

May 2024

**Climate Change – Member Working Group – Recommendations.****Background**

Five meetings have taken place of the Members working group with a focus on Climate Change. The meetings have been led by Councillor Dan Kinsey– Chairman, and Councillor Gary Burnett – Vice Chairman. The meetings have focused on defining and shaping the reviewed Council’s strategy for Climate Change, the opportunities that exist to deliver carbon saving initiatives within our own estate and the potential to engage wider communities in carbon saving.

Some outcomes of the review include:

- There are some key decisions that will need to be taken to deliver sustained and impactful climate change but as yet detail is unknown.
- Audit of all functions and operations needed to deliver costed options for carbon reduction.
- Communication and information sharing is important.
- Tangible grass roots local projects are key to engaging community.
- Revised waste contract will be key in ensuring that the carbon reduction is witnessed

**Recommendations**

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Proposed Action</b>
Member working group is not a short-term task and finish group and should continue	Continue to meet to steer on a regular basis.
Audit needed of operational functions with detail costs	Procure audit
Estates and Assets are principal focus of energy saving and carbon reduction	Work with individual assets within the Council to reduce including enterprise estates.
Community Grass roots projects are key to engaging local community	Revisit previous winners of the Climate prize and publicise
Council can act as a conduit for information	Consider web based portal to share info and projects
Simpler Recycling will impact all households within the district and presents an opportunity to increase waste reduction.	Climate working group to consider carbon/climate impacts of Simper Recycling implementation.

Reduce the carbon footprint of the council's vehicle fleet.	Work towards utilising alternative fuel sources across the councils own and contracted vehicle fleet .
Facilitate green / active travel opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver green corridor initiatives.</li> <li>• Link to health and wellbeing opportunities for staff and communities.</li> <li>• Planning facilitating / encouraging active travel design to support and increase active travel participation</li> </ul>
The council continues to engage in the Staffordshire Sustainability Board and work in partnership to achieve collective benefits across Staffordshire.	Support and work towards County wide targets incorporating these into our own climate strategy and actions.