

RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOWING SCRUTINY REVIEW

Title of Review:	Review of Council's Approach to Carbon Reduction					
Timescale of Review:	November 2022 – January 2023		Timescale of Review:	November 2022 – January 2023		
Date agreed by Scrutiny:	January 2023		Date agreed by Scrutiny:	January 2023		
Total No. of Recommendations and Sub Recommendations	Achieved	4	On track	0	Extended	5
	Achieved (Behind target)	0	Overdue	0	Alert	0

Key Achievements:

- A strategic lead officer has now been identified and significant progress has been made towards the recruitment of an operational officer.
- Following the elections in May 2023, there is now a clear lead for Carbon Reduction through the Portfolio Holder for Environment.
- The Low Carbon Thematic Group has been reviewed and is now focussing on the findings from the review as part of its remit.

Reasons for non-implementation of Recommendations:

- A number of recommendations require the new operational officer to be in post to enable them to progress. The Climate Change Officer is due to start at the Council in July. The target date for these recommendation has been extended.

PERFORM Code	Recommendation	Lead Officer	Target Date	Completion Date	Status	Resources	Progress/Action
CCCSC22-23 2.1	That the officer function addressing the Council's strategic approach to carbon reduction should be kept in-house, with partnership work as required with Dragonfly Development Limited, for delivery associated with the service functions transferred.	Chief Executive	May 2023	May 2023		Officer time	The Service Director of Executive, Corporate Services and Partnerships is now the climate lead for the Council responsible for the strategic approach to carbon reduction.
CCCSC22-23 2.2	That a dedicated operational post be recruited to, in addition to the designation of a lead senior officer, to ensure that the delivery in relation to carbon reduction maintains momentum to reach the 2050 target.	Chief Executive Service Director Executive, Corporate Services and Partnerships	July 2024			Officer time Approval of a new post and associated budget will require a further report to Employment Committee and Executive/ Council for approval.	A new post entitled Carbon Reduction Officer has been approved by the Employment and Personnel Committee. Council will consider putting the post on the establishment on 6 December 2023 prior to recruitment. <u>INTERIM REPORT</u> The post of the Carbon Reduction Officer is now titled Climate Change Officer and is still in the hiring process.

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CCCSC22-23 2.3	That data quality related to carbon reduction be improved, with a clear baseline agreed from which to track progress up to 2050, with regular data reports as part of the corporate performance reporting	Carbon Reduction Officer (when in post).	March 2025			Officer time Potential requirement of technical software – to be determined and would be subject to a further report to Executive/ Council for approval and budget.	Will be undertaken when the Carbon Reduction Officer is in post. <u>INTERIM REPORT</u> Progress for this recommendation is subject to the appointment of the Climate Change Officer
CCCSC22-23 2.4	That the lead senior officer takes account of the Member analysis of the Council's current Ambitions and how activity was supporting carbon reduction as part of new programme development.	Service Director Executive, Corporate Services and Partnerships Carbon Reduction Officer (when in post).	August 2025			Officer time	<u>INTERIM REPORT</u> Progress for this recommendation is subject to the appointment of the Climate Change Officer
CCCSC22-23 2.5	That a revised approach to communication of objectives and achievements be implemented, both external and internal, with a full review of the website to ensure the Council's activity, and progress towards the	Carbon Reduction Officer (when in post). Communications, Design & Marketing Manager	August 2025				<u>INTERIM REPORT</u> Progress for this recommendation is subject to the appointment of the Climate Change Officer

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CCCSC22-23 2.6	That the Council ensures that a lead Portfolio Member is agreed for Carbon Reduction from within the Executive, post-election May 2023.	Leader of the Council	May 2023	May 2023			Councillor Anne Clarke – Cabinet Member for Environment appointed since Elections in May 2023.
CCCSC22-23 2.7	That the membership of the Low Carbon Thematic Group is reviewed, post-election May 2023, to ensure it incorporates the Portfolio lead and a link to Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny to further improve communication. It is also recommended that the cross-party representation remains going forward as this is seen as a positive way of working.	Leader's Executive & Partnerships team	July 2023	July 2023		Officer time Member time (meeting attendance)	Low Carbon Thematic Group reviewed with appointment of Chair and Vice Chair. Meetings have taken place and priorities set.
CCCSC22-23 2.8	That the Council website is reviewed and updated to provide clear guidance on current Council activity.	Carbon Reduction Officer (when in post). Communications, Design & Marketing Manager	August 2025			Officer time	<u>INTERIM REPORT</u> Progress for this recommendation is subject to the appointment of the Climate Change Officer

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CCCSC22-23 2.9	That Scrutiny analysis of progress against the Council Motion previously passed to the Low Carbon Thematic Group, be shared so future work planning can take account of outstanding areas capable of delivery.	Leader's Executive & Partnerships team	July 2023	September 2023		Officer time	Low Carbon Group have had sight of this.