



ADUR & WORTHING  
COUNCILS

Key Decision: No

Ward(s) Affected: All

**Stewarding our Environment Framework**

**Report by the Director for Digital & Resources**

**Executive Summary**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1. To seek approval to adopt a new environmental framework representing the extensive activity being delivered by the councils. Much of the activity is delivered through *Platforms for our Places*, under *Platform 3: Stewarding our Natural Resources*.
- 1.2. The framework sets out the substantial and ambitious sustainability work being delivered by the councils in collaboration with partners.
- 1.3. The framework is intended to demonstrate how the councils are putting their house in order, providing leadership, promote and increase the visibility of the work, and provide a promotional tool for attracting further collaboration and funding.

**2. Recommendations**

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

- 2.1. Approve the adoption of the new Environmental Framework for Adur & Worthing Councils; and
- 2.2. Approve commitment to the three pledges referred to in the new framework:
  - 1) the government's '2020 Emissions Reduction Pledge';
  - 2) the '100% Clean Energy by 2050' Pledge (UK100 Cities); and

3) the 'Plastic Free Council' Pledge (Surfers Against Sewage).

### **3. Context**

- 3.1 There is a substantial and ambitious range of environmental work being undertaken by the councils through Platforms for our Places, particularly in Platform 3 Stewarding our Natural Resources. This work responds to the pressing and complex environmental challenges that we face locally and globally.
- 3.2 This work is gathering momentum. New projects that will launch imminently have emerged since the refresh of Platforms for our Places (July 2018). The councils capacity on these projects has been greatly enhanced through collaboration with local partners from the business public and community sectors. This brings in additional resource to deliver environmental improvements across Adur & Worthing.
- 3.3 A new framework has been developed, bringing the work together as a cohesive sustainability programme and demonstrating leadership across Adur & Worthing. The framework sets out key strands of sustainability activity; energy; waste; water; carbon reduction and biodiversity.
- 3.4 A document, identity and branding will be developed to provide:
- a recognisable name, logo and a document summarising council commitments;
  - a promotional tool, including an illustrated, easy to read short document;
  - clear branding for the councils' environmental work and ambition; and
  - a framework that is easy to report on and update.
- 3.5 The framework is intended to facilitate greater visibility; maintain forward momentum; highlight the councils' commitment and ambition; attract finance and partners; and broadcast that the council is 'open for business' on sustainability. The draft framework is attached at Appendix 1 (Summary table and detailed table explaining finance mechanisms).
- 3.6 Some of the strands of work that have emerged in recent months include:
- A three year energy efficiency campaign 'LEAP' targeted to benefit 540 residents on low incomes with measures worth a total of £108,000 saving up to £400,000 on their energy bills. Launched 5 November

2018 in partnership with West Sussex Affordable Warmth Partnership and Agility Eco.

- A water efficiency campaign to benefit 200 residents with water saving measures worth £20,000 total, helping them reduce their water consumption and water bills. To be launched January 2019 in partnership with Southern Water and Aqualogic.
- A new travel discount scheme called easit Adur & Worthing offering discounts on local rail, bus, coach fares and other forms of sustainable travel for local employees of the council and local businesses. To launch March 2019 with EASIT, local transport providers and businesses.
- Adopting the 50% recycling target by 2020. This item is referred to in a separate report to JSC 6 Nov 2018 'Environmental Services for the Future'.
- Making three new pledges to: the government's 2020 Emissions Reduction Pledge; the UK100 Cities '100% clean energy by 2050' pledge; and the 'plastic free council' pledge. See paragraph 4, below.

### 3.7 Some key milestones related to actions in the draft Framework 2019-20:

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| Launch LEAP energy campaign for residents with Agility Eco    | Nov 2018      |
| Launch water campaign for residents with Southern Water       | Jan 2019      |
| Make Clean Energy Pledge, UK100 Cities Consortium Leeds       | Jan 2019      |
| Launch 'easit' discount travel scheme to businesses and staff | March 2019    |
| Adopt Council Travel Action Plan                              | April 2019    |
| Install solar photovoltaic panels on Shoreham Centre          | May 2019      |
| Install first electric vehicle rapid chargepoint Lancing      | May 2019      |
| Finalise Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan          | Autumn 2019   |
| Develop a Council Carbon Reduction Plan                       | December 2019 |
| Achieve a further 2 Green Flags for council parks             | December 2019 |
| Achieve 'excellent' bathing water quality, Worthing           | December 2019 |

## 4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1. It is recommended that the councils adopt the environmental framework to highlight the councils' extensive activity on the sustainability agenda. Whilst the council could continue business as

usual without adopting the framework, this risks the value and extent of its current activity and commitments remaining unrecognised.

- 4.2. The Framework includes three pledges. It is recommended that the councils make a commitment to all three pledges. This will demonstrate the councils' leadership and intention to put their own house in order, and align with commitments already made in *Platforms for our Places*. Details of all the pledges are provided in Appendix 2. The three pledges are:

### **The 2020 Emissions Reduction Pledge, Government Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)**

- 4.3. In *Platform 3: Stewarding our Natural Resources*, the councils commit to produce a carbon plan to review council energy use and make reductions in carbon emissions, reducing spend on energy and transport. The BEIS Pledge complements this commitment. The BEIS Pledge is voluntary and targets are not binding. On making the pledge the councils' will receive the Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020 badge to use for publicity.
- 4.4. In the Clean Growth Strategy 2017 the government introduced a voluntary target for the public sectors in England. This target aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in these sectors by 30% by 2020/21. It invites voluntary reporting on carbon emissions resulting from use of transport fuel and energy (gas, electricity, oil).
- 4.5. Adur & Worthing Councils have not previously monitored and reported on carbon emissions. Undertaking this work offers a way for the councils to understand their emissions and target measures to reduce energy bills. The councils' energy use and carbon emissions have been falling since 2015-16.
- 4.6. West Sussex County Council have signed up to the pledge. Member authorities of the Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB) Energy Plan Working Group have been encouraged to commit to the Pledge.

### **Pledge to shift to 100% clean energy by 2050, UK100 Cities**

- 4.7. UK100 Cities is a consortium of cities, towns, and rural districts who have pledged to shift to 100% clean energy by 2050 in line with UK Government's commitment to the 2015 Paris Agreement. Government

refers to UK100 Cities network as the local authority vanguard on clean energy (in the Clean Growth Strategy).

- 4.8. This Pledge complements the BEIS 2020 Emissions Reduction Pledge and the existing commitment in Platforms to produce a carbon plan and reduce emissions. The UK 100 Cities Pledge involves devising plans to achieve 100% clean energy with local partners. No reporting is required but members are encouraged to share their successes and learning across the UK100 Cities peer to peer network.
- 4.9. Signing the UK100 Pledge will bring Adur & Worthing councils into the UK100 network which provides access to:
- support for decision-makers to transition to 100% clean energy by 2050;
  - a peer to peer network of 85 other local leaders shifting to clean energy;
  - share best practice, collaborate and learn from other local areas; and
  - a raised profile in the vanguard of active local authorities.
- 4.10. There are currently 90 local authorities signed up to the UK100 Cities network and Pledge. The network aims to recruit 100 authorities. Crawley Borough Council are the only other West Sussex council to have signed the Pledge to date. Combining with Crawley and other members of UK100 will allow for innovative collaborations with vanguard authorities, and raise the sustainability reputation of Adur & Worthing Councils.

### **Plastic Free Council Pledge**

- 4.11. Plastic Free status and accreditation have been devised by Surfers Against Sewage (SAS), the marine conservation charity working to protect oceans, beaches and marine life. Having made national progress to address marine pollution from sewage, SAS now see plastic pollution as their priority and 'the new sewage'. A commitment to reduce use of single use plastics is already held in *Platforms* therefore commitments in this Pledge are already planned.
- 4.12. Following the lead taken by Worthing Climate Action Network (CAN) to launch the Refill Worthing Campaign, Transition Town Worthing are now taking the local plastics campaign one step further by seeking Plastic Free Worthing Community Status. An Adur Refill scheme is

being explored by a local organisation (schemes must be community led). A petition and a motion on Plastic Free Community and Council respectively were taken to Worthing Borough Council 30 October 2018.

- 4.13. Signing up the the Plastic Free Council Pledge will help equalise the work and profile across both councils. It will help put the councils' own house in order and demonstrate local leadership, enhancing the work being delivered.

## **5. Engagement and Communication**

- 5.1. Engagement has been undertaken with the Heads of Service and relevant officers, especially the Head of Environmental Services. Detailed input on framework workstreams and finance has been provided.
- 5.2. The Communications team have been engaged closely on the development of the framework and will play an important role finalising the identity, logo and look of the document. They will lead on the promotion and use of the new framework and identity.
- 5.3. Following adoption, the environment identity will be used in all relevant communications activity with local, regional and national partners, stakeholders, organisations, and the wider public to promote a strong message of the councils' environmental leadership and ambition.
- 5.4. The Communications team will work with the Sustainability Manager to develop consistent narratives around the increasing body of work with which Councils' are engaged concerning protection of the environment. A campaign of consistent story-telling will enforce Councils' commitment to environmental issues and aim to engage residents in the issues covered by the Framework.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The financing of the proposed environmental framework is itemised in appendix 1. The majority of the actions within the draft framework are planned to be met from existing budgets, section 106 monies or external funding, however funding is still to be identified to support the development of a *Carbon Reduction Plan*.

- 6.2. The internal funding for *improving council commuting and business travel* refers to potentially utilising year end underspends for any additional finance, this is not guaranteed and will depend on the outturn position and member priorities for the use thereof.
- 6.3. A number of the external funding streams have been secured but there are a some actions where funding is still to be confirmed or sought; such as:
- *Improving Worthing public spaces for sustainable transport; and Improve cycling, walking infrastructure* (post infrastructure planning phase)
  - *Support electric vehicle uptake to improve air quality*
  - *Protect and enhance biodiversity at Highdown Gardens* (Stage 2 Heritage Lottery funding bid not confirmed)

## **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2001 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by pre-existing legislation.
- 7.2. Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to do anything that is calculated to facilitate, or which is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.
- 7.3. Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 1999 (LGA 1999) contains a general duty on a best value authority to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 7.4. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Council has the power to do anything to facilitate or which is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of their functions.
- 7.5. Section 1 of the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 provides that every statutory provision conferring or imposing a function on a local authority confers the powers on the local authority to enter into a contract with another person for the provision or making available of assets or services, or both (whether or not together with goods) for the purposes of, or in connection with, the discharge of the function by the local authority.

- 7.6. Under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 where a Public Authority is to enter into a contract for the supply of goods & services, and the value of those goods and services exceeds a financial limit of £181,302 (or for works contracts £4,551,413 any procurement exercise to contract for those goods and services must be conducted in accordance with the Regulations and a failure to do so may be declared upon receipt of a procurement challenge, anti-competitive and in breach of the Regulations.

### **Background Papers**

[Mid Term Review and Refresh of Platforms for our Places Commitments. JSC 10 July 2019](#) Agenda item 5

[Emissions reduction Pledge 2020: emissions reporting in public and higher education sectors](#), Department of Business, energy and Industrial Strategy

[UK 100 Cities Pledge for clean energy by 2050](#), UK 100 Cities network

[Plastic Free Council Pledge](#), Surfers Against Sewage

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## **Sustainability & Risk Assessment**

The Environment Framework addresses sustainability directly seeking to minimise environmental impacts and deliver environmental benefits across Adur & Worthing.

### **1. Economic**

Creating a more sustainable place to live and work contributes to creating a more prosperous place, attracting business and investment. The Framework involves collaboration with partners across all sectors.

### **2. Social**

#### **Social Value**

The collaborative approach benefits local community organisations and businesses. Action under the energy, transport and water strands will benefit local residents and those on low incomes providing cost savings from energy, water and transport.

#### **Equality Issues**

Residents on low incomes will be able to directly benefit from energy and water bill savings.

#### **Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

Community Safety will be improved through the 'Transport' strand, with planned changes to the public realm, and improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure; and in the Biodiversity strand, planned parks projects.

#### **Human Rights Issues**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **3. Environmental**

The framework is focused on environmental protection and enhancement.

### **4. Governance**

The Environment Framework aligns with Platforms for our Places, focusing in and expanding on actions in Platform 3, Stewarding our Natural Resources.

## APPENDIX 1

### Draft Adur & Worthing Environment Framework 2019-20: Summary

| TITLE & AMBITION  | ACTION  |
|---|---|
| <b>TRANSPORT</b><br><br>Supporting sustainable travel: cycling, walking, and public transport use | improve council commuting and business travel                   |
|   | improve Worthing public spaces for sustainable transport        |
|   | Improve cycling and walking infrastructure                      |
|   | offer sustainable travel discounts for employees                |
|   | support electric vehicle uptake to improve air quality          |
| <b>ENERGY</b><br><br>Making energy clean, smart, secure and affordable                            | help residents stay well and warm with lower energy bills       |
|   | increase council solar energy                                   |
|   | investigate a smartgrid for Worthing Civic Site                 |
| <b>WASTE</b><br><br>Minimising waste, increasing recycling and reuse                              | increase recycling rate to 50% by 2020                          |
|   | Wastebuster recycling and minimisation program for schools      |
|   | Pledge to become Plastic Free Council                           |
| <b>WATER</b><br>Improving water quality and reducing water use                                    | improve Worthing's Bathing Water Quality to 'excellent' by 2020 |
|   | make savings on water bills, reduce water use                   |
| <b>CARBON REDUCTION</b><br><br>Reducing carbon emissions  | Pledge 100% Clean Energy by 2050 with UK 100 Cities             |
|   | Produce a carbon reduction plan                                 |
|   | Pledge 2020 Emissions Reduction with Government                 |
| <b>BIODIVERSITY</b><br><br>Protecting and enhancing our natural environment                       | protect and enhance biodiversity at Highdown Gardens            |
|   | improve biodiversity at Brooklands Park                         |
|   | improve biodiversity in all our parks, 2 Green Flags a year     |

## Draft Environment Framework: Detail on actions, partners and finance

| ACTION  | DETAIL   | PARTNERS   | FINANCE  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <b>TRANSPORT: Supporting sustainable travel: cycling, walking, and public transport use</b> |  |  |  |
| <b>improve council commuting and business travel</b>  | Adopt and implement a Travel Action Plan and measures to help staff to choose cycling, walking, car sharing and public transport.                            | Sustrans, Council staff  | Revenue funding from existing budgets may be allocated to implement improvements in Travel Action Plan (e.g. more lockers and bike storage). Depending on requirements, additional finance may be needed and may come from year end underspends.   |
| <b>improve Worthing public spaces for sustainable transport</b>                             | Improve and upgrade spaces and places for sustainable transport in Worthing Town Centre from Worthing train station through the town centre to the seafront. | WSCC, key stakeholders (e.g. TCI) and local businesses   | WSCC allocated £5m Growth Deal funding to begin improvements. Portland Road & South Street are in Phase 1. Further phases will be CIL, S106 contributions funded. External investment will be sought e.g. Coast2Capital.   |
| <b>Improve cycling and walking infrastructure</b>   | Develop and adopt a Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan to improve safe routes for walking and cycling, and seek funding to implement these.               | West Sussex Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Partnership, Dept of Transport, A&W Cycling and Walking Action group. | Dept of Transport (DoT) finance secured for the Infrastructure Plan. Further funding expected to be made available & will be sought from DoT for the improvements identified in the plan.  |
| <b>offer sustainable travel discounts for employees</b>                                     | Launch 'easit Adur & Worthing' offering travel discounts to council and local business staff.  | easit, local businesses, travel providers  | Funding to establish easit scheme will come from sustainable transport developer contributions.  |
| <b>support electric vehicle uptake to improve air quality</b>                               | Deliver further public electric vehicle charge points and seek funding for further expansion, explore electric vehicles for council use.                     | West Sussex EV Partnership, Highways England.  | Highways England funding obtained to install A&W's first public rapid chargepoint. Funding for further points to be sought from the Office of Low Emissions Vehicles and other funding streams. Viability for EV for fleet will be explored. Costs will be assessed for EV charge points with Buckingham and High St car parks upgrades. |

**ENERGY: Making energy clean, smart, secure and affordable**

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| <b>help residents stay well and warm with lower energy bills</b> | Deliver a 'Local Energy Advice Partnership' over 3 years offering home visits, energy advice, installation of energy saving measures, and further services to households on low incomes.  | West Sussex Affordable Warmth Partnership, Agility Eco. | Fully funded by energy suppliers under Warm Homes Discount Industry Initiatives. No financial cost to the council. |
| <b>increase council solar energy</b>                             | Install further solar photovoltaic panels to supply clean, free electricity to council buildings.   | Installers, West Sussex County Council                  | Finance allocated for energy saving and renewable energy as spend to save 2019-20.                                 |
| <b>investigate a smartgrid for Worthing Civic Site</b>           | Explore feasibility for a smart grid connecting Worthing Civic Site buildings. Delivering energy and cost reductions through increased efficiency, renewable energy, efficient controls, smart metering, smart transport solutions and battery storage. | West Sussex County Council                              | Finance for a feasibility study to be provided and commissioned by West Sussex County Council.                     |

**WASTE: Minimising waste, increasing recycling and reuse**

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| <b>increase recycling rate to 50% by 2020</b>                     | A range of actions to improve the recycling rate. Changing collection methods, delivering an awareness and behaviour change campaign to increase recycling rates and reduce waste produced. Increasing recycling of non residential waste streams | West Sussex County Council and West Sussex Authorities                            | Financed through recycling credits earned through WSCC and income from commercial waste activities and green waste collection. |
| <b>Wastebuster recycling and minimisation program for schools</b> | Provision of an educational tool for pupils to encourage waste reduction recycling and reuse.   | West Sussex County Council and West Sussex Authorities.                           | Financed through recycling credits earned through WSCC.  |
| <b>Pledge to become Plastic Free Council</b>                      | Become a 'Plastic Free' Council identifying and reducing single use plastics and supporting community action with the Refill and Plastic Free campaigns.  | Worthing Climate Action Network, Transition Town Worthing, Surfers Against Sewage | Delivered with existing capacity. Costs for changes in plastic use to be assessed case by case.                                |

**WATER: Improving water quality and reducing water use**

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| <b>improve Worthing's Bathing Water Quality to</b> | Worthing Bathing Water Enhancement Project works with local residents to raise bathing water quality to an 'excellent' standard by 2020 by reducing pollution from | Southern Water, WSCC, Environment Agency | £2.7 mill investment in improvements by Southern Water |
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| <b>'excellent' by 2020</b>  | missed connections, animal faeces on beaches, and providing extra sewer maintenance and cleansing.   |   |  |
| <b>make savings on water bills, reduce water use</b>                  | Launch a campaign with Southern Water providing home visits offering water saving gadgets and advice on how to save money on water bills by reducing home and garden water use.  | Southern Water, Aqualogic   | Fully financed by Southern Water   |
| <b>CARBON REDUCTION: Reducing carbon emissions</b>                    |  |   |  |
| <b>Pledge 100% Clean Energy by 2050 with UK 100 Cities</b>            | Pledge to 100% clean energy by 2050, endeavouring to ensure our communities have warm homes; secure, affordable energy; breathe clean air; drink clean water; and live in a town of which they can be proud. Join UK100, the national network of local authorities committed to shifting to clean energy in their areas. | UK100 Cities Network  | No cost to join UK100 Cities network.  |
| <b>Produce a carbon reduction plan</b>                                | Develop a plan to reduce carbon emissions locally to meet the 2050 net zero carbon target.   |   | Carbon Reduction Plan could be produced with current resource but would be improved with commissioned technical expertise. |
| <b>Pledge 2020 Emissions Reduction with Government</b>                | Sign up to the government's voluntary Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020, to report on annual energy use and emissions 2018-19 and 2019-20.   | Team Energy, BEIS   | No direct costs associated with reporting.   |
| <b>BIODIVERSITY: Protecting and enhancing our natural environment</b> |  |   |  |
| <b>protect and enhance biodiversity at Highdown Gardens</b>           | Protect the unique National Chalk Plant Collection at Highdown Gardens and improve accessibility and visitor experience  | Heritage Lottery Fund, South Downs National Park, Plant Heritage, Millennium seed bank (Wakehurst College) Plumpton College & Worthing Museum | Heritage Lottery Fund provided 90% finance to produce a Stage 2 bid. Match funding from WBC and SDNP. (Full value £1m)     |
| <b>improve biodiversity at Brooklands Park</b>                        | Adopt and implement Brooklands Park masterplan, completing transformation into a science adventure destination park. Improving and significantly enhancing biodiversity, accessibility for all and visitor experience.   | Friends of Brooklands Park & others to be determined  | WBC Capital Investment, Private Business Investment, Corporate Sponsorship, external grant funding.                        |

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| <b>improve biodiversity in all our parks, 2 Green Flags a year</b> | Improve the biodiversity, and the community and environmental value of parks by achieving Green Flag status for a further 2 parks every year. | Friends of Groups, appropriate stakeholder groups | Delivered through existing revenue resources |
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## APPENDIX 2

### PLEDGES

It is recommended Adur & Worthing Councils' sign up to the following three pledges under the draft Adur & Worthing Environment Framework:

#### 1) **Department of Business & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020**

In the Clean Growth Strategy the government introduced a voluntary target for the wider public and higher education sectors in England. This target would aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across these sectors by 30% by 2020/21, compared to a 2009/10 baseline.

The UK is committed to at least a 57% reduction in emissions by 2032 and a reduction of at least 80% reduction by 2050. The Government wants the public and higher education sectors to lead by example through reducing bills and driving decarbonisation across the UK economy.

BEIS have published a Guidance note for public and higher education emissions reporting 2018-20: [Emissions reduction pledge 2020: emissions reporting in public and higher education sectors](#)

On confirming AWC's commitment to the pledge, the councils' will receive the *Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020 badge* to use for publicity.

#### **BEIS emissions reduction target and reporting principles**

The introduction of the voluntary target and reporting framework is intended to standardise public and higher education sectors reporting, engage sector leaders and encourage future action on decarbonisation. It is also intended to support the wider public and higher education sectors in providing accurate and consistent emissions data by assisting any organisations not currently reporting emissions to do so.

The approach requires organisations to sign up to a common set of principles, under the Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020 banner. Every organisation that wishes to become involved will therefore be required to:

- develop and implement the business case for measuring and reducing energy use, costs and carbon emissions in their organisation
- implement the Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020, using regular measurement to inform management action
- report its annual energy use to BEIS through existing reporting mechanisms where possible (as outlined later in this document)
- share best practice in their local area and within the sectors. BEIS will support the wider public and higher education sectors by:
- convening organisations across the sectors to generate evidence and new insights on best practice
- drawing on existing reporting where possible and not creating new burdens
- collating and analysing the data provided to ensure it is consistent and comparable
- compiling overall sector and sub-sector data on progress in 2018/19 and 2019/20
- sharing information across the sectors
- supporting the development of a network of Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020 champions who highlight and share innovation, good practice and experience.

## **Gathering and reporting emissions data**

This will generally be related to electricity, gas and different types of transport use, but may also include emissions arising from landfilling of its own waste and water consumption. Where emissions relate to buildings BEIS suggest that only non-domestic buildings are included in the reporting.

## **2) The UK100 Cities 100% Clean Energy by 2050 Pledge**

### **THE UK100 PLEDGE**

*As leaders across Britain we see the challenges our communities face and acknowledge our responsibility to secure the future for them and for people around the world when faced with the challenge of a changing climate.*

*The people who live in the towns and cities we serve deserve warm homes, secure and affordable energy, to breathe clean air, drink clean water and live in a town or city of which they can proud. This will help us ensure we keep the lights on, generate our own power for our nation, protect consumers from high and unstable energy prices and end our dependence on imported fuel from states we would rather not rely on.*

*The future we face requires ambition and imagination so that our children can have a safe and secure future, so we will take action that tackles climate change but also builds cities which are the best places for our children to grow up.*

*We have a crisis: we have a responsibility to deal with it.*

*We are uniquely placed to contribute to the solutions we need, because of our industrial past and we have demonstrated throughout our history that we are able and willing to lead on finding solutions to the new challenges the world faces.*

*We have the ambition of making all our towns and cities across the UK 100% clean before 2050, in line with the commitments made nationally and internationally at the Paris Summit.*

*We hope other towns and cities across the globe will join us to demonstrate that this transition will happen through acts of leadership, and that a transition to a clean energy future is both viable and already beginning to happen in many towns and cities today. Our UK towns and cities are committed to making a better future for all.*

### **In order to make the pledge a reality, the network members will:**

- Devise plans to achieve 100% clean energy at city/local level by 2050 that are ambitious, cost effective and take the public and business with them.
- Work with business allies, bringing private and public sector together
- Collaborate across the peer-to-peer UK100 Cities network, learning from each other
- Deliver climate action by promoting co-benefits of economic growth, and health and well-being
- Work together to influence national policy
- Make material contribution to emissions reductions

There will be a UK100 Cities Consortium event in Leeds in Spring 2019 at which Leaders of Adur & Worthing Councils can attend to sign the Pledge.



### 3) Plastic Free Council Pledge

'Plastic Free' Status was established by Surfers Against Sewage (SAS). SAS have published [recommended actions](#) for councils who wish to achieve 'Plastic Free Council' status:

- Support plastic free initiatives and the community groups working on them in your area.
- Work with Plastic Free Community leaders on the motion or resolution supporting Plastic Free Communities.
- Liaise with your community leaders to facilitate and promote the campaign locally.
- Encourage schools, businesses, community groups and individuals to get involved.
- Demonstrate leadership and set up a working group to examine the options available to become a Plastic Free Council.
- Perform a complete audit of avoidable, single-use plastic items used across council owned buildings and facilities.
- Develop a plastics strategy with specific objectives for eliminating avoidable single-use plastics. Link this to environmental policy, waste strategy and sustainable procurement policies where appropriate.
- Ensure appropriate recycling routes are available to capture plastic.
- Enable reuse and refill schemes to replace single-use plastic consumption.
- Encourage all staff to make sustainable food and beverage packaging and tableware choices and ensure use of the workplace recycling systems.
- Table a motion to propose the town, city or County council becomes a Plastic Free Council.
- Pass a resolution by majority vote supporting Plastic Free Communities in the area.