

**TECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP  
MEETING NOTES**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 10:00am**

Present:

Councillor Butler	-	GB
Councillor Crampton		AC
Councillor Drage	-	AD
Councillor Forster	-	SF
Councillor Neighbour		DN
Councillor Oliver (Chair)	-	AO
John Elson	-	JE
Peter Summersell	-	PS
Sarah Taylor (notes)		ST

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Councillor John Radley (JR)

Item		Action
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome, Housekeeping</b>	
	AO opened the meeting.	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of last meeting/matters arising</b>	
	<p>Outstanding minutes and matters arising were reviewed</p> <p><b>Waste Meeting Contract</b> Meeting to discuss carbon reduction of the waste &amp; recycling contract have now resumed, next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March. PS to be in attendance.</p> <p>WG advised Serco were likely to be trialling electric vehicles in Maidenhead and Windsor very soon. HDC had an update on this at the Serco Partnership Board.</p> <p><b>Carbon emission reductions</b> A major facility to be evaluated for carbon reduction opportunities is our Frogmore Leisure centre because of its age. PS to set up a meeting with Hart, Everyone Active and HCC see what we can do to improve energy efficiency.</p> <p>WG agreed to keep any Carbon Offsetting reductions clearly identified to ensure transparency.</p> <p>SF advised that when the Hart Leisure Centre was built, we had the foresight to put in electric car charging point trunking. WG agreed to add EV charge points at Leisure centres to potential tender exercise. PS to confirm with Everyone Active</p>	PS

	<p><b>Green Homes Grant</b> PS to update WG on this after the meeting with the Energy Hub group on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, and a conversation with the HDC Housing team on potential targets.</p> <p><b>Solar Together</b> Scheme has been launched. PS to advise working group when we have numbers of people who have signed up for the scheme. PS to report figures when available.</p> <p>SF raised issue that has had no contact since signing up to the solar together scheme, AO advised that this was not his experience and should be taken up with supplier or HCC direct</p> <p>At the next officer group meeting, we are going to discuss a list of Harts fleet vehicles that we have within Hart. The list is to include the approx. timeframe for upgrade of vehicles. PS to include this in Officers group report.</p> <p>SF suggested that the WG, should look at contributing to Fleet Link as they provide a transport service to residents, we could provide a budget. AO advised there is no lack of intent in supporting public transport, it is just the funding. HCC are the responsible authority for this area and currently fund the service with Fleet Town Council. It is hoped that HCC do not continue to cut bus services and subsidies which goes against their commitment on climate change</p> <p>Green grid link update on MOD Land; no report back from the project to advise WG on where we are in the process.. JE to ask Phil Sheppard for an update.</p> <p><b>Greentech south free business energy audits</b> These audits for SME only (companies under 250 employees), PS advised that Everyone Active would not be able to use these for the Leisure Centres</p> <p><b>Carbon Literacy Training Proposals</b> This was discussed at the climate change officers' meeting. We have had some quotes back, a trainer would be able have up to 22 people on a course. PS advised that in the Officers group some raised concerns that it would take up quite a lot of time because it is a whole day course, and wanted to make sure it was relevant</p> <p>PS to look to arrange course of June/July '21 for members and relevant staff, subject to training budget being approved by Senior Leadership Team</p> <p>PS advised that may struggle to get old carbon emission data from 2017/18, especially from waste contract as contractor has changed. Will try to get data when putting together 2020/21 carbon footprint</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>
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3.0	<b>Actions from Officers' Climate Change Group</b>	
3.1	<p>The first meeting of this group has been held and PS gave an update on what was discussed and decided at that meeting.</p> <p>In that group we had attendees that were a cross-section of officers within HDC. People were nominated from the management team.</p> <p>This group covered a broad range of the organisation and representatives could be extended as needed.</p> <p>SF asked if there was anyone from the housing side and finance? Dan Fullbrook (Housing) and Richard Wheeler (Finance) are among the attendees.</p> <p>PS to circulate the actions taken from the climate change officers' meeting.</p> <p>PS Group keen for climate change to be part of everything the council does 'golden thread running through the organisation'. Members have discussed previously that they are keen for this to happen, and is part of the Climate Change Action Plan.</p> <p>The group raised the issue of procurement, it might not be the cheapest option to choose the most sustainable/low carbon option, so our policy must support such decisions.</p> <p>Service plans should be updated with consideration for climate change. Anything that is in the climate change action plan should be cross-references against and reflected in the service plans</p> <p>Car share spaces to be provided in Hartland Park during phase 3 and expect for Grove Farm too.PS was asked if any new developments will include communal heat and power? PS to raise this at the next climate change officers' meeting.</p> <p>Planning policy and development control will be a major area where HDC can influence low carbon solutions and climate change support.</p> <p>JE suggested – we could add this to the agenda for the next Climate change meeting and invite Daniel Hawes and Mark Jaggard along. PS to set that up.</p> <p>There are currently two applications for solar farms within the district. AO advised this needs to be a planning decision if they are to be developed in the district. We should suggest sites which are energy appropriate.</p> <p>It was suggested to the WG we should have a policy on decarbonisation of Hart and generation such as solar as a key element. The district should have a view and a policy to encourage</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>

	<p>sustainable energy using the right methods.</p> <p>AO stated that Hart is a rural area and cannot become carbon neutral on our own or within our own boundaries. We need to work and closely align our efforts in with Hampshire CC.</p> <p>Energy use as reported down for the Civic Offices, officers group raised Concern that the savings made in the office are just being transferred to home.</p> <p>Sustainable transport forum group has been setup, Looking at transport options for the potential new settlement and linking to the green grid.</p> <p>Officers group is also looking at ways of supporting businesses and helping a green recovery.</p> <p>It was suggested that the WG have some timelines on these proposals and this should be fed back to the Officers working group.</p> <p>It was suggested to the WG that we should have actions within the service plans so that these can be reviewed and monitored</p> <p>JE confirmed we are linking this with the service plans, but it may be that we do not have the resources to action all the projects ,other things may need to be dropped to do this. We are going to identify where the links are, and the prioritisation will come from the O&amp;S committee. This should then go back to SLT and also Cabinet separately.</p> <p>If this does not happen, we are failing on the Council's key pledge of climate change being a priority in our Corporate Plan.</p> <p>The member's working group was held a week prior to this meeting, and we are looking to book another meeting in about 6 weeks from today, around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April to allow notes to be discussed by the WG</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>JE</p> <p>CT/PS</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Update on Climate Change Action Plan</b></p>	
<p>4.1</p>	<p>PS has updated this and shared this with the group. Noted that a lot of actions have been already been captured in this meeting.</p> <p>S1.2 - I have had a meeting with the Local Partnership and are looking at how we can go forward with the carbon pathways. Awaiting quote.</p> <p>S2.4 - Procurement – we need to have a way to have a sub-group set up and Ashley Grist in finance to lead on that.</p> <p>S 3.3 - We have done a basic feasibility study on potential solar project, however business case did not hold up. Working with finance so we can produce a toolkit to quickly access if a site is</p>	<p>PS</p>

	<p>worth looking further into.</p> <p>SF asked if there are any working papers on that? AO advised need to talk to the Commercialisation team before we start releasing working papers</p> <p><b>Green Grid Strategy</b></p> <p>SF asked if the link with Hartland village is being progressed?</p> <p>JE asked to advise which officer is progressing discussions with MOD</p> <p><b>Energy Audits</b></p> <p>Energy audits for civic offices and workshop should be carried out March '21, results to be reported back to the working group. Will also looking at getting cost for energy audit for leisure centre, previous quote was very high, so will look at other options.</p> <p>P1.1 Meeting setup with Serco 4<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>SF requested a copy of the Project Integra plans as he had not seen the update.</p> <p>Some of the detailed analysis has not been done on the waste tonnages due to COVID. Hart is doing well on recycling volumes</p> <p>SF requested to see the tonnages figures.</p> <p>A 1.3 PS suggest as a council should be looking at long-term at carbon emissions its effects and how it will impact Hart, and resulting mitigation and adaptation that would be needed. This was raised as a particular point to be looked at the officers working group.</p> <p>AO advised that is more one for the planning group, rather than this meeting. We may need some specialist input on that from the planning policy team with regards to mitigation.</p>	<p>JE</p> <p>PS</p>
5.0	<b>EV charge points update/Discussions</b>	
5.1	<p><b>EV survey questionnaire –</b></p> <p>PS advised on results on the questionnaire – we have received 274 responses so far. 48% residents said they have access to off-street charging. The takeout of the results - 74% of people were looking to change their vehicle in the next 5 years and 89% said it would an electric or hybrid vehicle.</p> <p>Suggestions for sites; there is quite a big appetite for leisure centre car parks and new builds development to having charging points. Mark Jaggard has consultants looking into provision for new developments.</p>	

5.2	<p><b>Procurement process for EV charge points</b></p> <p>There is a meeting next week to look at the tender process which will include the car parks. PS to attend the meeting next week and to advise on the best way to progress..</p> <p>A recommendation was made that we should be looking at the Kent frameworks for Tender And including Leisure Centre car parks</p> <p>PS was asked, is there any information from local garages on EV charging points? PS advised through suppliers where were not keen to put chargers in our car parks near petrol stations as it's likely the petrol stations will have rapid chargers installed which would make the business case less attractive.</p>	PS
5.3	SF advised that general attitude is that people do not want to go to a garage to charge their vehicles, they want to go to a retail park, so a lot of petrol station sites are likely to become vacant. The fast charging and lower access charging will become key. There is likely to be limited grid power available, and getting access early is something to be considered in the tender process.	
<b>O&amp;S</b>	<b>Website Update/Discussion</b>	
6.1	The website has been refreshed but is still a work in progress. WG members were asked to feed back to PS Links to the Environment Center supported by HCC to be added.	ALL
6.2	AD & AO suggested that we need to update the links to other businesses and also to signpost where Hampshire and the Parish's documents can be found on these web pages.	PS
6.3	HCC have some very good experts on reducing carbon emissions which is why SF suggested HCC should have net neutral aim for 2050 together with HCC. HCC 2050 plan to be shared to group.	SF
<b>7.0</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
7.1	<p>There are a lot of grant initiatives for applying for sustainable transport and green initiatives coming forward.</p> <p>Further information on potential sources of funding to be sent to JE</p> <p>SF suggested we could work with Hampshire highways in progressing this. Particularly the high priority cycle scheme from Calthorpe School to Elvetham.</p>	ALL  SF
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
8.1	AO, taking on board the next meeting of the officers' working group is last week of March,	
	<p>Date agreed with all.</p> <p><b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00am for 1.5 hours</b></p>	

Meeting ended: 11:22am