



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
7 March 2024

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Update on Climate Change Delivery - Carbon Management Plan

Report by the Director for Sustainability and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides further information on the progress which the Councils are making with regard to climate change delivery and the reduction in carbon emissions. Details of this work has now been set out in a Carbon Management Plan which was recently reported to and approved by the Joint Strategic Committee on 8 February 2024.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee note the progress which the Councils are making in climate change delivery and the new Carbon Management Plan; and

2.2 That the Committee consider if it would like to make any recommendations or comments on the issues raised in the Carbon Management Plan and report presented to the Joint Strategic Committee on 8 February 2024.

3. Context and Purpose of Scrutiny

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2023/24, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) have agreed to receive an annual update report on the progress being made by the Councils in climate change delivery and ask relevant questions of Officers.
- 3.2 JOSC received an update report on climate change delivery at its meeting on 16 February 2023 - The minute extract (JOSC/83/22/23) which includes the detail of the previous discussion and previous questions from that item is set out here [JOSC Minutes 16/2/23](#)

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 JOSC is requested to consider the updates to climate change delivery as set out in the new Carbon Management Plan which was reported to and agreed by the Joint Strategic Committee on 8 February 2024 (copy of the report and draft Carbon Management Plan are attached as an Appendix to this report).

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The JOSC Chairs and Vice-Chairs have been consulted on the proposals contained in this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications to consider within this report.

Finance Officer: Emma Thomas

Date: 26/02/2024

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 JOSC provides a critical friend challenge to policy and decision makers and can help suggest improvements to the delivery of services.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by

pre-existing legislation.

Legal Officer Joanne Lee

Date:26/02/2024

Background Papers

Adoption of Carbon Reduction Plan - Report to the Joint Strategic Committee on 8 February 2024

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Transition to a low carbon economy is vital to provide future energy systems resilience, and to address and reduce potential impacts of climate change. Improved energy efficiency across the councils' assets reduce ongoing revenue requirements for energy purchasing.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

By securing affordable, low carbon energy into the future, the councils protect budgets from future energy price rises, drawing less budget into council operational costs away from services delivery that benefit local communities.

2.2 Equality Issues

The impacts of climate change are predicted to impact on all communities, but the greatest impact is predicted to impact the most vulnerable communities. It is imperative that all is done to mitigate climate change.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

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3. Environmental

The key driver for ongoing carbon reduction is to mitigate the predicted catastrophic impacts of climate change on the environment, economy and communities.

4. Governance

The reporting and management of carbon reduction emissions show leadership in response to our declaration of a climate emergency. This aligns with national legislation (the Climate Change Act 2008); national and regional policy, and the councils' own policy. JOSC has responsibility for reviewing the Councils' work and decisions. In accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils constitution JOSC can request Officers to attend its meetings and can ask questions as part of this process.