

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON 27TH JULY 2026

**REVIEW OF THE CREATION OF CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLAN AND
CONSULTATION**

REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT

Classification	This report is Public
Contact Officer	Major Projects and Programme Manager
Is this a Key Decision?	Yes ☐ No ☒

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To introduce to Executive the first draft of the Climate Resilience Plan that has been developed and to recommend that this plan goes to internal consultation.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Through the Climate Resilience Working Group Bolsover District Council has been working on a Climate Resilience Plan since early 2026. The aim of this working group is to deliver against 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 in 2025 and is in line with the nine recommendations set out by Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.2 Through the working group a Climate Resilience Plan (CRP) has been developed, rather than a simple 'refresh' of the Carbon Reduction Plan. This change in approach allows for a wider range of environmental elements to be captured in the plan and for the scope of activities targeted by the Plan to recognise to need to build climate change resilience, rather than simply focussing on carbon reduction..
- 2.3 The CRP has been developed with both departmental stakeholder representation on the working group and with elected member input, in line with Scrutiny recommendations. The Portfolio Holder for the Environment developed the Mission Statement and has chaired the meetings of the Climate Resilience Working Group.

2.4 The 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.

2.5 The Climate Resilience Group include senior staff from key departments across the council and were nominated by Strategic Directors / Assistant Directors and Service Managers. 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.

2.6 The Climate Resilience 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

2.7 Communication will form a key element of the project, raising awareness of the plan, educating and informing staff and members and showing success will enhance the overall success. The Communications Manager is an integral part of the Climate Resilience Working Group and alongside the Climate Change Officer they have developed a comprehensive Communications Strategy, this is attached as Appendix 2.

2.8 It is acknowledged this is an organisational plan however the Council contributes to a newly established Action Group within Bolsover Partnership with a specific focus on Housing, Environment and New Zero. Given the close relationship with this stakeholder group and area of focus it would beneficial if the Council extended this consultation with this group.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Executive recommends the draft plan undergo internal consultation and this is extended to the Housing, Environment and Net Zero group within Bolsover Partnership.
- 3.2 Endorses the plan progress made to date.

4. Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There are no alternative options. Executive is requested to note the proposed plan which responds to several recommendations set out above.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Executive note the work undertaken by the Climate Resilience Group to date to develop the DRAFT Climate Resilience Plan.
2. That Executive endorse progress to an internal stakeholder consultation exercise on the DRAFT Plan (to inc. Bolsover Partnership Housing, Environment and New Zero Group).

Approved by Councillor Jeanie Raspin, on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for
Environment

IMPLICATIONS

A. Finance and Risk	Yes ☐	No ☒
Details:		
On behalf of the Section Officer		
B. Legal (including Data Protection)	Yes ☐	No ☒
Details:		
On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council		
C. Staffing	Yes ☐	No ☒
Details:		
On behalf of the Head of Paid Service		
D. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)	Yes ☐	No ☒
Details:		

E. Environment Yes ☒ No ☐
Details: 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 - Our Environment by protecting the quality of life for residents and businesses and meeting environmental challenges.

F. Equality and Diversity Yes ☐ No ☒	
Have you considered equality impacts in relation to the topic of this report?	Yes ☐ No ☒
If this is a new or refresh of a policy, guidance or plan, have you carried out an EIA?	Yes ☐ No ☒

DECISION INFORMATION

G. Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes ☐ No ☒
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 below thresholds: -	

☒ If the decision is a key decision, please indicate which threshold applies: 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.	 (a) ☐ (b) ☐ (a) ☐ (b) ☐
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District Wards Significantly Affected: <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 which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected.	All ☐ Wards:
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All key decisions are subject to Scrutiny call-in unless the call-in period is to be waived, however, exemption from call-in is only with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer. Is this Key Decision subject to Scrutiny Call-In? <i>(leave blank if not a key decision)</i> If No, has the Monitoring Officer agreed?	 Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐
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Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i> Leader ☒ Deputy Leader ☒ Executive ☒ SLT ☒ Relevant Service Manager ☒ Members ☒ Public ☐ Other ☐ Details:	Yes ☒ No ☐
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Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing
Environment

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Climate Resilience Plan (Operational Plan)
2	Climate Resilience Plan (Communications Strategy)

Background Papers <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>