



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Briefing Paper

Subject: Climate Action Working Group update

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Background and Reason for Briefing note:

At the September Overview & Scrutiny (O&S) Committee it was agreed to establish a working group to assist officers with climate change work, in particular focussing on the 'One Planet Living' principles and measuring progress against the target to be net carbon by 2030.

The working group consists of the following Councillors:

Mike Bishop
John Broad
Matt Hodgson
Ian Middleton
Perran Moon
George Reynolds

Councillors Dan Sames and Sandy Dallimore, as Portfolio Holder for Cleaner and Greener Communities and O&S Chairman respectively, also have standing invitations to attend the meetings.

Members of the group met on 10 October, and received a presentation from representatives of Bioregional on the 'One Planet Living' principles, and how the work of the council had been evaluated against the principles. Each principle has a number of goals, and the Bioregional report identified opportunities for potential actions by the council to achieve each goal.

The presentation also briefly explained work being carried out in conjunction with Planning Policy on the Local Plan Review.

The group agreed that their work would focus on three key areas:

- Aligning policies, such as in the Local Plan, to accommodate the climate emergency declared in 2019
- Identifying priorities to get to net zero by 2030
- How to measure success of the above points

The group also agreed that the Terms of Reference agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its [meeting in September](#) needed updating, in relation to the relationship of the work of the group with the Local Plan Review. The group will review the Terms of Reference at their next meeting.

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