

Appendix 5

Climate impact assessment of CDC 2022-23 budget proposals (draft)

In 2019, CDC declared a climate emergency and committed to prioritising climate action in decision making. More recently, a climate action framework was approved that commits the council to:

- Being carbon neutral in its operations by 2030
- Enabling a zero-carbon Cherwell by 2030.

In developing budget and business planning proposals, services were asked to assess how their plans affected the Council's ability to reduce its emissions from buildings, fleet, staff travel, purchased products and services (including construction) and to enable emission reductions at a district-wide level.

The proposals put forward were deemed by services to not negatively impact the council's ability to meet our climate action commitments.

The challenges regarding net zero are challenging but understood and increasingly embedded across the Council. The new climate action manager, who commences work for the Council in early December 2022, will help ensure future proposals and changes and the potential impact from those proposals are fully understood.