

COUNCIL
26 September 2019

Report of the Head of Regulatory Services

UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform Members of the work undertaken by the Derbyshire Dales Members' Climate Change Working Group, including the production of a proposed road map to assist with the District Council's pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030.

RECOMMENDATION

That the initial road map produced by the Climate Change Working Group is received.

WARDS AFFECTED

All

STRATEGIC LINK

Addressing the issue of climate change links with all three of the District Council's aims to be clean, safe and thriving.

1 BACKGROUND

At its full Council meeting on 30 May 2019 Derbyshire Dales District Council resolved to declare a climate emergency, to make Derbyshire Dales District Council carbon neutral by 2030, to call upon the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible, to work with partners across the county and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies, and to report back to Council within six months with the actions the Council will take to address this emergency.

2 REPORT

- 2.1 Since the Council meeting in May, a Members' Working Group has been formed to lead the District Council in addressing the elements of the resolution. This Working Group has met twice, with the aim of producing an initial road map to help guide the Council towards its ambition to identify priority actions. The Working Group members are Cllr David Chapman (Chair), Cllr Richard Bright, Cllr Mark Salt, Cllr David Hughes, Cllr Peter O'Brien and Cllr Neil Buttle. Officer support to the Group is provided by the Head of Regulatory Services.
- 2.2 The Working Group has produced an initial road map, setting out the issues and areas of work that are needed for the Council to work towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030. The road map is attached to this report at Appendix 1. In addition the Working Group has identified 4 priorities for early work, which it has termed:

- Transport;
- Estates;
- Planning Policy;
- Housing Policy.

In broad terms these areas of priority can be considered as examining the carbon footprint of the District Council as an organisation and looking at how 2 of the Council's policy areas can produce a positive impact in the wider district.

- 2.3 In addition to the work undertaken by the District Council's Working Group, a countywide officer group looking specifically at climate change issues has been formed. The first meeting of this group was held on 17 September 2019 and from this meeting it is expected that a Derbyshire Environment and Climate Change Framework will be developed.

3 RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 Legal

At this stage the work of the Climate Change Working Group has not committed the District Council to any legal risks.

3.2 Financial

The financial implications of any commitment to further work in respect of climate change have not yet been evaluated.

4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has also been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equalities, environmental, climate change, health, human rights, personnel and property.

5 CONTACT INFORMATION

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6 ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1: Climate Change Road Map – September 2019