

Bolsover District Council

Customer Service & Transformation Scrutiny Committee

21st January 2019

Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-30 – Consultation

Report of the Joint Strategic Director – People

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To provide members of the Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the proposed Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-30, which forms part of the Transformation Plan 2018.
- To seek Scrutiny Members view prior to formal submission to Executive.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 Carbon footprint is the overall amount of climate change gas emissions, consisting of primarily carbon dioxide, associated with an organisation, event or production, it is one of the most common measures of our effect on the environment. An increase in climate change gas emissions, and therefore rising carbon footprint, is the primary cause associated with climate change and its negative impacts.
- 1.2 There is growing global awareness of the effect of our carbon footprint on the planet, along with a growing appetite to reduce it. A reversal of these negative effects upon our planet requires a global effort, however, global change can only happen if individuals, communities and countries are prepared to change and have the opportunity to change.
- 1.3 The proposed Carbon Reduction Plan sets out 8 *Thematic Areas* by which our organisation aims to reduce our carbon emissions over the next decade or so:
 - Theme 1 – Sustainable Buildings and Workplaces
 - Theme 2 – Renewable Energy
 - Theme 3 – Low Carbon Fleet
 - Theme 4 – Transport
 - Theme 5 – Planning
 - Theme 6 – Community and Collaboration
 - Theme 7 – Biodiversity
 - Theme 8 – Procurement

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 Local authorities are well placed to influence change in our areas by being community leaders, raising awareness about the potential to reduce emissions and by working collaboratively with others to reduce emissions. Through the services that we deliver, by being a major employer and through our regulatory and strategic functions, our organisation can and should be at the forefront and leading on the changes that are required to protect our present and future communities, countries and planet.
- 2.2 By exercising these functions and having influence in these areas in a way that results in emissions reductions, there is the potential for a range of economic and social benefits for our organisation and our communities.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 In the preparation of this proposed plan, Portfolio Holders, Strategic Alliance Management Team and operational managers and teams have been consulted. In addition to this, significant research into existing related material and information has taken place.
- 3.2 The individual themes detailed above may well require more extensive consultation, including with the public. This will be considered as part of the implementation of the plan.
- 3.3 There are no known equality related negative impacts arising from this proposed plan.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Do nothing - rejected as Bolsover District Council has for a number of years prioritised carbon reduction within its operation, the outcomes of this are evident in our past and current carbon emissions levels. This plan seeks to build upon these successes brought about by the adoption of Council Policy in 2010.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 There are no direct financial implications from the plan itself. Each action within the plan will be considered and where appropriate progressed via the established Transformation Governance Group arrangements (see 5.3.1).

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 There are a number of drivers underpinning the need for this plan including but not limited to; the *Kyoto Protocol*, the *Climate Change Act 2008* and the *Carbon Plan 2011*.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.3.1 This plan seeks to draw together a range of strategic, tactical and operational activity being undertaken by many partners in many different areas of influence in order to collaboratively reduce carbon emissions in the district.

- 5.3.2 Bringing the Carbon Reduction Plan into operation successfully across the Council, will be the result of good programme management. This will involve senior and strategic ownership of the Carbon Reduction Plan.
- 5.3.3 The Joint Strategic Director – People, will implement a robust monitoring system which will be implemented alongside the plan. To assess the overall impact of these activities in moving Bolsover district to become a low carbon area the plan will be monitored through the **Transformation Governance Group** and reported to the Customer Service and Transformation Scrutiny Committee, Executive and Council.
- 5.3.4 To support this, the establishment of a **Carbon Reduction Sub Group** will enable the Council to manage, monitor and review the action plans and consider new ideas that may be generated throughout the lifetime of the plan. This group will have the following composition;

Chair - Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources & Sustainable Energy

Lead Officer - Joint Strategic Director – People

Finance Lead - JHOS Finance & Resources

Thematic Leads;

- Theme 1 – Sustainable Buildings and Workplaces - JHOS Property and Commercial Services
- Theme 2 – Renewable Energy - JHOS Property and Commercial Services
- Theme 3 – Low Carbon Fleet - JHOS Streetscene
- Theme 4 – Transport – JHOS Partnerships and Transformation
- Theme 5 – Planning - JHOS Planning
- Theme 6 – Community and Collaboration – JHOS Corporate Governance
- Theme 7 – Biodiversity - JHOS Streetscene
- Theme 8 – Procurement - JHOS Finance & Resources

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Scrutiny Members note the presentation and report on the proposed Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-30, which forms part of the Transformation Plan 2018.
- 6.2 That Scrutiny Members make recommendations for consideration by the Executive on the proposed Carbon Reduction Plan.

7 Decision Information

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p><i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i></p> <p><i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</p>	Yes
<p>District Wards Affected</p>	All
<p>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</p>	Aim: Transforming our Organisation Priority: All

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title	
1.	Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-30	
<p>Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>		
Carbon Reduction Plan		
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