

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

Date and Time: Tuesday 21st September 2021 14:30pm

Place: Teams Virtual Meeting

Present:

Cllr David Neighbour - DN
Cllr Steve Forster - SF
Cllr Gill Butler - GB
Cllr Anne Crampton - AC
Peter Summersell - PS
John Elson - JE
Nicky Williamson - NW
Andrew Ratcliffe - AR
Amy Summers - AS
Tamsin Briggs - TB

Item		Action
1.0	Introduction and apologies – Apologies received from Cllr James Radley; Cllr Alex Drage; Cllr Alan Oliver and Wilf Hardy	
2.0	Notes form previous meeting	
2.1	A request was made for the specifics of Serco contracts to be made available	JE
2.2	PS updated the group on carbon pathways progress with regard to data gathering, meetings with consultants and extra resources being obtained to enable a paper to be present to Cabinet in November	PS
3.0	Tree Planting Schemes	
3.1	Andrew explained Hart are in early stage of where to plant, and a lot of information needs to be gathered. How and where we target is not easy.	
3.2	Canopy cover work done. Data received shows cover in Hart 28.5-30% (National average 16%; Government target 20%, European Target 30%).	
3.3	Discussion regarding the National Planning Framework (Section 131) and how this could help address the issues raised by the group specifically relating to incorporating trees in street scene and urban development	

3.4	<p>It was asked if HCC could consider planting trees along the A30. HCC doing large amount of bio-diversity work, and any authority can approach highways to seek to work with them, but safety aspects would need to be considered.</p> <p>Funding many be available towards this, and an approach could be made to HCC</p>	NW/AR
3.5	NW advised the possibility of a tree planting scheme to encourage residents to plant fruit trees within their gardens is being explored	
3.6	<p>There was a general discussion of the pros and cons of TPOs, and the wider implications of these in the community, in particular in relation to safety concerns and the Health and Wellbeing agenda.</p> <p>It was agreed tree planning would be brought back on a future agenda</p>	PS
4.0	Climate Change Communication Plan	
4.1	Amy presented the Climate Change Action Plan 2020 – 2023 with examples of key messages and key themes together with how best to promote the Climate Change message and promote the initiatives within the Council, together with updates and educational messages.	
4.2	<p>It was suggested HCC could be used as a critical friend and partner as they have a lot of work in this area, especially in relation to a carbon accounting tool.</p> <p>It was also recommended an existing link to a toolkit for listed buildings be added to the HDC website</p>	PS/AS
5.0	Carbon Footprint Data	
5.1	<p>PS identified the key points of information previously supplied to the group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste and Recycling 7% drop from previous year • Leisure – nothing to take from data as was closed for significant period of time • Own buildings showed a 30% drop in electricity use (in part due to home working but also due to more efficient IT equipment). • Big spike in gas use to offset more ventilation • Staff mileage – dropped 70% from previous year. Still 50% down pre Covid 	

	The group discussed the figures can be seen as being distorted by hidden effects, but that it was difficult to look at this as they are subjective.	
5.2	Latest date (2019) for district wide emissions - shows the trend is going down. An impact tool previously provided can break the data down to the impact in individual parishes.	
5.3	To be included for future reviews	PS
6.0	Update on key actions from Hart Climate Change Action Plan	
6.1	<p>Peter update the group on key priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous data transport and domestic group focus energies key points can make impact on the green grid and transport plans, together with EV chargers. • Funding from Sustainable Warmth Fund to promote energy efficiency • Focus on leisure and on waste and recycling. Obtaining papers for EV charges, LED lighting in carparks and carbon consultants for carbon pathways 	
6.2	<p>Peter shared a potential reporting sheet, broken down by department who would then update on period current and planned activity for next period, together with dates for delivery, or identify where struggling.</p> <p>The group agreed this was a good starting point, but an example of a completed list would be more beneficial. Specific data on outputs and the tracking of goals and achievements, identifying what is being delivered, should also be included in the final version</p>	PS
6.3	It was requested an update be provided on what is happening with civic office and the site. PS advised he was attending a meeting regarding this tomorrow and would update the group	PS
6.4	The group discussed Serco electric vehicles for their supervisors, and if the use of these had previously been promoted as positive action. The possibility of a reminder as good publicity was discussed	PS/AS
7.0	Future Meeting Dates	
7.1	<p>DN explained Wilf from Friends of the Earth has a problem with attending on Tuesday afternoons for these meetings. He will speak to Wilf as his view is if either Tamsin or Wilf can make it, that should be acceptable.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 29th November at 2pm</p>	