

RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION FOLLOWING SCRUTINY REVIEW

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| 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 | 4 | Extended | 0 |
| | Achieved (Behind target) | 1 | Overdue | 0 | Alert | 0 |

Key Achievements:

- A lead Portfolio Member has been agreed for Carbon Reduction from within the Executive.
- The Low Carbon Thematic Group has been reviewed and is now focussing on the findings from the review as part of its remit.
- The post of the Climate Change Officer has been appointed.

Reasons for non-implementation of Recommendations:

- The Climate Change Officer started at the Council in July 2024.
- Progress is being made and the recommendations will be completed during 2025

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| 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 | Achieved | 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 | Summer 2024 | July 2024 | Achieved (Behind Target) | 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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| | | | | | | | <u>SECOND INTERIM REPORT</u> The post of the Climate Change Officer has been appointed. |
| 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 | | On Track | 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 <u>SECOND INTERIM REPORT</u> Following the appointment of the Climate Change Officer, the CCO is working with other BDC staff and Dragonfly to calculate Scope 1, 2 and some Scope 3 emissions. We are working with other Councils locally to |

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| | | | | | | | determine a method of reporting so as to provide consistency across Derbyshire. |
| 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). | January 2025 | | On Track | Officer time | <u>INTERIM REPORT</u> Progress for this recommendation is subject to the appointment of the Climate Change Officer <u>SECOND INTERIM REPORT</u> Following the appointment of the Climate Change Officer, the CCO attends a monthly brief with the Cabinet Member for Environment. In addition, Councillor input is sought for existing projects. Action is needed to develop an authority wide forum for managers to develop projects. |

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| 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 target, is clearly documented. | Carbon Reduction Officer (when in post). Communications, Design & Marketing Manager | August 2025 | | On Track | | <p><u>INTERIM REPORT</u> Progress for this recommendation is subject to the appointment of the Climate Change Officer</p> <p><u>SECOND INTERIM REPORT</u></p> <p>Following the appointment of the Climate Change Officer, the CCO has worked with the Communications manager to; develop web content for Energy Advice, raise the profile of the CCO, and produce content for ERIC and Bolsover Website. The CCO is also working with the Communications Manager to develop a communication plan.</p> |
| CCCSC22-23 2.6 | That the Council ensures that a lead Portfolio Member is agreed for Carbon | Leader of the Council | May 2023 | May 2023 | Achieved | | Councillor Anne Clarke – Cabinet Member for Environment |

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| | Reduction from within the Executive, post-election May 2023. | | | | | | 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 | Achieved | 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 | | On Track | Officer time | <u>INTERIM REPORT</u> Progress for this recommendation is subject to the appointment of the Climate Change Officer <u>SECOND INTERIM REPORT</u> Following the appointment of the Climate Change |

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| | | | | | | | Officer, the CCO has worked with the Communications manager to; develop web content for Energy Advice, raise the profile of the CCO, and produce content for ERIC and Bolsover Website. |
| 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 | Achieved | Officer time | Low Carbon Group have had sight of this. |