

# HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

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## SCRUTINY BOARD

### SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW

**Report by the Environment and Neighbourhood Quality Panel:**

**Councillor D Keast (Scrutiny Lead)**

**Councillors R Cousins, H Farrow, O Kennedy, C Mackey, D Smith**

**Operational Services Portfolio: Councillor Mike Fairhurst**

**Key Decision: N/A**

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#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To present the research and findings of the Environment and Neighbourhood Quality Panel in connection with its Sustainability Review.

#### **2.0 Recommendations:**

2.1 RECOMMENDED that the Scrutiny Board recommends to Cabinet that the key actions set out in Paragraphs 4.1 to 4.7 of Appendix A be implemented.

#### **3.0 Summary**

3.1 The Scrutiny Panel investigated work being undertaken by Havant Borough Council to address sustainability throughout the borough and to help set a strategic way forward.

3.2 The Panel's report, giving details of the research undertaken, together with their conclusions and recommendations, is set out in their report at Appendix A.

#### **4.0 Implications**

##### **4.1 Resources:**

A staff resource is available for 2 days per week to specifically address sustainability throughout the Borough. However, staff resources from a number of teams within the Council are also be required to implement action within different service stream, this can be accommodated as part of business as usual for the Council.

##### **4.2 Legal:**

The Climate Change Act sets legally binding targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the UK by at least 80% by 2050. The Council has a duty to report on how they are addressing the risks associated with climate change.

In July 2012 the DECC published a requirement under the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 (HECA) for all local authorities to report on local energy conservation measures that we consider practical, cost effective and likely to significantly improve the energy efficiency of residential accommodation in our area

**4.3 Strategy:**

This supports the Council's priority 'Develop and implement the council's approach to sustainability and the low-carbon economy'

**4.3 Risks:**

Reputational issues of the council being able to demonstrate to residents that the Council is tackling sustainability including fuel poverty.

**4.4 Communications:**

Each project has a communications plan working with the corporate communications team.

**4.5 For the Community:**

Maximising National funding opportunities for residents. Working with residents to reduce fuel poverty.

**4.6 The Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has been completed and concluded the following: N/A**

**5.0 Consultation**

The Panel undertook extensive consultation with various Havant Borough Council officers including the Portfolio Holder, Executive Head, Sustainability Adviser, Transport Fleet Operations Team Leader and the Building Services Officer.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A - Sustainability Review – report by the Environment and Neighbourhood Quality Panel

Agreed and signed off by:

Legal Services: 18 February 2014

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Relevant Executive Head: 18 February 2014

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