

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Executive on 7th March 2022

Carbon Reduction Plan – Monitoring Update

Report of the Leader of the Council

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To update Executive on the authorities work towards carbon zero and recommended changes on the way this is reported.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 In Jan 2019 a report was taken to Executive regarding the Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP) 2019-30 for both strategic authorities which formed part of the Transformation plan.
- 1.2 The original CRP set out 8 thematic areas by which the authority aimed to reduce its carbon emissions.
- 1.3 Attached to each theme there was an action plan assigned to specific officers.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 Although the thematic areas remain relevant the action plans are out of date and don't reflect the changing face of climate change and the reduction of carbon emissions. Added to this having our own CRP doesn't mesh easily with external funding opportunities.

- 2.2 Having looked the existing action plans and those in use with regional funders and in consultation with the Assistant Director of Development a 10 point framework used by the Midlands Engine was identified which would allow our existing themes to be transferred/captured but would also allow the streamlining of bids for schemes to be aligned with regional and national funders.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The framework allows better compatibility with funders both regionally and nationally.
- 3.2 The framework includes additional themes which represent new and emerging technologies that BDC are keen to explore.
- 3.3 This allows a number of different policies and groups to be brought together with progress clearly identified and evidenced, with greater opportunities to be offered to partners through the \climate group and the Bolsover Partnership.
- 3.4 The framework will ensure a consistent approach to climate improvements in the Bolsover District.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Remain as we are, which would be less flexible, not relevant to new and emerging technologies, not clearly set out to funding and other partners the schemes BDC are working on and the opportunities for them to be involved.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Executive accept the proposed changes to the CRP and move away from more traditional monitoring to a live document that tracks and evidences progress across all schemes and or Initiatives.

Approved by the Leader of Leader of the Council

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

There are no direct financial implications from the plan itself. Where appropriate schemes will be put in front of Exec and or Council for decisions.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details: Although there are a number of drivers underpinning the need for this plan, like the Kyoto Protocol this recommendation has no Legal risks as the plan is already adopted, the decision is around reporting arrangements.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details: There are no staffing implications. <div style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Head of Paid Service</div>

DECISION INFORMATION

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: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	No

District Wards Significantly Affected	All
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Leader and SLT

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.
The Carbon Reduction Plan clearly links into the Environment Ambition but can also have an impact on both Customer and Economy.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title

Background Papers <i>(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 Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>