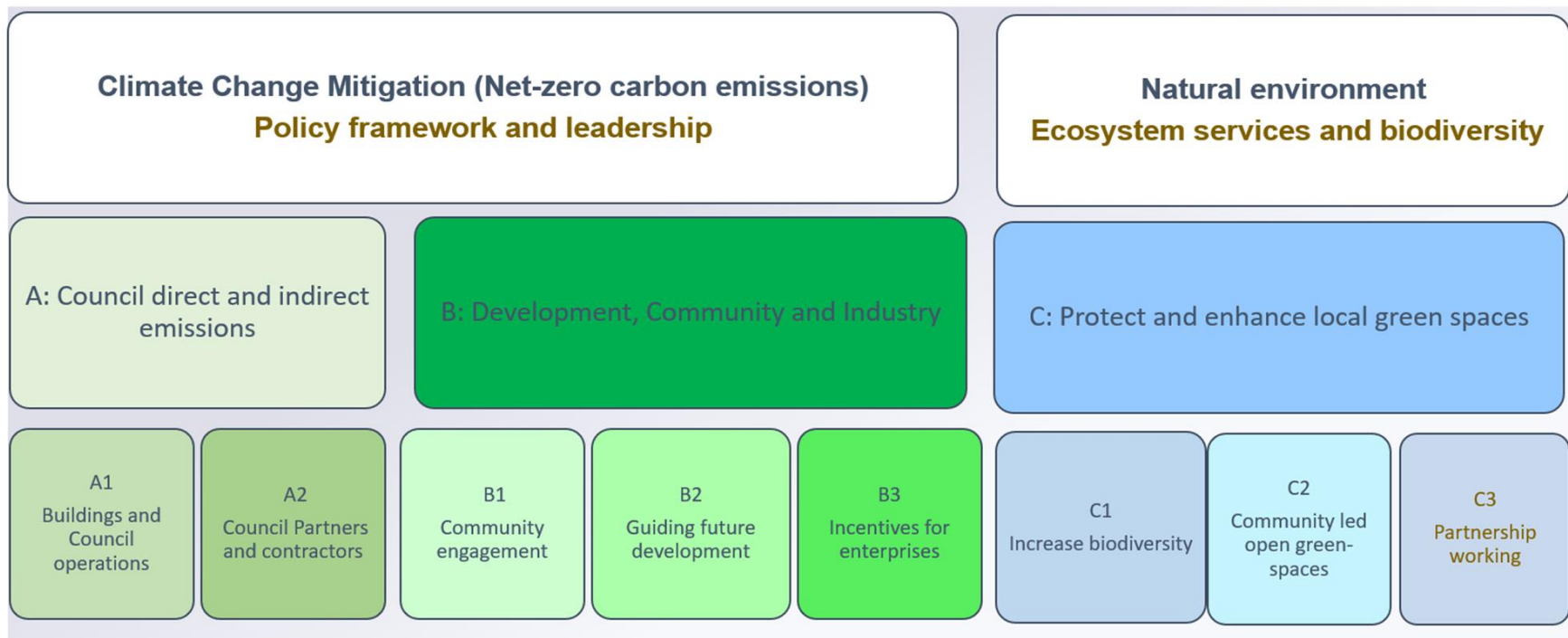


Figure 1. Climate Change and Environment Strategic Overview

- 3.2. A governance structure to steer and shape the development of the Climate Change and Environment activity has Terms of Reference approved by the Leader (Appendix 1). Cabinet is asked **to note** the governance arrangements.
- 3.3. The Climate Change & Environment Panel CCEP has already convened to propose priorities for 2022-2023. O&S reviewed the plan, and made recommendations incorporated in this paper. Cabinet is asked **to endorse** the list in section 3.4 below.
- 3.4. The following priorities have been identified by the CCEP 2022-2023:
- a. Incorporating policies within Havant Borough Council's revised Local Plan to ensure energy hierarchies and energy efficiencies are delivered for development in new housing in the borough. (B2)
 - b. Reducing carbon emissions from transport and travel is a priority. Therefore the inclusion of a priority to work with Hampshire County Council (and Transport for the South East, as appropriate) to add specific actions for Active Travel. (B1)
 - c. Internally it is important that the impact of decisions in relation to the climate and environment are considered properly, so a Climate Awareness Programme – Training for staff and Cllrs. (A1)
 - d. Templates for business cases and decision papers should include a heading and guidance for evaluating climate and environment impacts, and their mitigation as appropriate. (A1)
 - e. To ensure pension investments made by Hampshire County Council on behalf of employees are 'climate -friendly'. The aim is to lobby for direct and indirect investments in pension funds are managed to divest from high-carbon options eg. fossil fuels. (A2)

4. Additional Budgetary Implications

- 4.1. None. Initiatives proposed by the CCEP Climate Change and Environment Panel which require additional funds or resources will be supported by a business case and be submitted to Cabinet or Full Council (depending on scale and impact) for approval.

Section 151 Officer comments

Date: 08/06/2022

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. As indicated above, individual business cases will be appraised as and when they are developed.

5. Background and relationship to Corporate Strategy, Climate & Environment Strategy and/or Business Plans

- 5.1. Havant Borough Council adopted a Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021 to 2026 in September 2021. <https://www.havant.gov.uk/climate-change-and-environment>.
- 5.2. The strategy was adopted in September 2021. The climate change and environment panel was approved by the Leader in December 2021, and met in April 2022 to identify priorities. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the CCEP priorities and detailed action plan in April 2022.

6. Options considered

6.1. Options

Option 0	Do Nothing
Option 1 Recommended.	Use the detailed Action Plan (working document) for Climate Change and Environment, identify priorities for the first year to kickstart initiatives.

7. Resource Implications

- 7.1. Financial Implications: there are no financial indications for delivering the initial Climate Change and Environment priority list. Initiatives identified in the Climate Change and Environment initial Action Plan that require a business case/ approval will be routed to S151 and Monitoring Officer individually with a business case.
- 7.2. Human Resources Implications: there are no HR implications for delivery of the initial Climate Change and Environment initial Action Plan. Delivery of individual initiatives will be linked to a service and embedded in business plans. All business cases are required to indicate options for climate change mitigation and environmental improvement. Therefore each business case will be drafted with implications in mind. A *climate awareness programme* is planned to ensure colleagues and elected members have basic understanding of the implications of decisions and their potential for mitigating climate change and protecting the natural environment.
- 7.3. Information Governance Implications: None.

- 7.4. Organisational change: It is envisaged that embedding climate change and environment objectives in all services areas and business plans will be delivered through the new performance management framework.
- 7.5. The approach is to embed actions in all service areas by refocusing within existing resources and budgets.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1. Initiatives identified in the Climate Change and Environment initial Action Plan that require a business case/ approval will be routed to S151 and Monitoring officer individually with a business case. (Monitoring Officer comments relating to the terms of reference are in Appendix 1.)

Deputy Monitoring Officer comments

Date: 24 May 2022

The priorities set out in this report are for early action and have been developed by the Climate Change & Environment Panel and considered by Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Their immediate implementation will meet the target set out in the Corporate Strategy 2022-2025 by demonstrating commitment to the green agenda through the Environment Action Plan

9. Risks

By adopting the Climate Change and Environment Strategy in September 2021, Havant Borough Council has major commitment to mitigating climate change and to avoid damaging the natural environment through biodiversity loss. The risk therefore, is that the organisation fails to adopt an Climate Change and Environment initial Action Plan these elements into the delivery of all services.

10. Communication

- 10.1. Councillor Julie Thain-Smith the Cabinet lead for climate change and environment (until late 2021) hosted two publicly accessible events branded '*Havant Borough Council Climate conversations*' in March and December 2020. Cllr. Lulu Bowerman in taking on the portfolio hosted a third one in February.

- 10.2. Havant Climate Conversation events were well attended by members of the public and elected members. This consultation helped to shape the Climate Change and Environment Strategy adopted in September 2021.
- 10.3. These events helped build a network for action in the community, and foster positive partnerships for the implementation and support of climate initiatives.
- 10.4. A specific campaign relating to domestic retrofit initiatives for energy efficiency (social media) during November and December 2021 will be followed by similar activities to maintain momentum for the retrofit activities funded through the Energy Company Obligation ECO3 & ECO4, and the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Phase GHG LAD 2 & 3.

11. Appendix

Appendix 1 Climate Change and Action Panel CCEP Terms of reference (and Monitoring officers comments dated 7 December 2021).

12. Background papers

- 12.1. Links to the initial motion by the council relating to a climate emergency, and the Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021-26:
 - a. <https://havant.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=212&MID=10584#A114876>.
 - b. <https://cdn.havant.gov.uk/public/documents/Havant%20Borough%20Council%20Climate%20Change%20and%20Environment%20Strategy%202021-2026.pdf>

AGREED AND SIGNED OFF BY:

Cabinet Lead:	Cllr Elizabeth Lloyd, Cabinet lead Local Plan, Environment and Water Quality	09 June 2022
(On behalf of) Director:	David Hayward	22 May 2022
Deputy Monitoring Officer:	Alan Harrison	24 May 2022
Section 151 Officer:	Malcom Coe	8 June 2022

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Appendix 1:

Climate Change & Environment Cabinet Liaison Panel (CCEP) Terms of Reference

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Chairman: Cabinet Lead for Climate Change. The Chair of CCEP is the link to the Cabinet, and responsible for liaison.

Membership and attendance

1. Up to 8 members. The CCEP will have a quorum of 4 members.
2. The Chair and/or Havant Borough Council Leader has discretion to invite Councillors to become members. Councillors who are not members may be invited by the Chair to join one or more meetings for a defined topic/purpose.
3. The Havant Borough Council Leader may attend any meeting.
4. A member missing three meetings in a 12 month period *de facto* resigns, the group will nominate a new member to be invited by the Chair to join.
5. No substitute members.
6. The Chair may invite external representatives (not elected members) to join for defined initiatives relating to priorities listed in the Climate Change & Environment Strategy [link](#) to webpage.
7. Officer attendance: Climate Lead Officer plus Democratic Services (circulation of agendas, meeting invitations minute taking & ToR) support, the Executive Head of Service or a nominated representative invited with attendance at their own discretion and Officers as required/invited.
8. **Meeting frequency** & timing & format to be agreed by the group. Not less than one meeting per calendar quarter, 4 meetings in a year.

Terms of Reference

1. To advise and assist the Cabinet Lead to ensure Havant Borough Council mobilises action to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by or before 2050 in line with [Climate Change Act 2008 \(2050 Target Amendment\) Order 2019](#).
2. To shape & steer the initial draft Climate Action Plan and see that is updated by the organisation for medium- and longer-term actions. To propose fresh initiatives that support the delivery of priorities identified in the Havant Borough Council [Climate Change & Environment Strategy 2021-2026](#) (and subsequent strategies adopted by Havant Borough Council.)

3. To assess funding and resource requirements to undertake initiatives in the Climate Change and Environment Action plan. To identify, lobby to secure adequate resources to deliver low-carbon and increased-biodiversity outcomes in Havant Borough Council.
4. To champion projects, events and communications that inspire positive change in line with the Strategy, through the Council's spheres of influence: strategic partners, residents, enterprises and stakeholders.
5. To advise the Cabinet Lead on local opportunities, and lead action to embed low-carbon outcomes in all (operational) service areas.
6. To advise the Cabinet Lead on how Havant Borough Council's policy documents (statutory and discretionary) may be amended and updated to embed low-carbon, increased-biodiversity outcomes in all decisions.
7. To advise the Cabinet Lead on the development of metrics that measure the council's progress, which are suitable for inclusion in the Council's Annual Report so that Havant Borough Council is accountable in delivering progress on 2. above.

Monitoring Officer comments (on Governance)

Date: 7.12.21

The governance proposals in this report are appropriate for an authority wishing to make progress in achieving its climate ambitions. As an executive function, Cabinet is empowered to "appoint such advisory panels, including any Councillor, as it considers appropriate to provide advice" (Part 2 paragraph 10.4 of Section D). The proposed arrangements provide an effective course of executive action which will assist the Council in delivering tangible outcomes in respect of its Climate Change and Environment Strategy.

Mark Watkins, DMO

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