

**BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee**  
**30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Review of Council Approach to Carbon Reduction – Update**

**Report of the Chair of the Climate Change & Communities**  
**Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is Public
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Scrutiny Officer – Coby Bunyan

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

To introduce to the Committee the first draft of the Climate Resilience Plan that once complete will supersede the Carbon Reduction Plan.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1. The Climate Change Act 2008 commits the UK government by law to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 100% of 1990 levels (net zero) by 2050. This includes reducing emissions from the devolved administrations (Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland), which currently account for about 20% of the UK's emissions. The 100% target was based on advice from the CCC's 2019 report, 'Net Zero – The UK's contribution to stopping global warming'
- 1.2. Scrutiny has previously received updates on progress against the Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-30 (CRP). The original CRP set out 8 thematic areas by which the authority aimed to reduce its carbon emissions.
- 1.3. In March 2022 Executive agreed to move away from the original 8 theme areas and follow a 10-point framework used by the Midlands Engine and move away from more traditional monitoring to a live document that tracked and evidenced progress across all schemes and or initiatives.
- 1.4. The Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee received a further update in May 2022. Committee Members agreed to complete further detailed work in relation to carbon reduction as part of the 2022/23 work programme in order to evaluate work completed within the current municipal cycle 2019-23, to guide incoming Members on potential future action.
- 1.5. The Committee put together nine recommendations, as outlined in Appendix 1, which will hopefully enable the Council to clarify immediate priorities for action, as well as longer term plan to ensure the Council and District is net zero by 2050.

## **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 Appendix 2 sets out the progress so far in meeting the recommendations.
- 2.2 Following the previous meeting a Communications Plan has been developed. The new communications plan is included as Appendix 3. The website and other communications channels will be developed as projects move forward and will be accompanied by press articles where appropriate. This working communication plan delivers recommendations 2.5 and 2.8.
- 2.3 The Council has also developed a DRAFT Climate Resilience Plan (CRP) which will go out to consultation. This plan has also moved away from being focussed on Carbon Emissions to encompass adaptation to climate change and a wider range of environmental concerns. This plan has been created to make the Council more resilient to the developing effects of Climate Change.
- 2.4 The Climate Change Officer (CCO) is to present a report to Scrutiny at this committee meeting on the development of the CRP.
- 2.5 The CCO has identified that recommendation 2.8 put forward as part of the scrutiny recommendations is not a SMART measure for the new Climate Resilience Plan and diverts focus from the wider objectives of the Climate resilience plan. The CCO would like to remove the need to create a narrow focussed baseline where better service specific measures can be used instead.

## **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.
- 3.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution.
- 3.3 Members must note Executive's response to the review recommendations and agree to review progress on the approved recommendations. A progress report is submitted at six and twelve months' intervals, with any exceptions to expected delivery highlighted.

#### 4. **Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 There are no alternative options. Members are required to note the service's response to progress against the review recommendations.
- 4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That Scrutiny Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
2. That Scrutiny Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify the additional action required by the service.
3. That Scrutiny Members make its report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Council's Constitution.
4. That Scrutiny Members note the move away from a narrow Carbon Plan to a more comprehensive Climate Resilience Plan and review the validity of recommendation CCCSC22-23 2.3.

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#### **IMPLICATIONS:**

<b><u>Finance and Risk</u></b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Details:</b>		
None from this report. Suggested action for the Council can be contained within existing budgets.		
On behalf of the Section 151 Officer		
<b><u>Legal (including Data Protection)</u></b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Details:</b>		
In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in Part 1A, s9F(2) of the Local Government Act 2000.		
On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council		
<b><u>Staffing</u></b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Details: N/A</b>		
On behalf of the Head of Paid Service		
<b><u>Equality and Diversity, and Consultation</u></b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Details: N/A

**Environment**      Yes       No

**Details:** The recommendations and review of the Council Approach to Carbon Reduction will help influence the development of a Climate Resilience Plan for the Authority.

**DECISION INFORMATION:**

**Please indicate which threshold applies:**

**Is the decision a Key Decision?**

A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:

**Revenue (a)** Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or **(b)** Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.

**Capital (a)** Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or **(b)** Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.

**District Wards Significantly Affected:**

*(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)*

Please state below which wards are affected or tick **All** if all wards are affected:

Yes       No

(a)       (b)

(a)       (b)

All

<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If No, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Consultation carried out:</b> <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing</b>
Ambition: Environment

**DOCUMENT INFORMATION:**

Appendix No	Title
1	Original Recommendations and Executive's Response - Review of Council's Approach to Carbon Reduction
2	Updated Report on progress on Council Approach to Carbon Reduction

<b>Background Papers</b>
<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>
None.