

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

Monday 7th December 2020

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
Celia Wood (notes)	-	CW

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Radley (JR)

Item		Action
1.0	Welcome	
2.0	Minutes of last meeting/matters arising	
2.1	Notes from the meeting of 8 October 2020 were noted and agreed.	
2.2	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p><i>Sustainable recovery post-Covid on 23rd October 2020.</i></p> <p><i>Renewable Tariffs:</i></p> <p>Update to Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) and Cabinet on progress/status update on the Action Plan (AP) has been delayed due to Covid-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft minutes and AP update from this meeting will be available to O&S Committee meeting on 15th December. PS to liaise with Committee Services to provide a verbal update and answer questions at the meeting. <p>Post-Covid opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Officers group is in the process of being set up and will meet in the New Year. 	PS
3.0	Feedback on Climate Change Action Plan	
3.1	S1.2: Costed pathways to meet carbon reduction target – progress has been slow however a number of Consultants have been approached and the WG will be updated in the New Year.	

	<p>S2.8: Staff working (Officer's group) – the Leadership Team have agreed membership and first meeting is due to be set up Jan '21.</p> <p>S3.3: PV installation – energy audit of Hart owned buildings with a decarbonisation 'roadmap' over the next 20 years (or duration of building) for opportunities for solar on rooftop and including feasibility for district sites for solar and battery storage. This will become a larger project following on from that study.</p> <p>E1 - Energy audit grant funding – application submitted awaiting outcome within the next 2 weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members requested an alternative option to apply for funding on the contracted-out services and buildings ie the Leisure centre building to be added into the Energy Audit as a separate 'annex'. <p>E1.2 LED lighting – a full costed report is underway for a rolling programme for replacement of LED lights in the car park.</p> <p>E3.1 External energy efficiency grant funding - fund application submitted. Working with HCC and Energy hub for delivery of schemes to secure a bid for Green Homes grant - to be submitted early next year.</p> <p>E3.2 working with Housing and the Energy Hub to establish where low-income residents are in order to target funding for those areas.</p> <p>E3.5 – promoting and updating the green home grant via the website.</p> <p>N1 - Greening – the toilet block in Victoria road car park identified as a potential suitable site. Tree canopy project – Adam Green is aware and will be looking to build this into next year's plan (due to challenges with existing resources). Working group to be updated at next meeting.</p> <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an option for a more scaled down project to kick off the survey and whether this could be considered as an engagement piece. • Action: Helpful informative advice for residents on trees and hedgerows to be made available. <p>P4.1 – Sustainable Business Network – climate change target setting - next meeting 8 Jan 21.</p> <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practise for engagement with stakeholders/local groups taking into consideration existing challenges with resources. • Environmental groups and Parish council meetings – include the action plan for climate change on Agenda. • The 10-point greening programme set up by HCC to support local groups and Parishes to be circulated to the WG. 	<p>PS</p>
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	<p>A1 - Risk assessment draft for consideration of future implications of climate change is due to go to the Leadership Team in January 21.</p> <p>Comments from Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are we ambitious enough with our targets and goals – could we be more specific with targets/KPIs and focus on one or two of the items to make substantial progress. To be included in the action plan for consideration. 	<p>PS</p> <p>PS/ALL</p>
4.0	Carbon footprint emission data for 2019/20	
	<p>The WG discussed the information from the Provisional Carbon data chart:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The clearest method to display the information demonstrating the achievements for Climate Change that this Organisation and the working group have achieved to date with clear comparisons year on year to include clear reference to the Government's 2017 baseline being used for comparison. 2. How should Hart encourage our Contractors (EA and Serco) responsible for 75% of our carbon emissions – to engage with Hart's vision for climate changes and reduce their carbon emission. 3. Biggest challenge is the decarbonisation of buildings, followed by Transport and conversion to electric or hydrogen vehicles. 4. WG would like to see the data split when available between gas and electricity for Leisure centres. 5. Could HDC produce electricity locally and sustainably and would this be a commercial opportunity by installing our own facility? To be added to the action plan. 	<p>PS</p>
5.0	Electric Vehicle draft proposals discussion	
	<p>The working group considered the draft report on proposals for the installation of EV (Electric Vehicles) charging points.</p> <p>The group discussed the funding options:</p> <p>SF declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and raised some queries to be followed up in a note to PS as information:</p> <p>Queries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarity on what we are trying to achieve – is it for our own vehicles or to deliver public EV charging. 2. Cost of providing the chargers and the possibility of reducing cost for our own vehicles. 3. What do we want to provide? 4. Are these the right locations and best use of public money. <p>The working group were informed that the vast majority of cost for install is for grid connection. The range (distance covered) for EV vehicles has improved, common standard for charging is now 7kW</p>	

	to 11kW for fast chargers, 50kW+ for rapid. It was decided to hold back and split the paper between Corporate (Council Services) and Outside (Commercial opportunities). To look at the data from the HCC experiment.	
6.0	AOB	
	No items raised for Any Other Business.	
7.0	Date of next meeting	
	Monday 25th January 2021 at 10.30am.	

Meeting ended: 12:03pm