

**MEMBERS AND OFFICERS
CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP
MEETING NOTES**

Date and Time: Tuesday 22nd March 2022, 14:30

Place: Teams Virtual Meeting

Present:

Cllr David Neighbour - DN
Cllr Alan Oliver - AO
Cllr Steve Forster - SF
Cllr Alex Drage - AD
Cllr Dr Anne Crampton - AC
Cllr Gill Butler - GB
Peter Summersell - PS
John Elson - JE
Daniel Hawes - DH
Jenny Wood - JW
Charlie Leaman (Eunomia) - CL
Tamsin Briggs (Friends of the Earth) - TB
Jenny Humphreys (Minutes)

Item		Action
1.0	Introduction and apologies Apologies received from Adam Green, Wilf Hardy and Mark Jaggard.	
2.0	Notes form previous meeting None	
3.0	Net Zero Carbon Pathway Update (Eunomia)	
3.1	<p>CL, Consultant from Eunomia explained a bit about her background as a local government climate change officer; she then delivered a presentation.</p> <p>CL summarised that Eunomia had reviewed the Council's current calculation of the operational and district wide greenhouse gas emissions. The team have also undertaken a policy gap analysis, that looked at local and national policies that may impact Hart's Net Zero Strategy and Action Plan.</p> <p>ACTION - CL is finalising the Action Plan and will distribute to PS (and the group) in the next couple of days for comments.</p> <p>The second draft will be available before April Council. <i>DN highlighted that the group will be delivering a presentation at April's Full Council meeting.</i></p>	CL/PS

	The final draft will be available to the group on 13 May 2022.	
3.2	SF questioned the reference to 'carbon capture' when describing Net Zero.	
3.3	<p>AO questioned the reference to national policies in the briefing document (distributed in advance of the meeting) and was keen to clarify which policies Hart can practically get involved with on a local level.</p> <p>CL clarified that the local policies feed into the national ones and the document includes ones that Hart are not solely responsible for; this is needed for context.</p> <p>ACTION - AO asked CL for examples from other district councils of their policies on Climate Change. CL replied that she had included examples but will look for more that are suitable.</p>	CL
3.4	<p>SF highlighted that Hart's targets for Climate Change are 10-15 years earlier than the Government's national ones which are 2050.</p> <p>CL confirmed that Hart's targets need to be ambitious, and some will rely on national ones to achieve their goal.</p>	
3.5	<p>AC queried the insulation and energy efficient measures that would need to be implemented before heat pumps could be properly explored and asked CL if there was a minimum criterion for these.</p> <p>ACTION - CL confirmed that there were certain criteria (she would need to confirm what this is and report back).</p> <p>PS highlighted that it's far easier to build new buildings with effective conditions for heat pumps and it's harder to retrofit older structures.</p> <p>AO gave brief examples from Sweden and Holland where hot heat pump trials were going on.</p>	CL
3.6	<p>SF asked for clarification on the original brief for the Action Plan and questioned the Council's target dates.</p> <p>DN confirmed that decisions have already been made on the targets.</p>	

3.7	GB asked AO for an update on food waste collection in Hart. AO replied that work is ongoing with Project Integra to introduce food waste and more mixed plastics collection to Hart's recycling. Dates for this are currently being discussed.	
3.8	AC questioned the project's involvement with the Hart Leisure Centre (Everyone Active) and CL confirmed she had met with them.	
3.9	SF asked CL if she had any specific recommendations on percentage reductions that Hart should be aiming for, and CL replied that the draft Action Plan should encourage more internal conversations to determine this.	
4.0	Paper – Energy Efficiency Development & Renewable/Low Carbon Energy Generation	
4.1	<p>DH introduced the paper that went to February's Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) meeting. This included a TAN (Technical Advice Note) that supplements the Local Plan Design Policy NBE9.</p> <p>DN asked DH to confirm the feedback from O&S – and it was summarised as very good, with questions raised such as whether there should be a cap on the number of solar farms, and discussion around the 20% renewable energy percentages for new developments.</p> <p>ACTION - DH confirmed that this TAN doesn't need to go through another committee. Members can send any comments they have on the TAN to Mark Jaggard and Daniel Hawes.</p>	ALL
4.2	<p>AO questioned whether a limit on solar farms and renewable energy resources would be appropriate in the district.</p> <p>DH replied that there is no cap and every application is looked at individually. Under national policy developers do not need to demonstrate a need, but cumulative visual and landscape impacts are considered.</p> <p>ACTION - AO asked about localised energy storage facilities in Hart and the need for the grid to be resilient. DH explained that the TAN is concerned with energy use and generation within new developments such as housing developments rather than stand-alone facilities for energy generation energy or energy storage, and so that would be a separate piece of work.</p>	DH
4.3	SF recommended that the policy included localised battery storage.	

5.0	Paper – Residential Cycle & Car Parking Standards Update	
5.1	<p>TB asked DN on the latest status of the LCWIP and Green Grid Status.</p> <p>JE confirmed that he and Christine Tetlow (Programme Manager) are continuing discussions with Hampshire County Council (HCC).</p> <p>PS added that Christine has a brief from HCC and the next step, when ready, is to go out to tender.</p>	
5.2	<p>AC mentioned that the paper on Residential Cycle & Car Parking Standards states a 'subtle' difference in standards and she queried if this was enough.</p> <p>DH replied that the revised standards aim to provide sufficient car parking that is well-designed into the scheme, but importantly also require greater amounts of cycle parking that is secure and convenient to use, to encourage modal shift away from the car.</p> <p>The revised car parking standards includes a different emphasis with more on visitor/ unallocated parking but that it doesn't create a significant difference in the actual number of spaces required overall. It's a more flexible approach which makes more efficient use of space.</p>	
5.3	<p>SF mentioned electric bikes, that they are bulkier, need charging, are expensive and must be secure, but the standards are silent on this.</p> <p>ACTION - JW and DH agreed to take this point back for further consideration.</p>	JW
5.4	<p>SF highlighted that when people convert or extend their homes to create additional bedrooms this has an impact on existing parking provisions. He also queried the availability of on-street parking being taken into account when agreeing parking provision for individual developments, and that this can be overplayed.</p> <p>ACTION - JW and DH agreed to take these points back for further consideration.</p>	DH
5.5	<p>GB asked about the relatively high number of cycle parking provisions suggested for individual properties in the paper (it's up to 6 spaces). DH explained that this is part of the approach to</p>	

	encouraging cycling, and that some people may own more than one cycle. SF agreed the standards are appropriate.	
6.0	Update Hart Climate Change Action Plan	
6.1	<p>PS gave an update on thermal cameras and that they should be used between October and March due to the colder weather.</p> <p>ACTION – PS to put a proposal together for obtaining cameras for Autumn 2022.</p>	PS
	<p>PS gave an update on the Greener Homes Grant phase 2 that is accepting applications until the end of March 2022. Hart was allocated £220,000 for this however the uptake has not been as good as hoped currently.</p> <p>For the third phase, the Sustainable Warmth Fund, Hart has been provisionally allocated £800,000.</p> <p>PS also confirmed that the team planned to bid for an £8,000 capacity and communication fund to promote the scheme and improve uptake.</p> <p>PS told the group that an advert is currently out for a Climate Change Communication and Engagement Officer as well.</p> <p>SF requested to see performance statistics and data on the performance of phases 1 and 2 of the funding schemes.</p> <p>ACTION - PS confirmed that the second phase was delayed, and this is a national issue. PS plans to provide statistics to the group when they are available.</p> <p>AC asked if the council could target groups who may benefit from the Sustainable Warmth Fund (phase 3).</p>	PS
	<p>PS asked the group if they preferred the term ‘insetting’ as opposed to ‘offsetting’.</p> <p>The group agreed that ‘insetting’ was preferable.</p>	
7.0	AOB	
	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17th May at 14:30.</p> <p>ACTION - A meeting is needed to discuss the Eunomia work and PS/DN to set up a Teams chat group with the drafts attached.</p>	PS/DN

	<p>SF requested a recommendation on EV charging points.</p> <p>DN thanked AD for all his work as he will not be standing in the May Elections, and it is his last meeting with this group.</p>	
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Meeting ended at 15:59.