

**BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Meeting of the Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee**

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**Review of the Creation of Climate Resilience Plan**

**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 has been developed and to recommend that this plan goes to internal consultation.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

1.1 Bolsover District Council has been working on a Climate Resilience Plan, since spring 2026. This is to deliver Corporate Plan Target ENV -01 Update the Carbon Reduction plan to deliver Net Zero 2050. It also follows recommendations set out following an Internal Audit of Climate Change and is in line with the nine recommendations set out by Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee.

**2. Details of Proposal or Information**

2.1 A Climate Resilience Plan (CRP) has been developed rather than a Carbon Reduction Plan. This change allows for a wider range of environmental elements to be delivered and for adaption to climate change be included within the plan.

2.2 The CRP has been developed with member input inline with Scrutiny recommendations, the Portfolio Holder (and Junior Portfolio Holder) for the Environment developed the Mission Statement and Chair the meetings of the Climate Resilience Group.

2.3 An internal Climate Resilience Group was created to develop the plan rather than bringing in external consultants. This has means that:

- Staff have a greater input into the plan and have ownership of the plan.
- Helps develop cross department collaboration and has already resulted in departments working on projects together.
- Involving staff in the development means we consider previous projects, decisions and history meaning projects run more effectively.
- Many of the actions involve cross departmental working, this is easier if the departments have been involved in developing the action.

- 2.4 The Climate Resilience Group include senior staff from key departments across the council and were nominated by Directors and Heads of service. The CRP has focussed on those services that can deliver the most immediate changes. All services will be impacted by climate change or will affected climate change and will be included as the plan develops.
- 2.5 The Climate Plan is attached in Appendix 1. This is an operational plan and was developed by identifying environmental projects that the Council are currently undertaking and projects that could be delivered in the short term. These projects were then classified under key Strategic Themes. The group have also set out some measures that will be used to evaluate progress.

Energy Efficiency & Asset Optimisation	On-Site Renewables & Low-Carbon Heat
Whole-Building Decarbonisation & Compliance	Housing Retrofit, Health & Fuel Poverty Reduction
Climate Adaptation & Household/Community Resilience	Water Efficiency & Resource Management
Nature-Based Solutions & Biodiversity Net Gain	Sustainable Mobility & Modal Shift
Circular Economy & Waste Reduction	Supply Chain Decarbonisation & Skills Uplift
Business Decarbonisation	Programme Governance, Data & Policy Alignment
Operational Continuity & Culture Change	

- 2.6 Communication will form a key element of the project, raising awareness of the plan, educating and informing staff & members and showing success will enhance the overall success. The Communications Manager is an integral part of the Climate Group and has developed a comprehensive Communications Strategy, this is attached as Appendix 2.

### **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 development of the DRAFT Climate Resilience Plan.
2. That Scrutiny Members put forward the plan for Internal Consultation and with Bolsover Partnership teams.
3. That Scrutiny Members review the amended Plan post consultation.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

<b><u>Finance and Risk</u></b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Details:</b>  None from this report. Suggested action for the Council can be contained within existing budgets.  <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Section 151 Officer</p>		
<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.  <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council</p>		
<b><u>Staffing</u></b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Details:</b> N/A  <p style="text-align: right;">On behalf of the Head of Paid Service</p>		
<b><u>Equality and Diversity, and Consultation</u></b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Details:</b> N/A		
<b><u>Environment</u></b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Details:</b> The development of a Climate Resilience Plan will focus Bolsover District Council on the key themes identified and will support the work of staff in delivering on the Corporate Plan aim - <b>Our Environment</b> by protecting the quality of life for residents and businesses and meeting environmental challenges		

**DECISION INFORMATION:**

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Please indicate which threshold applies:</b></p> <p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>  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:</p> <p><b>Revenue (a)</b> Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or <b>(b)</b> Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.</p> <p><b>Capital (a)</b> Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or <b>(b)</b> Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.</p> <p><b>District Wards Significantly Affected:</b>  <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i>  Please state below which wards are affected or tick <b>All</b> if all wards are affected:</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/>      (b) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/>      (b) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>All <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b>  <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p> <p>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></p> <p><b>Consultation carried out:</b>  <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i></p> <p>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"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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**Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing**

Ambition: Environment

**DOCUMENT INFORMATION:**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	Climate Resilience Plan (Operational Plan)
2	Climate resilience Plan (Communications Strategy)

**Background Papers**

*(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).*

None.