

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	5	On track	2	Extended	1
	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 post of the Climate Change Officer has been appointed.
- An internal Climate Resilience Group has been created and is developing a climate action plan.
- The role of the Low Carbon Thematic Group within Bolsover Partnership has been identified with an action plan to work in partnership with Bolsover District Council

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.
- The new Performance team, which has recently taken over responsibility for corporate Performance reporting, will be reviewing the format and delivery of these reports during summer 2025. As part of this review, the team aims to incorporate carbon reduction data, as outlined in recommendation 2.3, into the quarterly Performance updates.
- Following the major changes and updates to the Council website during Spring 2025, progress has been delayed for recommendations 2.5 and 2.8.
- Staff changes and absences have impacted the service.

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	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		Extended	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 determine a method

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							<p>of reporting so as to provide consistency across Derbyshire.</p> <p><u>Third Interim Report</u> Data is being collected (annually) by the CCO and discussions are being undertaken with the new Performance team to integrate this data into the quarterly Performance reports. The target therefore has been extended.</p> <p><u>Final Interim Report</u> The first Climate Resilience Group meeting will take place Monday 2 February. The lead officer will give a verbal update to Scrutiny Committee, Tuesday 3 February.</p>

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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	Spring 2025	Achieved	Officer time	<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> 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.</p> <p><u>Third Interim Report</u> The CCO now meets monthly with the PH for Environment. Considerations are being made for LGR</p>

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							and future corporate plans.
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> 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> <p><u>Third Interim Report</u></p>

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							<p>Steady progress being made however a solid plan is still yet to be implemented.</p> <p><u>Final Interim Report</u></p> <p>The first Climate Resilience Group meeting will take place Monday 2 February. The lead officer will give a verbal update to Scrutiny Committee, Tuesday 3 February. In addition, the climate officer has produced a sustainability calendar for 2026 that has been shared with communications and other lead officers</p>
CCCSC22-23 2.6	That the Council ensures that a lead	Leader of the Council	May 2023	May 2023			Councillor Anne Clarke – Cabinet

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	Portfolio Member is agreed for Carbon Reduction from within the Executive, post-election May 2023.				Achieved		Member for Environment appointed since Elections in May 2023. Cllr Rob Hiney-Saunders PH for Environment appointed Spring 2025.
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. (The Low Carbon Thematic Group for Bolsover Partnership is now called the Net Zero and Environment Group)
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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							committee will be updated when this has been implemented.
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.