

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Climate Change Advisory Board
Date: 3rd April 2023
Reporting officer: Climate Action Delivery Manager (Corporate Services)
Subject: Carbon Literacy Organisation (CLO) Accreditation Update

Purpose and summary of the report:

To provide Members with an update on the organisation's achievement of Bronze level as a Carbon Literate Organisation and plans to advance to Silver level.

Recommendations:

This is an information-only report.

Key Implications:	
Item	Implications
Legal	N/A– this is an information-only report.
Finance and Value for Money	N/A– this is an information-only report.
Corporate Plan	#1 People (carbon neutral borough, improve the local environment) #2 Place (positively promote sustainable development) #3 Progress (strong leadership)
Climate Change	Becoming a Carbon Literate Organisation is one of our action items in the delivery plan and will have a positive impact on the organisation and its employees to make informed choices to address climate change and reduce carbon emissions.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Carbon Literate Organisation (CLO) accreditation is the visible **badge** that showcases an organisation as

- committed to Carbon Literacy (CL)
- having a set number of people who are Carbon Literate

- having a commitment to support its Carbon Literate people and maintain its low-carbon culture
- 1.2 An organisation uses this status to better interact with its communities – whether they are staff or customers, neighbours, learners, suppliers or stakeholders.
 - 1.3 There are four levels of accreditation: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum, reflecting increasing levels of Carbon Literacy commitment and achievement within an organisation.
 - 1.4 Benefits that a Carbon Literate Organisation will typically experience are decreased in-house energy and resource consumption, improved organisational profile, healthier and happier staff, a healthier working environment, a safer supply chain, lower variable costs, enhanced competitiveness, and reduced commercial risk.
 - 1.5 CLO accreditation also demonstrates an organisation's corporate social responsibility in the clearest possible way.

2. Bronze Status

- 2.1 In order to fulfil the bronze requirements, we had to
 - Register our training initiative with the Carbon Literacy Project
 - Certify a board member/organisational leader as carbon literate (Sarah Parfitt, Director of Corporate Services)
- 2.2 We received our certificate on 17th February 2023 and have had the certificate framed. It is now displayed in the Civic Centre reception. We are working with the Communications team to publicise our Bronze status on our social media platforms, and we will receive our trophy in June.
- 2.3 Please find our Bronze certificate below.



bronze

2023 – 2026



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Gravesham Borough Council



has met the requirements of the Carbon Literate Organisation Standard, and thus for the purposes of workplace, education and community should be regarded as a Bronze level Carbon Literate Organisation.



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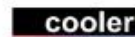
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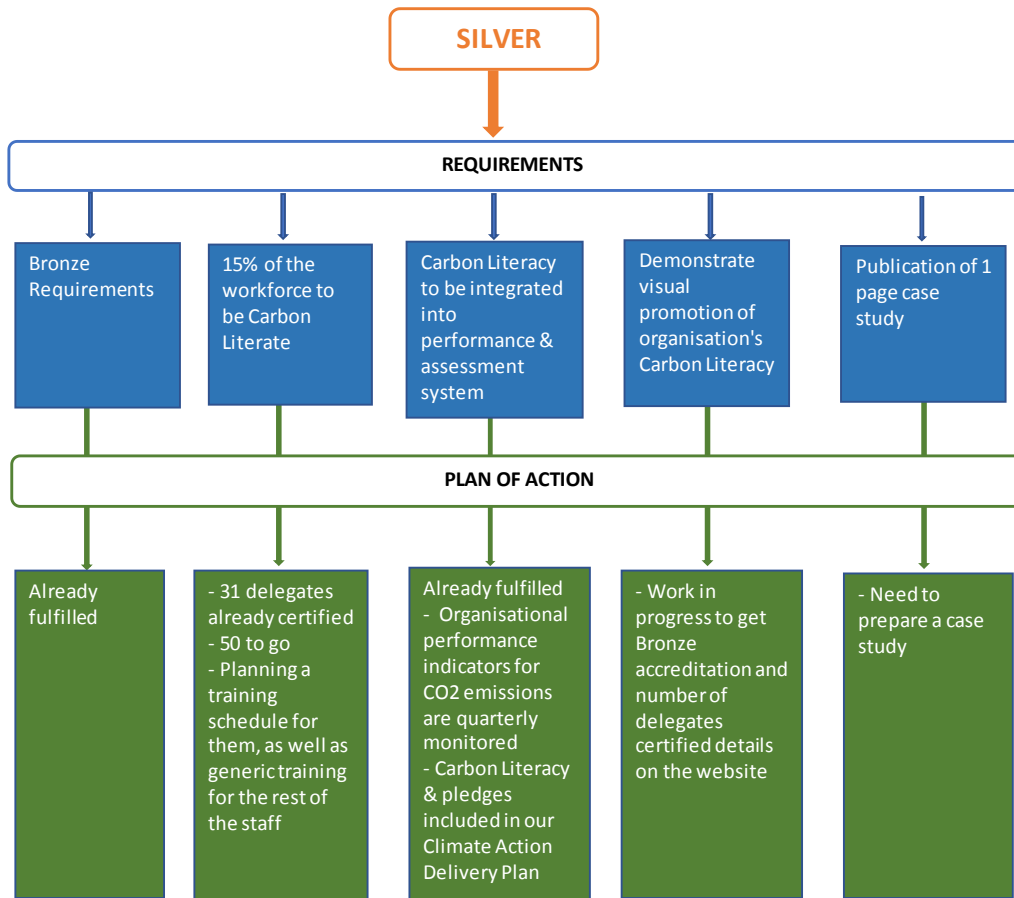
Ali Abbas, Chair, on behalf of The Carbon Literacy Trust. Registered Charity Number 1156722



certificate

3. Silver requirements & plan of action

3.1 We are now working on achieving silver level. The requirements and plan of action are listed below.



4. Background Documents

4.1 The following background documents were used:

<https://carbonliteracy.com/organisation/>

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Secondary Implications	
Risk Assessment	NA
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i>

	<p>a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of personal data or special category data or criminal offence data? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links. No</p>
	<p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? NA</p>
	<p>c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk. NA</p>
Equality Impact Assessment	<p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer. No</p>
	<p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. No</p>
	<p><i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i></p>
Crime and Disorder	NA
Digital and website implications	NA
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	NA