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# HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

13 July 2022

## Climate and Environment Action Plan

### Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

#### FOR INFORMATION

Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Councillor Lloyd (2021/22)

Key Decision: N/A

Report No. HBC/065/2022

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#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper is submitted to advise the Cabinet of the outcome of a scrutiny of the Cabinet report "Climate and Environment Action Plan"

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Cabinet be recommended that, where possible, the action plan be amended to include more tangible targets for individual targets with a simplified numbering system of these targets.

#### 3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 12 April 2022, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the recommendations set in the Cabinet Report "Climate and Environment Action Plan"
- 3.2 The Committee examined, via a question and answer session with Councillor Bowerman, the Cabinet Lead, and the relevant officer, the following aspects of the programme

- The aims, ambitions, and objectives of the plan
- The timing of the implementation of the plan
- The design and complexity of the plan as submitted
- Organisations/bodies that had been consulted when developing the plan as submitted
- Details on how it was proposed to change the culture of the organisation with carbon literacy awareness at all levels
- How the plan would relate to the Council's Local Plan ("Local Plan")
- The feasibility of setting climate impact standards within the Local Plan

3.3 During the question and answer session Councillor Bowerman and the relevant lead officer agreed to:

- (i) to simplify the format of the plan; and
- (ii) to extrapolate Hb1i into separate headings

3.4 The Committee acknowledged that the plan was a living document and supported in principle the aims of the plan. It was particularly pleased to see that it was proposed to incorporate policies within Havant Borough Council's revised Local Plan to ensure energy hierarchies and energy efficiencies would be delivered for development in new housing in the Borough. However, the Committee considered that:

- (a) the plan, in the format submitted to the Committee, was too complex to enable the Council to track and monitor achievements;
- (b) the plan should be revised to identify 4 key areas to make it more manageable; and
- (c) the report did not fully recognise the work currently being undertaken in the community towards climate change.

#### **4. Additional Budgetary Implications**

4.1 None arising from this report

#### **5. Background and relationship to Corporate Strategy and/or Business Plans**

5.1. As set out in the Cabinet Report (Item 9 of the Agenda)

**6. Options considered**

6.1 Not applicable

**7. Resource Implications**

7.1. Financial Implications

None arising from this report

**Section 151 Officer comments**

None Received

7.2 Human Resources Implications

None arising from this report

7.3 Information Governance Implications

None arising from this report

7.4 Other resource implications

None arising from this report

7.5 Legal Implications

None arising from this report

**Monitoring Officer comments**

None Received

**8. Risks**

8.1 *None Arising from this report*

**9. Consultation**

9.1 Not Applicable

**10. Communication**

10.1 Not Applicable

**Appendices**

None

**Background papers**

## **Cabinet Report (Item 9 of the agenda)**

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