

Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Date: Monday, 7th June, 2021

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

Councillors: Karen Walker, Shelley Bromley, Paul Crossley, Joel Hirst,
Lisa O'Brien, Grant Johnson, Dr Kumar, Ryan Wills and Vacancy



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7th June, 2021**

at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber - Guildhall, Bath

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 6.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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(a) The agenda item number in which they have an interest to declare.

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Two questions have been received from a member of the public and will be circulated to Panel members on 7th June 2021.

7. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 12)

8. CLIMATE EMERGENCY: AREA CARBON FOOTPRINT UPDATE AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING (Pages 13 - 32)

9. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT STRATEGY - CONSULTATION

There will be a presentation at the meeting.

10. CLEAN AIR ZONE UPDATE (Pages 33 - 34)

There is a report attached on the 'Clean Air Zone Update'. There will be a presentation at the meeting.

11. LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS UPDATE (Pages 35 - 38)

A report is attached on 'Liveable Neighbourhoods Update'. There will be a presentation at the meeting.

12. PANEL WORKPLAN (Pages 39 - 44)

This report presents the latest workplan for the Panel. Any suggestions for further items or amendments to the current programme will be logged and scheduled in consultation with the Panel's Chair and supporting senior officers.

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Michaela Gay who can be contacted on 01225 394411.

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BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET

MINUTES OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL MEETING

Monday, 25th January, 2021

Present:- **Councillors** Karen Walker, Tom Davies, Alison Born, Shelley Bromley, Sue Craig, Joel Hirst, Lisa O'Brien, Grant Johnson and Dr Kumar

82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were none.

83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

84 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

85 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There was none.

86 ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC OR COUNCILLORS - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING

There were four statements to the Panel:

1. Christine Brittijn made a statement on Climate Emergency issues in Midsomer Norton.

Councillor Hirst asked what one thing the Council should focus on that it is not currently looking at. Christine stated that the Council should follow the advice in the Climate Emergency Study – Synthesis of Evidence.

A copy of the statement is attached to the minutes for the meeting.

Councillor Walker informed Christine that the March meeting of the Panel would be considering issues regarding Climate Emergency. She asked that the statement be passed to the Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, Councillor Sarah Warren for a response (Panel members to be sent a copy).

2. David Redgewell made a statement on Transport issues and covered three main points:

- He spoke about the use of buses to transport people to have their vaccinations.
- He also urged the Council to dig down into the WECA transport plan.
- He asked that officers set out clear plans for the barrier designs for the city centre – he stressed the need for the designs to take into account the needs of disabled people accessing the city centre.

It was agreed that these issues be sent to the relevant Cabinet Member and a written response to the Panel be requested.

3. Cllr Karen Warrington made a statement on Climate and Nature Emergency in rural areas. A copy of the statement is attached to the minutes for the meeting.

The Panel agreed that the statement be sent to the relevant Cabinet member for a written response regarding the issue of light pollution.

4. Cllr Jackson made a statement regarding Homelessness. A copy of the statement is attached to the minutes for the meeting.

Councillor Walker thanked Councillor Jackson for the statement and stated that officers are present in the meeting and will note these points.

87 MINUTES

The Panel confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record and they were duly signed by the Chair.

88 DRAFT ROUGH SLEEPERS AND HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE

Graham Sabourn, Head of Housing introduced the report covering issues of statutory homelessness and rough sleepers.

Panel members asked the following questions and raised the following points:

All Panel members thanked the officers for their work.

Councillor Hirst asked the following questions: (*Officer responses shown in italics*)

- Of the 10 rough sleepers who refused accommodation, do we have enough outreach resources to reach them. *The officer explained that outreach workers know the names of individuals sleeping rough, some would rather stay out than stay a hostel. Support workers offer them coffee etc.*
- How confident are you that we are aware of all rough sleepers. *The officer explained that he is fairly confident and works closely with Julian House.*

Councillor Craig asked the following questions:

- When will the property upgrades become available. *The officer explained that one property has come online which will be used for former homeless people. Two further schemes should be complete by the end of the financial year.*
- Should boaters be included, what have we done for them. *The officer explained that boaters are self-accommodated but we do deal with them through the statutory homelessness process if boats are removed. Councillor Craig asked if the Panel could receive an update on Boaters in the future.*

Councillor Davies asked the following questions:

- Have we ever seen such an upsurge in registers of homelessness before – such as during other historic events. *The officer explained that there had not been such an increase in the last 20 years.*
- Are we prepared for a potential hike in evictions over the next few months. *The officer explained that there are different views on this. There are constraints in the system such as in the courts so there may not be a big bubble of evictions. We have thought about it and can use some of our learning from the pandemic and replicate some of those systems.*

Councillor Dr Kumar stated that it was good to know that the number of people in temporary accommodation in BANES is lower than the national average. He asked why some people are refusing temporary accommodation. *The officer explained that it is a transient group and people move on. Also some people do not want to stay in a hostel.*

Councillor Bromley asked the following questions:

- What happens when the winter shelter closes in March? *The officer responded that there are a couple of months to get people into specialist accommodation.*
- Numbers of rough sleepers might go up due to the housing crises – do we have enough support workers? *The officer responded that we are lucky to have specialist mental health workers.*

Councillor Alison Born asked about placements with Housing First. *The officer responded that there have been mixed results with Housing First. A traditional response is not to offer accommodation until there is a reasonable chance of success whereas Housing First turns that around. A range of solutions are needed, there is no single answer.*

Councillor Johnson asked what the plans are post March and what the capacity is for re-housing and how much is utilized. *The officer responded that the system needs to be made as efficient as possible. We are good at turnover (will get the exact figures to Panel members). Regarding post March – there are transition schemes for April. There are 38 individuals, they will be transitioned into 2 schemes. We are losing a couple of places, not a big drop. We do not believe there will be a cliff edge on 1st April.*

Councillor O'Brien asked whether a physical count may need to be done each month. *The officer responded that there is a physical count every month and intelligence is also used. Also, people can report rough sleepers online. We will know about the majority.*

Councillor Walker asked about support for individuals' needs and the next steps for those in temporary accommodation. *The officer responded that the support packages are bespoke, there are personal housing plans – support workers build relationships with people and try to understand their issues. There is a solution in place for 1st April, there will not be a cliff edge.*

The Panel **RESOLVED** to note the report and asked for an item on this issue on an annual basis.

89 CORPORATE AND BUDGET PLANNING 2021/22

David Trethewey, Director of Partnerships and Corporate Services, gave a presentation which covered the following:

Lisa Bartlett, Director – Development, was also present.

- The Budget Challenge 2021/22 Headlines
- The Budget proposal 2021/22 – 25/26
- New 2021/22 budget pressures/Covid impacts
- Strategic Financial planning themes
- Areas of strategic priority and focus over the next two years
- Service Achievements 2020/2021
- Portfolio Savings Summary
- Climate Emergency and Neighbourhood Services Savings Proposals
- Community Services Savings Proposals
- Housing, Planning and Economic Development Savings Proposals
- Transport Savings Proposals

Panel members asked the following questions and raised the following points:
(Officer responses shown in italics)

Councillor Born stated that she was concerned about the impact on fly tipping if charging for building materials is introduced at the tip. *The officer explained that benchmarking has been done and she is confident that it can work. It will be kept under review.*

Councillor Bromley asked how we reduce reliance on commercial income. The Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor Samuel explained that this would be a gradual process. We do not get the revenue support grant anymore, the system is based on rates which has been hugely affected by the pandemic. We receive income through Heritage (Roman Baths) but the pandemic has also affected this income. We need to reduce reliance on this and get the property estate to perform.

Councillor Grant Johnson asked the following questions:

- Where has the increase in income in the waste and fleet operation come from? *The officer explained that the team operates on a commercial basis and works with neighbouring authorities. There is a lot of experience within the team. We have put forward the savings – this will be monitored.*
- How is a reduction in plant maintenance possible? *The officer explained that there is always a bit of tolerance, there is experience within the team. We will review this on a regular basis.*

Councillor Craig asked about the waste depot and if finding an alternative solution for the residents of Bath city centre, many of whom do not own a car, has been taken into account. *The officer explained that this work is underway.* Councillor Walker asked about the early morning and late evening suggestion. *The officer responded that this was based on modelling – it will allow for more efficient routes if the day is lengthened. In response to a query from Councillor Walker about the effect on elderly people, the officer responded that impact assessments will be carried out.*

Councillor Davies commended the Cabinet Members and officers that work on net zero has not been cut despite incredibly difficult circumstances.

Community Services (slide)

Councillor Crossley updated the panel that the Urban Gulls issues has been deferred to 2022/23. A meeting with Government will look at piloting a license.

Councillor Johnson asked if the same level of service, which is higher than neighbouring authorities, will continue regarding Parks and Bereavement. Can the level of service be maintained with a staffing reduction. *The officer reassured the panel that the aim is to continue to provide the level of service.*

In response to a query from Councillor Walker regarding Entry Hill, Councillor Crossley (Cabinet Member) explained that the tender process finishes this week and a report will be considered by Cabinet on 11th February.

Housing, Planning and Economic Development (slide)

No questions

Transport (slide)

Councillor Hirst asked the following questions:

- Regarding the proposed savings on inspection gangs – can this be mitigated by encouraging community reporting? *The officer explained that there would be a promotion of ‘Fix my street’ App and other ways of reporting. There may be an impact on complaints.*
- Will pay and display machine be replaced with an App? Councillor O Brien added that she had concerns about removing credit card payments in car parks as we have many visitors to the area.

Officer to get a more information on this to the panel. (The following information was sent to the panel after the meeting: The removal of credit card payments within the car parks has been considered based on usage statistics, convenience and national trends. Current statistics suggest that 84% of population own a smartphone (with much higher rates in all age categories under 55) and over 95% of the population has access to a basic mobile phone. As the MiPermit cashless parking service offers payment by telephone and text as well as the App we are confident that a great majority of users will be able to access the system. Cash will continue to be offered in many locations for those who chose not to pay by mobile or App.

- Regarding coach parking at Oddown – there will be an impact on traffic on Wellsway? *Officer to get a note on this to the panel. (The following information was sent to the panel after the meeting: The removal of use of the Weston Island site for coach parking will have a negligible impact on the amount of coach traffic going to Odd Down Park and Ride site during the majority of the year. However, this impact will be larger during the peak periods such as the Christmas Market period where the numbers of coaches coming into the city is higher.)*
- Could there be unintended consequences of a reduction of security in car parks? Councillor Johnson added that he was also concerned about security in car parks, we encourage the use of Park and Ride and we do not want to jeopardize this.

Officer to get a note on this to the panel. (The following information was sent to the panel after the meeting: The Park & Ride security contracts specified currently provide an opening and closing service for the main entrances of the Lansdown and Odd Down Park and Ride sites between 9pm and 5am. The Park & Ride service does not prevent entry of the site before this time of closure or exit from the site post the closure time and as such is deemed not to provide value for money. Further consideration of the long term overnight security of these sites will be undertaken and business cases developed as appropriate.

After consideration and analysis the car park patrol is considered to provide limited value and deterrent to ASB and community issues raised are better served by the response of the Police who have powers to deal with the issues on the spot or through their wider powers.)

- What is the latest situation regarding Terrace Walk? *The officer explained that staff marshalling was cancelled during the pandemic. We may have to review this as things start re-opening.*

Councillor Craig stated that she was concerned about maintenance savings regarding flood and drainage issues and stated that 'Fix my street' did not always give a quick response. *The officer explained that any emergency flooding issues would be dealt with.*

Councillor O'Brien asked the following questions:

- Are new developments not going to be adopted? *The officer explained that there are a series of assets that we traditionally maintain, we are being stricter about what we maintain.*
- Is gully emptying being reduced or just the inspections? *The officer confirmed the reduction applies to inspections.*

Councillor Johnson stated that a lot of working hours are going adrift – who is picking up these hours and what about the stress that falls on others. *The officer explained that the Council is conscious of the impact on other staff. There has been consultation. This is a fair point but we are comfortable that we have covered this. We will review the impacts. We have systems in place.*

Annex 3 (a)

Councillor O Brien asked what the £900k capital expenditure under Climate Emergency 2021/22 refers to and where the funding for the implementation of LTN would be - in Climate emergency or Transport- as it wasn't highlighted in the capital spend figures shown. *The officer explained that this was primarily for energy schemes not transport schemes. Regarding the Renewal Energy Development Fund, this is about working with communities to enable schemes.*

Councillor Johnson asked about tree planting – more detail on streams of funding - *Officer to get a note on this to the panel.*
(The following information was sent to the panel after the meeting: £60k Tree and Woodland Strategy + £75k from CIL (One off)).

90 PANEL WORKPLAN

The Panel noted their future workplan, noting the suggested future items below:

- Update on boater dwellers
- Annual update on Homelessness and Rough Sleepers
- Tree planting – update on where we are on the strategy
- Item on Light Pollution

These items will be noted and discussed at the next agenda planning meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair.

The meeting ended at 6.50 pm

Chair(person)

Date Confirmed and Signed

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TITLE:	Climate Emergency: Area Carbon Footprint and Performance Monitoring	
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AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Please list all the appendices here, clearly indicating any which are exempt and the reasons for exemption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate & Ecological Emergency Progress Report to Special Council, 21 January 2021 • Local authority spheres of control and influence, ‘onion’ diagram by Centre for Sustainable Energy, referred to in the UK Climate Change Committee report, Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget, December 2020 • B&NES Annual Emissions and Action Report, flow chart 		

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The report provides an overview of the first annual review of the area-wide carbon footprint and the 2030 net zero carbon pathway using the SCATTER (Setting City Area Targets and Trajectories for Emissions Reduction) greenhouse gas reporting and modelling tool, within the context of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Progress Report to Special Council on 21 January 2021.

1.2 The report explains the learning from this first annual review and outlines a new way to review carbon emissions and monitor performance, both quantitatively and qualitatively, to measure action in future years against the Climate Emergency leadership commitments made in October 2019.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to:

- 2.1** Note the action taken against the 2019 commitments, summarised in the January Special Council report, attached, as well as the development of a new Climate and Ecological Emergency Performance Monitor, embedded into the Council's mainstream Integrated Reporting Framework.
- 2.2** Note the Council's leadership role across a range of spheres of influence in Bath and North East Somerset to enable action by others in achieving the 2030 goal.
- 2.3** Note the limitations of local authority carbon footprint and pathway modelling, which we have learnt as a pioneer council in this work, and the development of alternative methods.
- 2.4** Note that for future annual progress reports, the focus will be on measuring action to reduce area carbon emissions through improved energy efficiency in buildings (including net zero new build), renewable energy development and the shift to sustainable transport (the priority areas for action), using a combination of in-house quantitative and qualitative monitoring and reporting tools, including the emerging Climate and Ecological Emergency Performance Monitor, through the following lenses:
 - a) Council's direct and Bath and North East Somerset area-wide emissions reporting/monitoring;
 - b) Action from within key Council services;
 - c) Action as a result of place-based partnership working, action planning and delivery;
 - d) Action as a result community engagement and facilitation.

3 THE REPORT

3.1 October 2019 Outline Action Plan: Strategic Enabling Actions Progress

- (1) To develop place-based partnership working to drive action across the area: See section 3.2 (1) to (11) of the January Special Council report (attached) for detail on the development of the B&NES Economic Recovery & Renewal Board, which is a new partnership set up to respond to the current crisis and to ensure a green recovery and the delivery of the 2030 net zero carbon target, starting with the development of One Shared Vision;
- (2) To embed action within key Council services: See 3.2 (12) of the January report for a run-down of action taken across corporate services such as procurement, performance management and organisational development and across the place-based services against the specific commitments made in October 2019;
- (3) To commission further specialist work to enable further action planning: See 3.2 (12), h) and i) of the January reports for commissioning updates;
- (4) To engage with the community: See 3.2 (13) for a run-down of the wide range of community engagement work completed, despite Covid restrictions, over the past year.

3.2 First Annual Update of Bath and North East Somerset Carbon Footprint and 2030 Trajectory (2020-21)

- (1) Carbon foot-printing at local or regional level is in its infancy, with data, modelling methods, scope and assumptions still evolving and likely to continue to do so;
- (2) The carbon footprint and 2030 trajectory work in Bath and North East Somerset undertaken by Anthesis using their new SCATTER tool in 2019 was only the second use of the tool in the UK after Greater Manchester. This year's update is one of the first updates to be done by local authorities using the tool, with many local authority areas having only just carried out their first emissions inventory exercise. There is no other recognised modelling tool for local and regional carbon emissions at present;
- (3) The energy use data, which is a key input to the modelling, is produced by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) several years in arrears. This means that the 2019 carbon footprint was based on 2016 data for our area and this year's update on 2017 data. The 2017 data shows a slight increase in carbon emissions from 2016. This time lag also means that the emissions inventory update cannot quantitatively account for the impact of action taken locally since the climate emergency was declared in 2019. This is an unavoidable aspect of carbon emissions monitoring for all local authorities, as this is the main data source;
- (4) Data updates within the SCATTER tool and amendments to its methodology also means that the emissions profiles from 2016 and 2017 are not directly comparable;
- (5) Anthesis have made a number of further methodological updates to the SCATTER Pathway's tool since 2019, such as changes to data, technology assumptions, emissions factors and less front-loading of actions, which means that it isn't possible to compare a pathway produced by the model this year with the 2030 pathway produced in 2019;
- (6) We will continue to monitor the development of pathway modelling at local authority level, along with many other local authorities, in order to keep under review the usefulness of such modelling in the future, but will not be conducting annual pathway reviews across the area for the time being;
- (7) In addition, further work needs to be done within the models on the potential for nature-based carbon sequestration, such as tree planting and ecosystem restoration, not covered in the modelling so far, and on how to measure area Scope 3 emissions (also known as consumption emissions, referring to indirect and outsourced carbon emissions from goods and services) at a regional and local level;
- (8) Local authority practice, policy and partnerships can directly shape or influence around a third of the area's carbon emissions, with the transition to a fully net-zero future reliant on national government policy and action. As recognised by the UK Climate Change Committee in their 2020 report: Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget¹: 'However, these levers alone are not sufficient to deliver local authorities' Net Zero ambitions, due to gaps in key powers that prevent systems-scale or holistic approaches, policy and funding barriers.....'.
- (9) Further, whilst many local authorities have set a 2030 net zero carbon target, national government's target date is 2050, which affects the modelling, with government policy that is essential to local action geared towards 2050, not 2030.
- (10) This year's update using the SCATTER tool and pathway model by Anthesis has been useful in confirming that the priority areas for action in Bath and North East Somerset

¹ Climate Change Committee, December 2020, Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget, Available at: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/local-authorities-and-the-sixth-carbon-budget/>

(energy efficiency, renewable energy and transport) remain the same as in 2019, with the overall nature and scale of measures outlined in the October 2019 Council report also remaining the same.

- (11) To conclude, the learning from running the SCATTER tool and model this year is that it is useful in monitoring area carbon emissions and in checking that the broad areas for action continue to make sense and that we understand the nature and scale of action needed. However, annual review of the pathway modelling to 2030 doesn't help us, as the model is unable to compare pathways from one year to the next and is unable to monitor the impact of local action in reducing local carbon emissions. This is the case for any local authority using these modelling tools.

3.3 Partnership, Influencing, Performance Monitoring

- (1) As the October 2019 Council report explained, delivery of the 2030 net zero target for Bath and North East Somerset requires leadership across all sectors. Apart from achieving net zero in our own operations by 2030, the Council's key role is to influence and enable others who are also responsible, by convening and enabling local partnership working. This has begun with the formation of the Bath and North East Somerset Economic Recovery & Renewal Board described above in 3.1 (1);
- (2) The UK Climate Change Committee's recent report, Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget reinforces this point, i.e. that local authorities only have direct control of a small percentage of the area's emissions – in our case less than 1% generated by our own estate and operations. However, we can influence a great deal more through setting the right planning policies, through procurement and commissioning policy and practice, and through bringing people and organisations together through partnership working and involving even more local people in developing local action through community engagement, see 'onion diagram', attached. The Council is acting on all these levers of influence;
- (3) A new Climate and Ecological Emergency Performance Monitor is being developed as part of the Council's new Integrated Reporting Framework and will be used to record and monitor the Council's own actions to reduce operational emissions to net zero and service actions that enable reduction of community emissions. This will provide consistent, transparent and regular reporting on the action within the Council's power, reflecting tackling the Climate and Ecological Emergency as a Core Policy. Development of the specific indicators for each service is a work in progress and will evolve as more data becomes available;
- (4) So whilst both this performance monitor, and the SCATTER Inventory and Pathways tool are useful for measuring some aspects of the action plan and the Councils' commitments, they cannot measure the significant influencing and partnership work identified in our action plan and by the UK Climate Change Committee, that is vital to enabling action by key players and organisations across our community;
- (5) Given this and the limitations of the Pathways model, in future years, the SCATTER Inventory data, which has to be submitted to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP – transparent global carbon disclosure system for companies and cities to help them to monitor their impact) annually, will be compiled in-house, now that we have developed the capacity, alongside a summary of council climate action and action taking place in the wider community, including by the public sector, business and the universities (see B&NES Annual Emissions and Action Report flow chart attached);
- (6) The new approach to annual progress reporting, which will be used for the next annual report due in late 2021, will monitor action in relation to the three priority areas of

action to reduce area carbon emissions, i.e. energy efficiency, renewable energy and transport, using a combination of quantitative and qualitative reporting, including the new Climate and Ecological Emergency Performance Monitor, through the following lenses:

- a) Council direct and area-wide emissions reporting/monitoring;
- b) Action from within key Council services;
- c) Action from place-based partnership working, action planning and delivery;
- d) Action from community engagement and facilitation.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 This report is in line with the expectation on local authorities to take local action in the Climate Change Act 2008 and in the UK Climate Change Committee recommendations; and with the 2018 UN Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The activity referred to in this report is staffed and funded by the Climate Emergency budget approved in the Council's February Budget.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 The 2019 climate emergency research programme included a study on per capita carbon emissions analysed by income decile. This informs the Council's work and ensures support is directed towards lower income and vulnerable residents such as the Housing Service's work on home energy efficiency and fuel poverty.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 This report relates solely to the delivery and performance management of the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 The report has been reviewed and signed off by the Director and Lead Member.

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Background papers	<i>List here any background papers not included with this report, and where/how they are available for inspection.</i>
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report updates Council on the action the Council has taken since the last Climate Emergency progress report in October 2019, further to the update and review of strategies and plans at the Climate Emergency and Sustainability PDS Panel in March 2020.
- 1.2 This report includes an update on the Council's response to the Ecological Emergency declared in July 2020.
- 1.3 This report explains how the new Renewal Programme and the Renewal Vision workstream are enabling progress on the commitments made in both environmental emergency declarations.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Council is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the wide-ranging action that is being taken to tackle the climate and ecological emergency including:
 - a) Strategic re-positioning of the core climate and ecological emergency policy through the new Renewal Programme to the heart of the Council's place-based work;

- b) The development of the Renewal Vision with ‘green recovery’ at its heart, in order to create a stronger, more diverse and greener economy in the future;
- c) The range of specific service actions undertaken or in hand, including, but not limited to: the Local Plan Partial Update in order to respond to the climate and ecological emergency and the Liveable Neighbourhood development ;
- d) The climate leadership training for members and senior officers that will be rolled out in 2021 followed by the carbon literacy training for staff.

2.2 Note the specialist work underway that will inform further detailed action planning on renewable energy development.

2.3 Note the degree of community engagement activity achieved despite the Covid constraints, enabling residents to have a bigger say.

2.4 Note the initial response to the ecological emergency.

2.5 Note the delay, due to Covid, in undertaking the annual carbon footprint review of the area and the review of the pathway to net zero carbon and endorse the recommendation that the results of this review are reported to the Climate Emergency & Sustainability PDS Panel meeting on 16 March 2021.

3 THE REPORT

3.1 Introduction – Climate & Ecological Emergency

- (1) In March 2019 the Council committed to providing the leadership to enable Bath and North East Somerset to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. As a first step, the Council commissioned the first area wide carbon foot-printing study, which enabled the identification of three priority areas for action:
 - a) Buildings’ energy efficiency and zero carbon new build;
 - b) Shift to mass transport, walking and cycling;
 - c) Rapid and large-scale increase in renewable energy.
- (2) In October 2019, the outline action plan identified the following strategic enabling actions:
 - a) To develop place-based partnership working to drive action across the area;
 - b) To embed action within key Council services;
 - c) To commission further specialist work to enable action planning on each of the key priorities;
 - d) To engage with the community.
- (3) The following section 3.2 will outline the action taken in relation to the above in the context of the impact of the Covid pandemic and the development of the Council’s Renewal Programme and Renewal Vision Workstream.

- (4) The Council declared an ecological emergency in July 2019. A summary of the response to the commitments in this declaration and next steps are outlined in section 3.3 below.

3.2 Progress Update – Climate Emergency Action Plan & Renewal Vision

- (1) The Covid pandemic caused a delay to some of the action planned for 2020, but progress has been made corporately and services have risen to the challenge, taking a wide range of actions, including a considerable amount of community engagement.
- (2) The Corporate Strategy (2020 -2024) adopted in February 2020 highlights tackling the climate and nature emergency as one of two core policies and notes the need for a step change across the public, private and community sectors in our area to achieve the net zero 2030 goal and commits the Council to ensuring this policy shapes everything the Council does, along with giving people a bigger say.
- (3) The Corporate Delivery Programme 2020-21, published alongside the Corporate Strategy in February 2020, included over 150 specific actions identified by services to respond to the Climate Emergency declaration commitments and the outline October 2019 action plan.
- (4) Part of the Council's response to the Covid pandemic has been to set up the Renewal Programme, which is enabling a strategic re-positioning in order to drive action on the Council's priorities. The programme is creating a more comprehensive and collaborative approach to driving climate and nature emergency action across services and accelerating policy and resource alignment through the Renewal Vision workstream.
- (5) Another part of the Covid response has been the setting up of the B&NES Economic Recovery and Renewal Board, which consists of leaders from a variety of sectors including engineering, legal, tourism, the arts and digital, along with higher and further education and is chaired by the Leader of the Council. Initially, the Board focussed on the immediate priorities of supporting local business during lock-down, for example through the Bath Unlimited project, and supporting young people and those who have lost their jobs through a host of skills development projects.
- (6) New internal governance and coordination arrangements have been put in place, bringing together all the place-based services, along with key corporate services, to improve collaboration and efficiency, reporting to and steered by the new member Sustainable Place Board.
- (7) The Renewal Vision workstream includes facilitating the development of One Shared Vision for Bath and North East Somerset that all parts of the community can get behind. This work is driven by the need to tackle the weaknesses in the local economy that the pandemic has highlighted, to build on some of the positive changes that have taken place such as the shift to home working and reduction in commuting, and to create a stronger, more diverse and greener local economy that encompasses the 2030 net zero goal and our climate and nature emergency commitments. This work is being carried out in conjunction with the B&NES Economic Recovery and Renewal Board.
- (8) The One Shared Vision work has identified an emerging consensus on the need to rebuild the local economy around 'green recovery', recognising the opportunities for new jobs from the action that needs to be taken across, for example, home energy retrofitting, developing new renewable energy generation, creating new electric vehicle charging infrastructure, increasing local food production, increasing and managing tree cover, increasing bio-diversity, natural flood defence and nature-based approaches to carbon sequestration.

- (9) The One Shared Vision work started in early autumn and has included interviews with over 70 local stakeholders. The analysis of this evidence base produced a number of emerging themes for the future vision, around which eight virtual workshops were held in December. This has been accompanied by an opportunity for any resident to contribute ideas and comment on the emerging themes that runs through to early January 2021.
- (10) Further work will be undertaken with the B&NES Economic Recovery & Renewal Board in the New Year on the emerging vision, including leadership and partnership development and further engagement. It is recognised that delivery on the climate and ecological emergency and giving people a bigger say means developing better working relationships with partners and local communities.
- (11) A number of key partners have also taken action on the climate and nature emergencies in the last year; both universities have formally declared Climate Emergencies and the Royal United Hospital and Avon Fire and Rescue have developed their own climate strategies.
- (12) Specific action plan progress:
- a) The annual review of the area's carbon footprint was delayed by Covid, but is now underway, and will report in late January 2021. The report will include a review of the original pathway to net zero carbon 2030 and an update on the Council's direct carbon emissions. Given the delay, it is recommended that the footprint review is reported to the Climate Emergency & Sustainability PDS Panel in March 2021.
 - b) The Corporate Estate review, reported to Cabinet in December 2020 embeds carbon reduction, environmental sustainability and future climate-proofing in the approach to future management. From April 2021 the Council's energy contracts will be 100% renewable energy.
 - c) In the 2021/22 budget setting process, the emerging capital programme will include dedicated capital for retrofitting the Council's own buildings, alongside allocation for the development of renewable energy projects within the estate and beyond.
 - d) An analysis by the South West Energy Hub has identified options within the Council's estate for potential renewable energy projects, subject to satisfactory detailed business case development.
 - e) The new Climate Emergency Procurement & Commissioning Strategy is being developed to take into account the complex changes to the public procurement landscape, as a result of leaving the EU and the recently published Green Paper 'Transforming Public Procurement'. A likely change is that the evaluation of tenders will be based on the Most Advantageous Tender (MAT) and not Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT). There will therefore be scope for the Council to consider wider social benefits, such as economic, social and environmental factors, when assessing which supplier to award a contract to. It is expected that in future, as a result of some of these government changes, the Council will be able to apply award criteria that drive supplier behaviour to achieve environmental targets.
 - f) A climate literacy training programme has been developed and will be piloted in the first quarter of 2021, prior to full roll-out to staff later in the year. This includes a day long climate leadership course for members and senior managers in March.
 - g) A Climate and Ecological Emergency Performance Monitoring Framework has been developed as part of the Council's Integrated Performance Framework to

record and monitor actions and progress taking place to tackle the climate and ecological emergencies across all service areas. It brings all key projects and indicators together in one place to facilitate insightful analysis and data communication, and feeds into the Quarterly Corporate Performance Reports that go to the Strategic Leadership Team, including the Chief Executive.

- h) A study has been commissioned to analyse the job creation potential in B&NES of the 'green' actions we need to take locally to deliver on the environmental emergency commitments, helping us to understand what the new green recovery opportunities could mean for our economy. This will report in late January and will inform the next stage of the One Shared Vision work.
- i) A study has been commissioned on the financial aspects of developing local renewable energy at the scale and pace needed to deliver our 2030 net zero carbon goal. The report is expected in late January 2021 and will inform further action planning in relation to potential investment and support for community energy that will take place during 2021.
- j) Further specialist work will be undertaken in 2021 to enable more detailed action planning on the climate emergency priority areas for action.
- k) The Planning service has begun a Partial Review of the Local Plan in order to update and align planning policies with climate and ecological emergency requirements and is due to come into force in early 2022. Following the options consultation in Jan/Feb 2021, a draft Plan is scheduled for Spring 2021. B&NES is also working with WECA to ensure that carbon reduction is a key driver in the preparation of the new Spatial Development Strategy.
- l) Alongside this, work is underway in the West of England to review renewable energy capacity, with results expected in early 2021, which will inform Local Plan policy development. A WECA carbon assessment tool is also in development, which will be used to assess the carbon impact of development locations, transport measures and capital items at the early options stage through more detailed design, making carbon impacts visible through the decision-making process. The tool is being developed by a working group of WECA and the four West of England LA's and is due for completion in March 2021.
- m) The Housing service has taken advantage of the government's new Green Homes Grant scheme, winning £500k under the local authority led element of the scheme to expand our existing Affordable Warmth Grant scheme and support low income and vulnerable residents to undertake energy efficiency works. This sits alongside their Energy at Home advice service and a partnership with Lendology to offer B&NES residents a low interest home improvement loan. Specialist work is planned in 2021 to inform what further action can be taken to support home energy efficiency.
- n) The Transport service is running a number of key projects that will enable the shift to more sustainable transport modes and reduce transport related emissions, such as the Liveable Neighbourhood development; Residents' Parking Zones; the Wiltshire Whippet; electric vehicle charging infrastructure development and a WECA project to improve mass transit between Bath and Bristol.
- o) An update on the Climate Emergency Action Plan was brought to the Climate Emergency & Sustainability PDS Panel in March and the timetable setting out the review of relevant strategies and plans was noted, with most key strategies being reviewed during 2020. It is proposed that the results of the annual carbon footprint and 2030 pathway work is reported to this Panel during the first quarter of 2021.

- p) We have worked closely with WECA, who declared a Climate Emergency and committed to net zero carbon 2030 in July 2019, following demands from the West of England authorities, led by Bath & North East Somerset Council, and have continued to support the development of the WECA Climate Emergency Action Plan. We have also been working with others in key networks such as ADEPT (Association of Development, Environment, Planning and Transport directors) to press national government for the further powers and resources local government needs in order to deliver on the environmental emergencies.
 - q) However, we recognise that for local government to be able to provide the leadership to enable the area to achieve net zero carbon by 2030 and make its own operations net zero goes beyond support for particular measures, requiring fundamental action by central government to the funding structure for local government and to drive the wider system change, that is beyond local government control. On both these issues the Council is active in lobbying central government for change. This is done partly via WECA , but also via national initiatives, such as UK100, to articulate strategic local government demands and broker dialogue with ministers. The Leader, Cllr Dine Romero is one of the local authority leaders at the forefront on this initiative.
- (13) Community engagement was identified as a key element in the October 2019 Climate Emergency Action Plan, bringing together and delivering both core policies (tackling the climate and ecological emergency and giving people a bigger say). A Community Engagement Programme was developed in early 2020 and was about to launch with a community conference planned for April 2020, when Covid hit. This led to a re-think in our approach in order deliver as much as we could within Covid restrictions, using Zoom webinar technology and trialling a new online dialogue platform called Delib. The following community engagement work has been delivered:
- a) A community group survey, completed by 70 groups in early 2020 on what they were doing on climate, was followed up with a Council hosted virtual networking event on 6 October, enabling groups to share experience and work together;
 - b) Presentations on the climate emergency and action that parishes can take were delivered in late 2019/early 2020 at the Community Forums and the Parish Liaison Committee and updates delivered via Zoom during October and November 2020. A Parish Council Climate Toolkit was developed to help parishes. To date, nine parishes have declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency. On 26 November 2020, we put on an all-day training session for parishes on how to develop a local climate action plan, led by the Centre for Sustainable Energy.
 - c) In December 2019, the Council supported the development and launch of the B&NES Schools' Climate Network. Since then, fifteen schools in B&NES have declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency.
 - d) A series of public webinars have been held over the last nine months on different aspects of climate and ecological emergency action, including showcasing the work of community groups. The first phase of webinars in the summer of 2020 were entitled 'Climate Conversations' with Cllr Sarah Warren, the lead member for Climate Emergency. These webinars have enabled engagement on, for example, waste and recycling (Share and Repair), tree planting (More Trees for Bath), sustainable farming (Community Farm), meadows and carbon (Emoresgate Seeds), parish action (Freshford Parish Council), youth climate voices and school action (Polly & Elsa France). More recent webinars this autumn have run under the banner of Renewal Vision and Green Recovery and have covered topics such as green skills and home energy efficiency.

- e) At the time of writing, a pilot is being run using the Delib online dialogue platform to enable residents to comment on the emerging themes from the Renewal Vision development process and to contribute their own ideas.
- f) In 2021, further engagement work will be carried out using a mixture of webinars and Delib. Before Covid, a Citizens' Jury had been planned for this year, but has had to be delayed. A review of the value of Citizens' Juries will be conducted in early 2021, as part of the development of the next phase of the Community Engagement Programme.

3.3 Ecological Emergency Declaration Response

- (1) The Council has a long and strong history of work on bio-diversity, landscape and ecology, which means that there is a considerable amount of action already underway in Bath and North East Somerset and within the wider context of the West of England, though existing excellent local and regional partnership working.
- (2) As a first step, an analysis has been conducted across services to draw together and understand what action is taking place against each commitment and to identify gaps.
- (3) Key actions include:
 - a) Building on existing planning policies designed to protect and enhance wildlife, the Local Plan Partial Review, currently underway, will strengthen policies taking into account the emergency declaration and updating in relation to the Environment Bill, particularly the new bio-diversity net gain requirement; and including an update of green infrastructure policy;
 - b) This is reflected in West of England actions such as West of England Guidelines for Biodiversity Net Gain; Joint Green Infrastructure Strategy and Tree and Woodland Strategy.
 - c) The Parks team are implementing key aspects of the B&NES Pollinator Strategy and reviewing parks and green spaces management regimes to deliver habitat improvement.
 - d) The Environment & Design team manage a range of projects that contribute to tackling the ecological emergency, nature-based solutions and habitat restoration, such as: Bathscape; Bath River Line; Waterspace Programme; Somer Valley Rediscovered; connecting the Cotswold and Mendip AoNBs; Chew Valley Catchment project. The Bathscape project provides support and guidance to landowners and other local stakeholders on biodiversity, tree-planting and management.
 - e) The new West of England Joint Green Infrastructure Strategy and B&NES Green Infrastructure strategy are being actively implemented within major developments.
 - f) An increase in biodiversity net gain above the Environment Bill requirement is being developed within the Local Plan Partial Review, with a view to raising it from 10% to 15% locally.
 - g) Work is underway within the West of England to develop a Nature Recovery Network Implementation Strategy; a West of England Tree and Woodland Strategy is being finalised.
 - h) A B&NES Tree and Woodland officer task and finish group has been established to develop the B&NES Tree & Woodland Delivery Plan, which will be completed by March 2021. The B&NES Tree and Woodland Delivery Plan will be aligned to

the regional West of England Nature Partnership's (WENP) Tree and Woodland Plan, which aims to double urban and rural tree cover by 2060. There is planting underway this winter in pursuit of the target to plant 100,000 trees by May 2023. Approximately 5,000 trees will be planted on Council and private land in 2020/21.

- (4) The main gaps identified relate to the need for improved coordination between the different delivery services and the need to improve connection with the implementation of climate emergency action. This is being addressed through the new Renewal Programme and its associated governance arrangements, with all strategy and delivery on the climate and ecological emergencies encompassed by the Programme and embedded as key drivers of the Renewal Vision workstream.
- (5) Further action planning will be developed during 2021 alongside the climate emergency action planning within the Renewal Vision workstream.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The activity outlined in this report is fully in line with the expectation on local authorities to take local action on the climate issue contained in the Climate Change Act 2008 and with the Climate Change Committee's recommendations; with the impending Environment Bill. Further, it is in line with the 2018 UN Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change report on the need to reduce carbon emissions more quickly in order to prevent the world from warming by more than 1.5°C and the UN Inter-governmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services report 2019, highlighting the alarming decline in nature worldwide.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 The activity outlined in this report will be staffed and funded by the Climate Emergency budget approved in the Council's February 2020 Budget for 2020 to 2023, by existing service budgets and by capital budget items proposed in the budget-setting process for 2021/22.
- 5.2 As mentioned above at 3.2 (12) q), the Council recognises that delivery of net zero by 2030 in the Council's operations as well as across the whole of B&NES, requires strategic change to local government funding and central government action to delivery the wider system change required.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 The climate emergency research programme in 2019 included a review of per capita carbon emissions, showing higher carbon emissions for higher income households. This analysis informs the development of the Council's work to ensure support for lower income and vulnerable residents such as the Housing service's work on home energy efficiency and fuel poverty alleviation.
- 7.2 The Renewal Vision engagement process has been informed by advice from the Council's equality officer and used the Community Engagement Charter, which has also informed the wider community engagement programme.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 This report updates on the corporate effort to drive, coordinate and support action across the Council and the area in pursuit of commitments made in the Climate Emergency Progress Report to Council in October 2020, to enable delivery of the March 2019 Climate Emergency Declaration.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None.

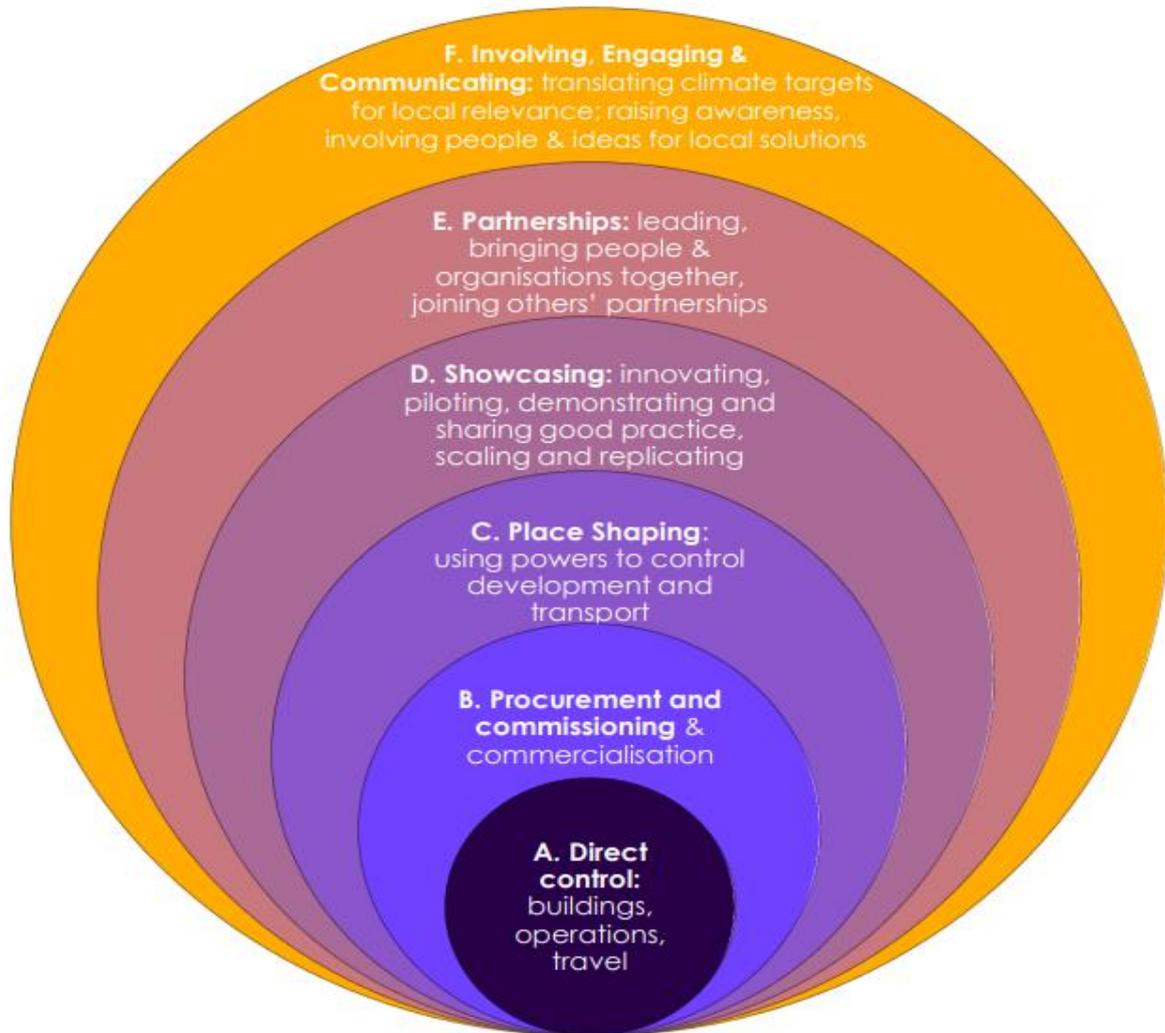
10 CONSULTATION

10.1 The report has been reviewed and signed off by the Renewal Board and Informal Cabinet, including the Chief Executive, the S151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.

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Background papers	<i>List here any background papers not included with this report, and where/how they are available for inspection.</i>
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Appendix: Diagram used by the UK Climate Change Committee in its report Local Authorities and the Sixth Carbon Budget, December 2020 to illustrate what local authorities can control and how they can influence carbon emissions in their area



Source: 'Onion diagram' based on Centre for Sustainability model

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Page 1 – Executive Summary

Source - Annual Emissions and Action Report

Content - Summary of report content and purpose, explanation of data sources and limitations/council influence

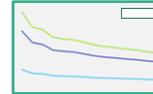
Presentation - text summary, include link to annual update report to Full Council

Page 2 – BANES CO₂ Emissions over time

Source - BEIS data

Content – Total and sector CO₂ emissions over time (2005 – to most recent year). Data caveats.

Presentation –
Line graph with sectors filter



Page 3 – BANES and Council GHG Emissions by Sector and Scope

Source - SCATTER tool data

Content - GHG emissions, recent year by sub-sector, scope and Council influence. Data caveats.

Presentation – Bar graphs for ktCO₂e and doughnut charts for %.



Annual Update Process:

- Page 53
1. Add most recent data to BEIS Power BI data table
 2. Restructure new SCATTER data and save over old table
 3. Update pages 2, 3 and 4 by selecting refresh in Power BI
 4. Manually update Executive Summary (p1) and page 5.

Page 5 – Examples of other Organisation's Actions

Source – Anchor Institutions and Partnerships, Public Sector, Schools, Parish Councils, Businesses, Community

Content – Qualitative summary of wider activities and action within our sphere of influence

Presentation – text summary and case studies



Page 4 – Council Actions to Reduce CO₂ Emissions

Source – Climate and Ecological Emergencies Performance Monitor

Content – Council actions (indicators) and their emissions scope, sector and degree of Council's influence.

Presentation – Table with filters and conditional formatting that links to SCATTER data graphs/charts colours.

Format - Power BI Report

Benefits:

- Interactive
- Can fit lots of data on one page
- Attractive and impactful visuals
- Can be easily updated each year

Dissemination of Report:

- Power BI online platform
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- Council Public Website
- Static Power Point versions when required

Annual Emissions and Action Report Proposal

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Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING DATE:	7 June 2021	<small>EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:</small>
TITLE:	Bath Clean Air Zone- June 2021 update	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: None		

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The Panel will be provided with a presentation on the Bath Clean Air Zone and the progress which has been achieved following the launch of the scheme on 15 March 2021.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to;

2.1 Note the progress made as set out in the presentation.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The presentation will include information on the following issues:

- How the Council prepared for the CAZ scheme launch
- Information about the launch itself
- An update about the mitigations to support implementation of the CAZ scheme
- Initial statistics and reflections following the CAZ scheme launch
- The CAZ scheme financial position

- Evidence of behaviour change so far
- Monitoring and evaluation of the CAZ scheme and its impacts
- Next steps

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Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	21 June 2021	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
TITLE:	Liveable Neighbourhoods	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM/		
List of attachments to this report:		
A presentation will be made at the meeting		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 At its meeting on 10th December 2020, Cabinet adopted the three Liveable Neighbourhood strategies (Low Traffic Neighbourhoods; Residents' Parking Schemes; and On-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy). This report provides an update on work undertaken since that Cabinet meeting.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to note the contents of the report and presentation.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The council has developed a structured approach to delivering Liveable Neighbourhoods through addressing the issue of traffic volumes, residents parking, electric vehicle (EV) charging, air quality and road safety. The three strategies that form the approach were issued for public consultation between 9th September to 18th October 2020 and adopted by Cabinet on 10th December 2020.
- 3.2 On 15th January 2021, the former Joint Cabinet Members for Transport invited all Ward Members to make applications for Liveable Neighbourhoods within their areas. Three deadlines for applications were set: 12th February 5th May and 5th August 2021.
- 3.3 By the second deadline (5th May) 48 separate application had been received, including:

- 28 Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs);
 - 6 Safe Routes to School/School Streets;
 - 3 pedestrian safety/public realm schemes;
 - 1 HGV enforcement scheme;
 - 6 residents' parking zones (without an LTN); and
 - 4 on street electric vehicle (EV) charging facilities (without an LTN).
- 3.4 Many of the applications, particularly in Bath, were adjacent to similar proposals. Areas were therefore strategically linked to ensure that synergies can be identified, and area-wide benefits delivered.
- 3.5 Given the large number of applications, a prioritisation methodology was developed to identify priority areas. This included the following parameters:
- Number of households
 - Alignment with LTN objectives/severity of issues
 - Potential timeframe/complexity
 - Alignment with wider strategy, including;
 - a) Proximity to schools;
 - b) Proximity to local centre or a significant recreation facility;
 - c) Within Bath CAZ or AQMA;
 - d) Area of multiple deprivation (top 30% most deprived wards in England)
 - e) Area with childhood obesity above B&NES average
- 3.6 Cabinet will review the outcome of this prioritisation process and agree the list of priority areas at its meeting on 23rd June 2021.
- 3.7 Liveable Neighbourhood scheme development will be informed by community engagement in collaboration with Ward members, residents' associations, business, other organisations and individual advocates in the areas concerned.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The council has the necessary legal powers to implement the proposed schemes using existing highways legislation. The government's declared intention to enact Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 (expected in Autumn 2021) will allow the Councils enforce a broader range of moving traffic offences (rather than the police) which will provide the option to install modal filters with limited vehicular access enforced by automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras, in addition to physical road closures.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 Funding to implement liveable neighbourhoods is identified as follows:-

- A Provisional Allocation in the current Council Capital Programme, identified as Transportation Delivery Programme; 2020/21 £120k, 2021/22 £1,480k and 2022/23 £500k.

5.2 Provisional allocations will seek full approval through future decision making as a detailed programme of works develops further.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 A series of equalities impact assessments have been undertaken for each of the three strategies. Potential impacts for disabled people and communities living in socially and/or poor localities (plus rural areas to a lesser extent) have been identified together with proposed measures to eliminate or mitigate this impact. Separate equalities impact assessments will be undertaken for each scheme based on local area impacts, which cannot be fully understood until identified during scheme design.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 Liveable Neighbourhoods are cited in the corporate strategy as a mechanism to assist in meeting the Council's climate emergency targets.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Schemes for individual areas will be developed following engagement and co-design with Ward Members, the community and other stakeholders and no scheme details have been confirmed.

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CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY

This Forward Plan lists all the items coming to the Panel over the next few months.

Inevitably, some of the published information may change; Government guidance recognises that the plan is a best assessment, at the time of publication, of anticipated decision making. The online Forward Plan is updated regularly and can be seen on the Council's website at:

<http://democracy.bathnes.gov.uk/mgPlansHome.aspx?bcr=1>

The Forward Plan demonstrates the Council's commitment to openness and participation in decision making. It assists the Panel in planning their input to policy formulation and development, and in reviewing the work of the Cabinet.

Should you wish to make representations, please contact the report author or, Democratic Services (). A formal agenda will be issued 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Agenda papers can be inspected on the Council's website.

Ref Date	Decision Maker/s	Title	Report Author Contact	Director Lead
7TH JUNE 2021				
7 Jun 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Climate Emergency: Area Carbon Footprint and Performance Monitoring	Jane Wildblood Tel: 01225 477685	Director Environment
7 Jun 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Climate Emergency Procurement Strategy - Consultation	Richard Howroyd Tel: 01225 477334	Director Finance - Section 151 Officer
7 Jun 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Clean Air Zone Update	Chris Major Tel: 01225 39 4231	Chief Operating Officer
7 Jun 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Liveable Neighbourhoods Update	Chris Major Tel: 01225 39 4231	Chief Operating Officer
21ST JUNE 2021				

Ref Date	Decision Maker/s	Title	Report Author Contact	Director Lead
21 Jun 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Local Plan Partial Update, including Supplementary Planning Documents, Spatial Development Strategy Update and Charging Points Update	Simon De Beer, Chris Major Tel: 01225 477616, Tel: 01225 39 4231	Lisa Bartlett
21 Jun 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Investment in Neighbourhood Services	Carol Maclellan Tel: 01225 394106	Chief Operating Officer
21 Jun 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Charging Points Update	Chris Major Tel: 01225 39 4231	Chief Operating Officer
21 Jun 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Update on the Western Gateway	David Trethewey Tel: 01225 396353	Director Partnership & Corporate Services

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27TH JULY 2021

Ref Date	Decision Maker/s	Title	Report Author Contact	Director Lead
27 Jul 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Final Strategy for Planting Trees in BANES	Carol Maclellan Tel: 01225 394106	Director Environment
20TH SEPTEMBER 2021				
20 Sep 2021	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Council House Building Programme	Graham Sabourn Tel: 01225 477949	Chief Operating Officer
22ND NOVEMBER 2021				
ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED:				
	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Littering Review (progress report)	Carol Maclellan Tel: 01225 394106	Director Environment

Ref Date	Decision Maker/s	Title	Report Author Contact	Director Lead
	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Discovery Card Review	Stephen Bird Tel: 01225 477750	Director of Economy & Growth
	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	Bath Quays North Regeneration	John Wilkinson Tel: 01225 396593	Director of Economy & Growth
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