

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Climate Change Advisory Board

Date: 8th April 2024

Reporting officer: Climate Action Delivery Manager (Corporate Services)

Subject: Climate Change Delivery Plan

Purpose and summary of report:

To present Members of the Climate Change Advisory Board with the *Climate Change Delivery Plan* for consideration.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to consider and provide comments on the Climate Change Delivery Plan at Appendix One.

Key Implications:	
Item	Implications
Legal	None
Finance and Value for Money	N/A – this is an information-only report.
Corporate Plan	One Council: a well-run and innovative authority, defined by its skilled and valued workforce, committed to developing its local social impact. Climate Action: as a socially responsible and carbon literate council, deliver on our corporate climate pledge for net zero by 2030.
Climate Change	Whilst this is an information-only report, its content should be of interest to Members and officers and used as a basis to inform the activities of the council, particularly in relation to borough policymaking and decisions regarding climate change adaptation and sustainability of development.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Full Council on 01 December 2021, the council adopted the Climate Change Strategy for the council for the period 2022-2030.

- 1.2 As part of the Strategy, a high-level, strategic Delivery Plan was set out under three key workstreams:

1.2.1 Gravesham Borough Council – the organisation

Focusing on how the council can change its own operations and those of its employees, wherever possible to reduce the level of carbon emissions it produces.

1.2.2 Gravesham Borough Council – the housing provider

Exploring opportunities to bring the council's current housing stock up to a better level of energy efficiency standard where it is possible to do so; ensuring new council housing is built to a high level of sustainability and ensuring local planning policy reflects the need for the borough to consider energy efficiency in all developments moving forward.

1.2.3 Gravesham Borough Council – the community leader

It is clear that the council cannot directly affect all of the changes that are needed across the borough. However, in its role as a community leader, it can work with residents, community groups, and partners to educate and support them in making changes that will have a positive impact on the level of carbon emissions in the borough.

2. Climate Change Delivery Plan

- 2.1 The Climate Change Delivery Plan is shown at Appendix One. This provides specific actions with officer updates along with an indication of resource implication and timeframe setting out how the council will work towards its climate change ambitions, as per the approved Climate Change Strategy.
- 2.2 The Delivery Plan will form the basis of future annual reports.
- 2.3 The Climate Change Advisory Board are asked to provide their thoughts and comments on the Delivery Plan.

3. Appendices

Appendix One - Climate Change Delivery Plan

4. Background Papers

Background papers pertaining to this report are held by the Director (Corporate Services). Anyone wishing to inspect background papers should, in the first place, liaise with the Committee & Electoral Services who will make the necessary arrangements.

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Secondary Implications	
Risk Assessment	There are no specific risks associated with the detail contained within the Climate Change Strategy. It will be necessary, however, for both officers and Members are to consider any risks that may be associated with proposed climate change actions to ensure these are fully considered prior to implementation.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<p><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> <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? N/A</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. N/A</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	There are no crime and disorder implications resulting from this report.
Digital and website implications	There will be a requirement for the Climate Change Strategy to be updated on the council's website if there is any change. GHG emissions and annual reports are to be updated annually on the website.
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	There are no safeguarding children and vulnerable adults implications resulting from this report