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To: Members of Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction

Friday, 15 July 2022

Dear Councillor

Please attend a meeting of the **Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction** to be held at **2.00 pm** on **Monday, 25 July 2022** in the Council Chamber the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen E. Barrington'.

Helen Barrington
Director of Legal Services

A G E N D A

PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1. Apologies for absence
To receive apologies for absence (if any)
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive Declarations of Interest (if any)

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the Improvement and Scrutiny - Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction meeting held on 23 May 2022.

4. Public Questions (Pages 7 - 10)

30 minutes maximum in total for this item. Questions may be submitted to be answered by the Scrutiny Committee or Council officers who are attending the meeting as witnesses, on any item that is within the scope of the Committee. Please see the procedure below for the submission of questions.

5. Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (Pages 11 - 36)

6. Green Entrepreneur Scheme (Pages 37 - 42)

7. Sustainable Travel (Pages 43 - 46)

8. Committee Work Programme (Pages 47 - 52)

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MINUTES of a meeting of **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CLIMATE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY AND CARBON REDUCTION** held on Monday, 23 May 2022 at Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

PRESENT

Councillor W Major (in the Chair)

Councillors R Redfern, B Bingham, S Bull, A Clarke, M Ford, A Hayes, G Kinsella, J Wharmby and S Swann.

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor T Kemp.

Officers present: Roz Savage (Improvement and Scrutiny Officer) and Ivan Walters (Democratic Services Officer).

5/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tony Kemp.

16/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17/22 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction held on 14 February 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (30 MINUTES MAXIMUM IN TOTAL)

There were no public questions.

19/22 DERBY, DERBYSHIRE AND PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK RENEWABLE ENERGY STUDY

Members had been provided with a detailed report in advance of the meeting, to inform them of the commissioning of the Derby, Derbyshire and Peak District National Park Renewable Energy Study ('the study') and its implications for the constituent local authorities in the study area regarding the development of planning policies in guiding the provision of renewable energy technologies. Steve Buffery, Team Leader Policy

and Monitoring – Place, attended the meeting and gave a presentation to compliment the report and to help members understand the Renewable Energy Study and how its recommendations could contribute to meeting carbon reduction targets at the national and local level within Derbyshire.

Following an Open Tender process, the contract to carry out the Study was awarded to Scene Connec in December 2021, who commenced work in early January 2022. The consultants had held regular progress update meetings with the Climate Change and Planning Sub Group and, as each stage progressed, provided drafts for comment by officers of the Sub-Group, which have been taken into account. A final draft of the study report was due for completion at the end of May 2022. This would then be provided to the Sub-Group for final comments prior to full completion of the study expected mid-June.

Members were given the opportunity to make observations/comments or ask questions which were duly answered or noted by the officer present. Particular reference was made to whether the Consultants were working with Renewable Energy Groups within Derbyshire; it was confirmed that this was the case and that the consultants had a lot of experience in working closely with such groups.

The Chairman thanked the officer for his presentation and requested that the findings and conclusions of the study be made available to the Committee in due course.

RESOLVED to note commissioning of the Derby, Derbyshire and Peak District National Park Renewable Energy Study and its relevance to the constituent local authorities in the study area in informing the development of planning policies for the provision of renewable energy technologies in their areas, as referred to in this report.

20/22

EMBEDDING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY IN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Members had been provided with a report in advance of the meeting, to outline the ways in which environmental sustainability was embedded in Council activities, policies and strategies with a specific focus on climate change considerations. Caroline Toplis, Programme Manager, Climate Change attended the meeting and gave a presentation to compliment the report, with focus on those measures and activities that were relevant across the whole Council. She explained that the information provided was not exhaustive, with further examples available at Departmental and Service levels.

She explained the measures that were in place to embed environmental

sustainability in Council activities, policies, and strategies. This would help ensure the Council continued to recognise the impact it had on the environment and society through the delivery of its operations and continued commitment to protecting the environment by minimising any adverse environmental impact, while creating opportunities for enhancing positive environmental effects to improve the quality of life for people.

Members made a number of comments/observations and asked questions around the Strategy and Action Plan, which were duly noted or answered by the officers present. Members welcomed the Strategy and particular reference was made to the excellent recent Carbon Literacy training that had been attended by some members of the Committee and who encouraged others to attend. Members indicated that they would like to receive a copy of the Single Use Plastics Action Plan when it became available.

The Chairman thanked the officer for her update.

RESOLVED to (1) note the ways in which environmental sustainability was embedded in Council activities, policies, and strategies, with a specific focus on climate change considerations, as detailed in this report; and

(2) acknowledge that the information provided within the report was not exhaustive, with further examples available at a Departmental and Service level.

21/22 NATURE RECOVERY - BIODIVERSITY OF HIGHWAY VERGES

Tom French, Ecologist, Place Department attended the meeting and gave a verbal update on the work that had been undertaken on Nature Recovery and Biodiversity of Highway Verges. In December 2021 the authority had hosted a conference involving District/Borough Council and partner organisations to discuss how the situation with Highway verges could be improved without compromising highway safety.

A new Road Verges Officer had been very recently appointed and it was hoped that once in post he would continue to explore collaborative working with the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and move this important area of work forward.

Members made a number of comments/observations and asked questions, which were duly noted or answered by the officer present. There was a general frustration that progress was slow since the initiative was first announced in June 2021. The Chairman suggested

that the new Road Verges Officer should attend a future meeting of this committee and present the work programme/alternative options and a timeline for implementation.

The Chairman thanked the officer for his update.

RESOLVED to note the verbal update.

22/22 CLIMATE CHANGE PERFORMANCE REPORTING - 2021-2022 Q4

Members had been provided with a report in advance of the meeting, detailing the Climate Change Performance Dashboard for Quarter 4 2021-22. Caroline Toplis, Programme Manager, Climate Change attended the meeting and gave a presentation to compliment the report.

She explained that the report had been developed to provide assurance to the Committee on the role of the Climate Change and Environment Programme Board (CCEPB) in monitoring this performance and to assist the Committee in fulfilling its role of providing oversight and undertaking scrutiny of the climate change programme's governance procedures and processes.

The Dashboard included a narrative:

- at the start of the document on which actions were not on track, why, the potential impact and the mitigations being carried out to get the actions back on track; and
- against overall performance against the Long List actions by 2025 that were likely to have the biggest positive impact on emissions reduction, and those which required the most immediate action and implementation.

Members made a number of comments/observations and asked questions, which were duly noted or answered by the officer present. Whilst the performance indicators were very much welcomed, members emphasised that they would like to see the actions set out in the Performance Dashboard to be more outcome focussed. Members also indicated that they would like to receive further information about the three priority actions relating to the Council Operations and Estate theme that had been allocated an Action rating.

RESOLVED to note the content of the Climate Change Performance Dashboard as detailed at Appendix 2 to the report.

23/22 **WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**

Members were invited to consider the draft work programme for 2022/23 and to propose additional items to be considered for inclusion. A number of comments/observations were made and questions asked, which were duly noted or answered by the Improvement and Scrutiny Officer.

Reference was made to the Sustainable Travel area of work and how this would tie in with the Integrated Local Transport Plan, with specific reference being made to consideration being given to the Local Mineral Plan. The Improvement and Scrutiny Officer explained that the Mineral Plan came under the remit of the Improvement & Scrutiny – Places Committee, but suggested that should members of this Committee wish to attend the Places committee when the matter was discussed, then that would be appropriate.

RESOLVED to approve the 2022/23 work programme, note that it was a flexible document and that additional issues could be added throughout the year.

The meeting finished at 3.20 pm

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Procedure for Public Questions at Scrutiny Committee meetings

Members of the public who are on the Derbyshire County Council register of electors, or are Derbyshire County Council tax payers or non-domestic tax payers, may ask questions of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committees, or witnesses who are attending the meeting of the Committee. The maximum period of time for questions by the public at a Committee meeting shall be 30 minutes in total.

Order of Questions

Questions will be asked in the order they were received in accordance with the Notice of Questions requirements, except that the Chairman may group together similar questions.

Notice of Questions

A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or by email to the Director of Legal Services no later than 12 noon three working days before the Committee meeting (ie 12 noon on a Wednesday when the Committee meets on the following Monday). The notice must give the name and address of the questioner and the name of the person to whom the question is to be put.

Questions may be emailed to democratic.services@derbyshire.gov.uk

Number of Questions

At any one meeting no person may submit more than one question, and no more than one such question may be asked on behalf of one organisation.

Scope of Questions

The Director of Legal Services may reject a question if it:

- Exceeds 200 words in length;
- is not about a matter for which the Committee has a responsibility, or does not affect Derbyshire;
- is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Committee in the past six months; or
- requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

Submitting Questions at the Meeting

Questions received by the deadline (see **Notice of Question** section above) will be shared with the respondent with the request for a written response to be provided by 5pm on the last working day before the meeting (ie 5pm on Friday before the meeting on Monday). A schedule of questions and responses will be produced and made available 30 minutes prior to the meeting (from Democratic Services Officers in the meeting room).

It will not be necessary for the questions and responses to be read out at the meeting, however, the Chairman will refer to the questions and responses and invite each questioner to put forward a supplementary question.

Supplementary Question

Anyone who has put a question to the meeting may also put one supplementary question without notice to the person who has replied to his/her original question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply. The Chairman may reject a supplementary question on any of the grounds detailed in the **Scope of Questions** section above.

Written Answers

The time allocated for questions by the public at each meeting will be 30 minutes. This period may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman. Any questions not answered at the end of the time allocated for questions by the public will be answered in writing. Any question that cannot be dealt with during public question time because of the non-attendance of the person to whom it was to be put, will be dealt with by a written answer.

Public Questions to Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction Scrutiny Committee – 25 July 2022

1. From Ms Mary Dwyer on behalf of the Zero Waste group, Belper:

We have set up a Zero Waste group in Belper and have used the grant we received from DCC to launch this group. We had a successful launch meeting and are moving forward from this to hopefully make Belper the most sustainable town in Derbyshire. Could one of the councillors from this group attend one of our meetings to inform us about the plans DCC has to support Derbyshire towns becoming more sustainable, thereby reducing the factors which are contributing to Climate Change so adversely?

Councillor Kinsella has already supported us a lot with this initiative so if a different councillor could meet us this would be really appreciated.

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**IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CLIMATE CHANGE,
BIODIVERSITY AND CARBON REDUCTION**

MONDAY, 25 JULY 2022

Report of the Executive Director - Place

Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee for Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction on the climate change work being undertaken with the district and borough councils through Vision Derbyshire.

2. Information and Analysis

Background

- 2.1 Vision Derbyshire is a shared commitment across Derbyshire's County, district and borough councils, to "strategically collaborate to improve outcomes for people and places, speak with one voice as a County, and coordinate our resources better and more sustainably".
- 2.2 Within Vision Derbyshire there are four key workstreams, one of which is 'Live and Work Sustainably' with an objective of embedding sustainable and green strategic spatial planning Derbyshire-wide, including for housing and transport.
- 2.3 Two Vision Derbyshire Officers Groups have been established to drive forward work under the Live and Work Sustainably workstream:

- Climate Change Officers Group: With an aim to develop and deliver collaborative climate change projects and activities.
 - Climate Change and Planning Officers Sub-Group: With an aim to develop a shared approach to planning policies to support climate change.
- 2.4 This report focusses on the work being undertaken through the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group and does not cover the work undertaken by the Climate Change and Planning Officers Sub-Group, as an update on that group's work was presented to the Committee on 14 February 2022.
- 2.5 Councils across Derbyshire are all taking action to tackle climate change, through reducing emissions from their own estates and operations, and playing their role in reducing county-wide emissions. However, with the increasing need to accelerate action on tackling climate change, the development and adoption of a joint climate change strategy was identified by the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group as an opportunity to establish common ambitions and priorities, foster collaboration and resource sharing, provide consistency in delivery, and work more closely together to coordinate and maximise collective success in securing external funding and other external support for delivering action on decarbonisation.
- 2.6 As such, the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group has led the development of a joint Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025) to set out what needs to be done to reduce emissions across the County to net zero by 2050, or sooner, and how Derbyshire's councils can work to achieve this through a series of ambitions and priorities, supported by an Action Plan. The Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group includes representatives from the County Council and all eight Derbyshire district and borough councils.

Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025)

- 2.7 The Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025) can be found in Appendix 2. It was endorsed by the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee on 4 April 2022 and approved by Cabinet on 7 April 2022 (Minute No. 92/22 refers). Four of Derbyshire's eight district and borough councils have approved the Strategy for formal adoption, with the other four councils supporting or endorsing its implementation.
- 2.8 The Strategy is not intended to replace individual Council existing climate change strategies and plans, instead it complements these and sets out key common areas of collaboration.

- 2.9 The Strategy focuses principally on what Derbyshire’s councils can do about the county-wide emissions that they have direct control or influence over, but also considers wider opportunities where councils can encourage, promote, and facilitate action by others – including central Government, as well as businesses, communities, and individuals across the County.
- 2.10 The Strategy sets out the strategic vision for net zero and a set of common priorities under five key themes:
- Local Authority Estate, Operations and Services.
 - Strengthening the Low Carbon Economy.
 - Decarbonising Derbyshire's Housing.
 - Sustainable Transport, Travel and Infrastructure.
 - Waste and Resources.
- 2.11 In addition to the five key themes, the Strategy provides an overview of action that may be taken to help offset the remaining residual emissions to enable Derbyshire to be a net zero county by 2050, and also sets out the importance of Derbyshire’s councils working jointly with the County’s residents, businesses, academic, public, community and voluntary sectors to achieve the net zero ambitions.
- 2.12 As well as reducing emissions across Derbyshire, delivery of the Strategy will help to address the wider key issues facing society, including improving and future-proofing homes, businesses, infrastructure and transport, reversing the decline in biodiversity, promoting community health and wellbeing, and the facilitation of a sustainable and robust low carbon economy.

Action Plan

- 2.13 The Strategy covers the period 2022 to 2025 and is to be supported by an Action Plan, which is currently in development by the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group and will set out the priority collaborative projects and initiatives.
- 2.14 To commence the development of the Action Plan, a Vision Derbyshire climate change workshop was held on 11 May 2022 to explore and prioritise areas of work where the councils should work collectively on over the next 2-3 years.
- 2.15 Focusing on those areas where the greatest impact is likely, in terms of carbon reduction and wider co-benefits, as well as those areas where the potential positive impact is maximised through councils working

collaboratively, four priority areas have been identified for initial focus, these being:

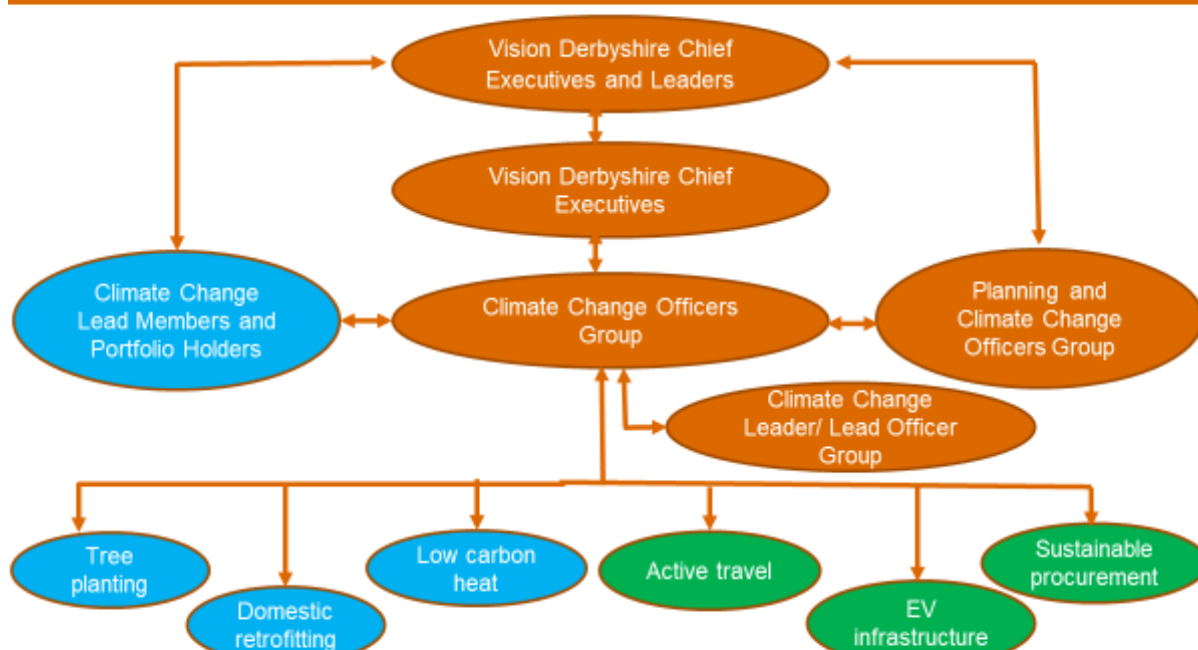
- Renewable and low carbon energy – Collaborative research into opportunities and locations for the installation of renewable energy generation technologies (e.g., solar) on council-owned buildings and land.
- Planning – Working together to develop appropriate guidance, policy and frameworks to ensure that planning measures for net zero buildings are integrated into Local Plans and wider planning activities. To include aspects around Natural Capital and Biodiversity Net Gain.
- Housing retrofit – Supporting the acceleration of the retrofitting of homes across the County, including working with partners, communities and residents to understand priorities and co-deliver solutions.
- Tree planting – Working together to develop and implement a tree planting programme across the county. Including considerations around carbon sequestration and Natural Capital.

2.16 The Work Plan for each of these project areas is now being developed and will form the basis for the Action Plan going forward. Officer leads for each project area have been confirmed, drawn from across the Derbyshire Councils.

2.17 Once developed and agreed, the Action Plan will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis by the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group to ensure that the councils are continuing to focus on and develop the appropriate climate actions necessary to achieve the net zero targets in collaboration with other partners, stakeholders, and community members, and to respond to future technological and policy developments.

Strategy Delivery and Governance

2.18 The delivery of the Strategy and the overarching collaborative approach to reducing emissions across the County has implications for all Derbyshire councils and will require clear decision-making processes. As such, a Vision Derbyshire climate change governance and delivery structure has been established. This structure is shown in Figure 1.



Specific projects will be delivered through focussed working groups, with the Officers Group providing a coordinating and oversight role. These may be existing cross-authority working groups (indicative examples shown in green), or new potential groups to be established (indicative examples shown in blue).

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Figure 1: Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Governance Structure

- 2.19 The Strategy will be co-ordinated and monitored by the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group, which comprises of officers from the County, district and borough councils. This Officer Group reports into the wider Vision Derbyshire governance structure, ensuring oversight and accountability of activities and projects being delivered.
- 2.20 Derbyshire councils cannot deliver all of the necessary actions required to reduce emissions alone. Delivering the Strategy will therefore require collaboration with and across partners, citizens, businesses and communities.
- 2.20 The councils will collectively use their leadership, partnership building and influencing role to facilitate and promote actions across all sectors and groups. Councils will also work together to identify and prepare for external funding opportunities and maximise collective success in securing funding and other support for delivering action on decarbonisation.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 The Strategy was developed through consultation between officers from the County Council and all Derbyshire district and borough councils through the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group, and with Elected Members through the Vision Derbyshire Lead Members and Portfolio Holders Group. There is no statutory duty to consult on this document. However, it is the intention to consult more widely with Derbyshire's businesses and communities on the delivery mechanisms of the Strategy where relevant.
- 3.2 The Strategy was endorsed by the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee on 4 April 2022 and approved by Cabinet on 7 April 2022. Four of Derbyshire's eight district and borough councils have approved the Strategy for formal adoption, with the other four councils supporting or endorsing its implementation.

4. Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 **No Action:** The Climate Change Act 2008 (amendment 2019) commits the UK to a legally binding target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050. Derbyshire's councils must, therefore, play their part in reducing emissions and take action to achieve this in line with the targets set out by the UK Government. If the councils were not to take action or work together on the delivery of a joint Strategy, emissions across the County would not reduce sufficiently to achieve the targets.

5. Implications

- 5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 None identified.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications.
- 7.2 Appendix 2 – Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy (2022-2025).

8. Recommendation

That the Committee resolves to:

- a) Note the climate change work being undertaken with the district and borough councils through Vision Derbyshire, as set out in this report.

9. Reason for Recommendation

- 9.1 To ensure the Committee understands and supports the climate change work being undertaken with the district and borough councils through Vision Derbyshire, and, through this understanding, help enable the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Strategy to be delivered to ultimately help reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the County.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The delivery of some of the priority areas of work within the Strategy will have financial implications for the Council. These will be considered on a project-by-project basis.

Legal

- 2.1 There is no statutory obligation on Derbyshire's councils to produce a Climate Change Strategy, however, councils have the power contained in the Local Government Act 2000, Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Sustainable Communities Act 2007 and Localism Act 2011 to engage directly and work with other agencies in helping to tackle climate change.
- 2.2 The delivery of some of the priority areas of work within the Strategy may have legal implications. These will be considered on a project-by-project basis

Human Resources

- 3.1 The delivery of some of the priority areas of work within the Strategy may have human resource implications. These will be considered on a project-by-project basis.

Information Technology

- 4.1 The delivery of some of the priority areas of work within the Strategy may have information technology implications. These will be considered on a project-by-project basis.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 The delivery of some of the priority areas of work within the Strategy may have equalities impact implications. These will be considered on a project-by-project basis.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 The Strategy supports the Council's ambition to be a net zero organisation by 2032, or sooner, and for the county to be net zero by 2050 and informs the action that needs to be taken to achieve these

ambitions. This proposal will also help deliver the following Council Plan priorities: Resilient, Healthy and Safe Communities; High Performing, Value for Money and Resident-Focused Services; A Prosperous and Green Derbyshire

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 Environmental Sustainability

Delivery of the Strategy will improve the environmental sustainability of the Council and the county and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

7.2 The delivery of some of the priority areas of work within the Strategy may have other implications. These will be considered on a project-by-project basis.

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Vision Derbyshire
Climate Change Strategy: 2022-2025

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1 Introduction

1.1 Vision Derbyshire

Vision Derbyshire is a shared commitment across Derbyshire's county, district and borough councils, to strategically collaborate to improve outcomes for people and places, speak with one voice as a county, and coordinate our resources better and more sustainably.

For people and places, Vision Derbyshire will:

- Create a fair society for Derbyshire where everyone has opportunities
- Enable people to better manage their quality of life, health and wellbeing
- Exceed climate change targets for people
- Develop an inclusive and diverse economy for Derbyshire
- Empower communities to drive sustainable change

Within Vision Derbyshire there are four key workstreams, one of which is ***Live and work sustainably***, with an objective of embedding sustainable and green strategic spatial planning Derbyshire-wide, including for housing and transport.

Councils across Derbyshire are all taking action to tackle climate change, through reducing emissions from their own estates and operations, and playing their role in reducing county-wide emissions. With the increasing need to accelerate action on tackling climate change, the development and adoption of a joint climate change strategy has been identified as an opportunity to establish common ambitions and priorities, foster collaboration and resource sharing, and provide consistency in delivery.

Derbyshire and Derby are one of only 9 regions to have been invited to make a bid for a County Deal as part of the Government's Levelling Up agenda. Once approved, this would not only bring substantial investment to the area but will provide new opportunities for tackling strategic and systemic issues. As well as extra investment to support economic growth in the area, it would include the transfer of specific powers from central government to a stronger and more cohesive form of local government, giving greater autonomy to local leaders over decision making and funding. On this basis, a new county deal would provide a strengthened opportunity for Derbyshire's councils to work collaboratively to tackle climate change through a shared focus on improving opportunities, growth and quality of life in the county.

1.2 Purpose and Scope of the Strategy

The purpose of this Strategy is to present a vision for Derbyshire to thrive and prosper as a net zero county. It has been developed through collaborative working between the county, district and borough councils across Derbyshire.

What do we mean by Net Zero?

A 'net zero' emissions scenario is one in which we have taken all viable action to reduce emissions to zero in the first instance, and any remaining or residual emissions by the target date will be offset i.e. removed from the atmosphere, as a last resort.

The Strategy sets out what needs to be done to reduce emissions across the county to net zero by 2050, or sooner, and how Derbyshire's councils will work to achieve this through a series of ambitions and priorities, supported by an action plan.

The Strategy looks at how to reduce Derbyshire's county-wide carbon emissions, taking into account those emissions generated directly in the county and those created outside of Derbyshire and which the county is, in part, responsible for.

The public sector is estimated to be directly responsible for 2% of the UK's emissions, with influence over a further 40%. As such, this Strategy focuses principally on what councils can do about the county-wide emissions that they have direct control or influence over, but also considers wider opportunities where councils can encourage, promote and facilitate action by others – including central government as well as businesses, communities and individuals across the county.

The Strategy covers the period 2022 to 2025 and is accompanied by a live action plan. It is not intended to replace existing climate change strategies and plans in place within individual councils, but instead will complement these and set out key common areas of collaboration.

As well as reducing emissions across Derbyshire, delivery of the Strategy will help to address the wider key issues facing society, including improving and future-proofing homes, businesses, infrastructure and transport, reversing the decline in biodiversity, promoting community health and wellbeing, and the facilitation of a sustainable and robust low carbon economy.

Councils can't deliver all of the necessary actions required to reduce emissions alone. Delivering the Strategy will therefore require collaboration with and across partners, citizens, businesses and communities. In addition, councils will increasingly work together to identify and secure external funding and other support for delivering action on decarbonisation.

This Strategy focuses on reducing emissions, but we also recognise the importance of adapting to climate change and protecting and enhancing the natural environment. These aspects are being explored separately to this Strategy.

2 Existing Strategies and Collaboration

2.1 Derbyshire Environment and Climate Change Framework

During 2019, councils across Derbyshire came together to develop the Derbyshire Environment and Climate Change Framework. The Framework set out a common approach for Derbyshire councils to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to levels which are consistent with the UK's commitment of net zero by 2050. The Framework contained a number of themes under which strategies and actions could be agreed, these were:

Energy / Travel /Resources / Air Quality/ Economy / Natural Environment / Partnership working

Linked to, and in addition to the Derbyshire Environment and Climate Change Framework, councils in Derbyshire have been working together to develop a number of joint strategies to tackle climate change and wider sustainability issues at county and regional levels. This includes:

- **The Air Quality Strategy (2020-2030)** – Developed through the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Strategy sets out how partners will work together to reduce the health impact of poor air quality for the people of Derby and Derbyshire.
- **The Derbyshire Economic Partnership COVID-19 Recovery Strategy (2021-2025)** – Developed by the Derbyshire Economic Partnership to identify the priorities to protect and grow Derbyshire's economy in a post-COVID world.
- **Natural Capital and Biodiversity Strategy for Derbyshire (due to be published in Autumn 2022)** – The study will consider all the natural capital assets that are key to the county's future prosperity, health, and wellbeing. It will identify the priority areas for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural capital assets and take climate change implications into account.
- **D2N2 Energy Strategy (2019-2030)** - This Strategy was developed by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and is being implemented in collaboration with Midlands Energy Hub. The Strategy sets out how the region can align with national and regional ambitions to expand renewable and low carbon energy development and achieve a net zero future.
- **Renewable Energy Study for Derbyshire (due to be published in Summer 2022)** – This study will identify the renewable energy opportunities in the county, including which technologies are most suitable and where they could be located.

In addition to these strategies, a range of specialist working groups exist that focus on specific areas and topics, including sustainable travel, low carbon energy, and improving the energy efficiency of homes.

2.2 Existing Climate Change Strategies Across Derbyshire

In addition to the collaborative working described in the previous section, councils have recently developed their own individual strategies and action plans to tackle climate change at county, district and borough levels. This Strategy is designed to complement individual council-level strategies and plans, through setting out key common themes and areas of collaboration. A summary of individual strategies and plans is listed below.

Council	Key Climate Change Strategy or Plan
Amber Valley Borough Council	The council has in place a <u>Carbon Reduction Management Programme and Action Plan</u> , which set out the council’s plans to implement carbon reduction measures across all its assets, operations, and spheres of influence within the borough.
Bolsover District Council	The council has in place a <u>Carbon Reduction Plan 2019-2030</u> , which sets out how the council aims to work with partners, business and communities to achieve net zero.
Chesterfield Borough Council	The council has in place a <u>Climate Change Action Plan 2020-2023</u> which sets out measures that the council will carry out to monitor, reduce and decarbonise its own activities by 2030 and support the transition of Chesterfield to a low carbon borough by 2050.
Derbyshire County Council	The council has in place a <u>Climate Change Strategy: Achieving Net Zero (2021-2025)</u> , which sets out how the council will work to become a net zero council by 2032, or sooner, and play its part in decarbonising the county by 2050.
Derbyshire Dales District Council	The council has in place a <u>Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, 2020 to 2030</u> , which sets out an action plan for the council to become net zero by 2030.
Erewash Borough Council	The council has a suite of plans, collectively referred to as the Natural Resources Strategy, which set out how the council will adapt to climate change and reduce carbon emissions. This is supplemented by a commitment in the council’s <u>Corporate Plan 2021-2023</u> to support the wider climate change agenda to facilitate a better environment for everyone.
High Peak Borough Council	The council has in place its <u>Towards Carbon Neutrality 2030: Climate Change Plan</u> , which sets out an action plan for reducing the council’s own emissions and also its role in reducing emissions across the Borough.
North East Derbyshire District Council	The council has in place a <u>Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2030</u> , which sets out steps for achieving the vision of “A district that balances economic prosperity with environmental sustainability, improving the lives of our people and our environment today and in the future”
South Derbyshire District Council	The council has in place a <u>Climate and Environment Strategy and supporting Action Plan</u> , which aligns to and supports the Corporate Plan Commitments of "Our Environment, Our People, Our Future"

3 Delivering the Strategy

In order to effectively deliver the Strategy, councils across Derbyshire will work together to deliver projects and initiatives that align with and achieve the ambitions, targets and principles set out in Section 5. To deliver the Strategy, a range of actions and projects will be identified and delivered collaboratively by the councils during the Strategy period.

The Strategy will be co-ordinated and monitored by the Vision Derbyshire Climate Change Officers Group, which is comprised of officers from the county, district and borough Councils in Derbyshire. This Officers Group reports into the wider Vision Derbyshire governance structure, ensuring oversight and accountability of activities and projects being delivered.

The councils also play a key role in bringing together residents, businesses, academic, public, community and voluntary sectors to plan and implement climate action. We will use our leadership, partnership building and influencing role to facilitate and promote actions across all sectors and groups.

The councils will also work with partners and other stakeholders to educate, raise awareness and engage and involve people within the local community.

To deliver the action required to play their part in reducing emissions across the county to net zero, councils will need to work together to identify and prepare for external funding opportunities. This will help the councils to maximise collective success in securing funding and other support for delivering action on decarbonisation.

Furthermore, the councils will work together to utilise our links with central government to lobby for additional support for local government on this agenda and to secure investment for decarbonisation in Derbyshire.

4 Derbyshire’s Emissions

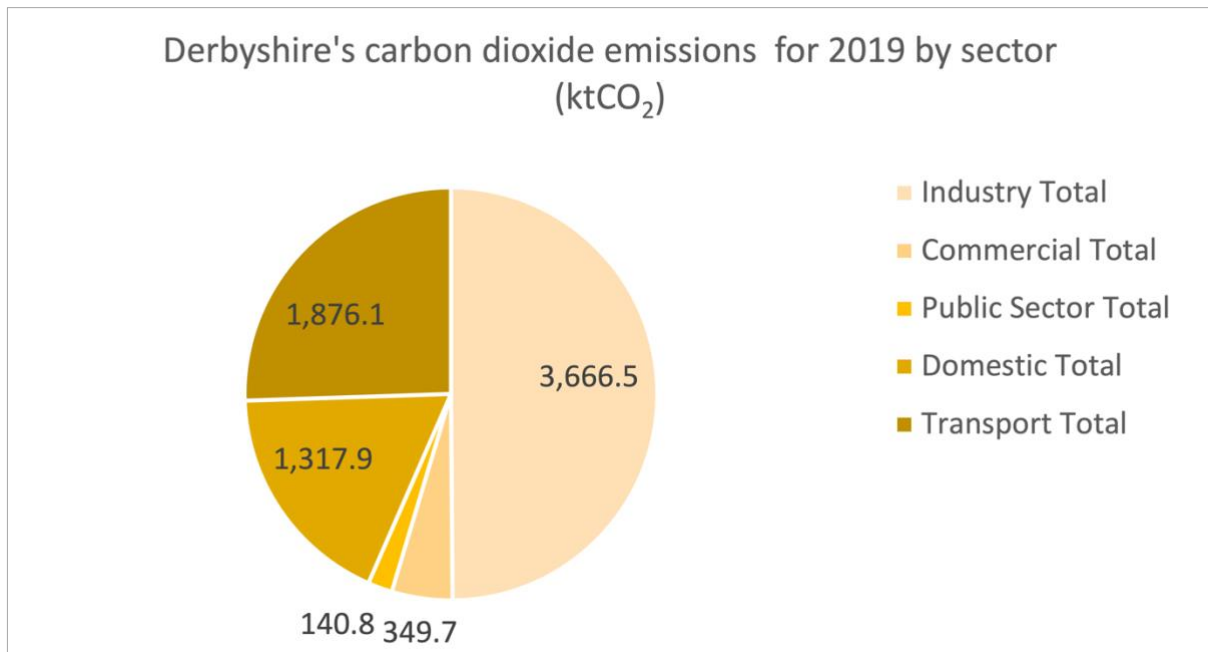
There is no doubt that emissions across the world need to be cut as a matter of urgency and that if global temperature rises are to be kept to a level at which it is estimated ‘we can manage’ then emissions need to be reduced sharply over the next decade and to net zero by 2050.

The UK has legal targets to:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 78% by 2035 compared to 1990 levels as set out in the sixth carbon budget (to include the UK’s share of international aviation and shipping emissions)
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050

Derbyshire’s county-wide target of net zero by 2050 is aligned with the UK’s legal commitment to deliver net zero by 2050.

In 2019, Derbyshire’s total emissions across the county amounted to 7.2 million tonnes of CO₂¹. This works out at 9.0 tonnes per person compared to a UK average of 6.8 tonnes per person. Our biggest sources of emissions are from the industrial sector (including significant emissions from the county’s quarrying and cement industries), followed by the transport and domestic sectors. Figure 1 presents the split of these emissions sources. It is worth noting that Derbyshire’s emissions aren’t just caused by activities inside the county, but also by the production of the goods and services outside it, which are bought in.



¹ [UK local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics: 2005 to 2019](#)

Since 2005, Derbyshire's county-wide emissions have fallen by 25%. However, emissions reductions need to be accelerated if the county is to be on course to deliver net zero by 2050.

Emissions data

There are a number of datasets and modelling tools available that provide emissions data for the UK and for individual areas. The datasets vary according to the sources of information used, and also what is included and what is excluded. This complex array of datasets can lead to confusion about the quantity of emissions emitted in an area and inconsistency in reporting.

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) produces a breakdown of carbon dioxide emissions by Local Authority area as a subset of its annual inventory of greenhouse gas emissions. The nationally available data sets begin in 2005 and, at the time of this Strategy's production, the latest data set was for 2019. Emissions from aviation, shipping and military transport are excluded from this data set as there is no obvious basis for allocation to local areas. For the purpose of this Strategy and to aid comparisons and consistency in measurement and decision-making, the BEIS data is being used as the core source of emission data for the county.

Other sources of emission data include the Tyndall Centre and the Anthesis ScatterCities modelling tool.

5 Strategic Vision and Priorities

The strategic Vision for net zero, including common priorities, is presented in the following section, split by five key themes:

- Local Authority Estate, Operations and Services
- Strengthening the Low Carbon Economy
- Decarbonising Derbyshire’s Housing
- Sustainable Transport, Travel and Infrastructure
- Waste and Resources.

5.1 Local Authority Estate, Operations and Services

Vision

Derbyshire’s county, district and borough councils will become net-zero carbon organisations that lead by example in implementing and promoting sustainable and low carbon practices in their ways of working and service delivery. This will include ensuring carbon reduction is embedded as a core part of decision-making and commissioning, and improving the energy and carbon efficiency of council buildings, land and fleet, as well as in all of the services that the councils deliver on behalf of Derbyshire’s residents. All council employees and suppliers will understand the importance of reducing emissions, and their role in achieving these reductions.

Priorities

Individual councils across Derbyshire are producing and delivering their own climate change strategies and action plans to reduce their own operational emissions to net zero. This Strategy does not intend to replace these individual council-level strategies and action plans, but instead seeks to complement them and identify common priority themes where a collaborative approach can be taken to reduce council-level emissions. These themes include:

- **Training** – the development and delivery of consistent climate change training materials and messaging relevant to all councils in Derbyshire.
- **Procurement** – working together to develop and embed an approach to sustainable procurement to ensure environmental and social sustainability is embedded within all contracting and procurement activities.
- **Renewable and low carbon energy** – collaborative research into opportunities and locations for the installation of renewable energy generation technologies (e.g. solar) on council-owned buildings and land.
- **Planning** – working together to develop appropriate guidance, policy and frameworks to ensure that planning measures for net zero buildings are integrated into Local Plans and wider planning activities.
- **Fleet** – working together to facilitate low-carbon vehicle fleets across all Councils, including cars, vans and larger vehicles, and the infrastructure to support this.

- **Funding** – working together to identify and secure funding (such as from central government) for climate change and low carbon projects and initiatives.

5.2 Strengthening the Low Carbon Economy

Vision

There will be an acceleration in the transition to a zero carbon economy through low carbon recovery and good growth, the creation of more and better jobs in the low carbon and clean technology sectors, increased skill levels and the fostering of innovation within the county, and a reduction in energy consumption from all industrial and commercial sectors. The natural resources of the county will be rapidly used to expand renewable energy generation across the county.

Priorities

Derbyshire councils will work together and with partners, citizens, businesses and communities to:

- Reduce manufacturing and construction emissions through energy efficiency improvements and expansion of new technologies, and promotion of fuel switching.
- Promote net zero commercial and industrial building developments and retrofitting activities.
- Support the adoption of large-scale and small-scale renewable energy generation in suitable locations.
- Support the adoption of low carbon technologies for space and water heating.
- Promote net zero and sustainable planning policies and practices in all planning activities.
- Promote the use of LED lighting and energy efficient machinery and technology.
- Foster innovation through the promotion of green sector businesses, and identifying, highlighting and signposting areas of green innovation.
- Support academic and training institutions in the development and implementation of relevant training courses.
- Promote and create skilled green jobs in Derbyshire to help reach net zero emissions and enable our local economy to grow and flourish.

5.3 Decarbonising Derbyshire’s Housing

Vision

Through working with partners and external stakeholder groups, low and zero carbon homes will be created that reduce emissions but also provide economic and wellbeing benefits for our residents. This will be achieved through insulating homes, installing more efficient heating systems, reducing energy consumption, and facilitating behaviour change through the provision of support and information. There will also be support for the growth in green jobs to install these measures, and the councils will play their role in the expansion of small-scale renewable energy generation in the domestic sector.

Priorities

Derbyshire councils will work together and with partners, citizens, businesses and communities to:

- Improve the EPC rating of homes, so that all owner occupier domestic properties are EPC rating C, or better, by 2035.
- Promote the use of LED lighting and energy efficient white goods and electrical items.
- Work to ensure all new houses are net zero through planning policy and guidance.
- Work to accelerate the retrofitting of homes across the county.
- Support the adoption of low carbon heating technologies.
- Support the adoption of micro-energy generation on homes, such as solar photovoltaics (PV).
- Support households in changing behaviours that lead to a reduction in energy and water use through information provision and tailored support and advice.
- Support and help to address supply challenges and skills shortages in the sector.

5.4 Sustainable Transport, Travel and Infrastructure

Vision

Working with partners and external stakeholder groups, the councils will deliver an ambitious low-carbon integrated transport system across the county that meets the needs of residents in accessing the places they work, live and socialise as well as improving air quality and delivering health and wellbeing benefits for Derbyshire's residents. Derbyshire's flexible, accessible, affordable and integrated transport system will enable everyone to make their journeys through active travel (walking and cycling), public transport or zero or low carbon private vehicles.

Priorities

Derbyshire councils will work together and with partners, citizens, businesses and communities to:

- Accelerate the shift to electric vehicles through improving charging point infrastructure and promoting the uptake in these vehicles.
- Reduce the modal share of cars, vans and motorbikes in travel.
- Support the uptake of low and zero carbon transport for personal and business purposes.
- Improve public transport services and infrastructure and increase its modal share.
- Increase the modal share of active transport (walking and cycling).
- Promote the use of zero carbon fuel sources for transport.
- Decrease the distance travelled by road freight where possible and promote the use of more efficient vehicles.

5.5 Waste and Resources

Vision

Derbyshire will have a more sustainable and circular economy-based system of resource management, where the councils place high value on our natural resources, whilst seeking to reduce our consumption and generation of resource and waste. The councils will encourage and work with others to establish innovative approaches to waste diversion, reuse and recycling.

Priorities

Derbyshire councils will work together and with partners, citizens, businesses and communities to:

- Reduce the amount of household and commercial waste, particularly packaging and food waste.
- Divert more waste from landfill.
- Increase levels of reuse and recycling across the county, and improve consistency in approaches to recycling household waste across the county.
- Raise awareness amongst residents about minimising waste and recycling and disposing of waste appropriately and correctly.
- Collaborate in moving towards the circular economy.

6 Carbon Offsetting and Sequestration

Despite all efforts across Derbyshire to reduce emissions, it is anticipated there may be remaining residual emissions to be offset in order for Derbyshire to be a net zero county by 2050.

The councils will work with partners and wider stakeholders to maximise offsetting activities, for example, through carbon sequestration techniques as a short-term solution whilst we continue to seek and prioritise decarbonisation opportunities.

Carbon sequestration reduces atmospheric levels of CO₂ by capturing the gas and storing it so helping to limit climate change. CO₂ can either be removed from the atmosphere using natural processes, or captured where it is created (e.g. in power plants or industrial processes) and then stored, for instance, underground. This is known as Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS).

In 2019, Derbyshire’s woodlands and other vegetation absorbed 0.13 million tonnes of CO₂², which is a small amount when compared to annual emissions across the county of 7.2 million tonnes of CO₂ in the same year. In order to increase the amount of CO₂ absorbed by woodlands and other vegetation in Derbyshire, the councils will:

- Work with partners and wider stakeholder groups to increase tree cover across the county.
- Work with partners and wider stakeholder groups to restore the county’s peatlands and grasslands.
- Promote a reduction in grazed grassland and increased areas of natural grassland sustainable arable farming.
- Promote the adoption of farming practices which increase carbon sequestration by plants and soil and lead to fewer negative environmental impacts.
- Promote and facilitate an increase in green spaces and tree coverage in urban areas.

Derbyshire’s county, district and borough councils are currently working together to develop a natural capital and biodiversity strategy for Derbyshire. This project will take a close look at Derbyshire's natural assets – such as soil, minerals, air, water and biodiversity – assess what resources Derbyshire needs more of, where existing resources can be enhanced, and the measures needed to replace natural resources when they are used. This will identify the priority areas for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of our natural assets.

Large scale CCUS processes are relatively new technologies which may become increasingly viable options for Derbyshire in the future. The councils will continue to work with partners and wider stakeholders to monitor and further explore improvements and expansion of CCUS technologies to understand how these options could be deployed at scale.

² [UK local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics: 2005 to 2019](#)

7 Communication and Engagement

Derbyshire's councils cannot reduce Derbyshire's emissions to net zero alone. This can only be achieved through coordinated and concerted effort from everyone – residents, businesses, academic, public, community and voluntary sectors.

Derbyshire councils want to want to work with everyone in the county to:

- Establish a mutual understanding of climate change and the risks that it poses too Derbyshire.
- Establish a shared understanding of what could, and should, be done in Derbyshire to tackle climate change.
- Give all individuals and groups the opportunity to shape how this challenge is addressed and play their part in reducing emissions.

The way that the councils will engage and work with others will vary depending on the nature, scale and type of projects. For example, collective efforts between councils to decarbonise council buildings is unlikely to require a significant level of communication and involvement with wider groups and individuals, whereas projects relating to decarbonising homes across the county will require engagement across a wide number of groups and in various formats and levels of detail.

The councils will ensure communication and engagement is meaningful and leads to outcomes and results. Effective engagement will also help to ensure communities benefit from actions taken to reduce emissions and make sure that the action taken to reduce emissions do not bring about inequalities or significantly increased costs for Derbyshire's residents.

8 Monitoring, Reviewing and Reporting

To deliver this Strategy effectively, the councils will need to monitor progress of the county in reducing emissions, as well as progress on delivering actions to contribute towards achieving the Visions and Priorities set out in this document.

During this Strategy period the councils will collaborate to:

- Establish an agreed Derbyshire emissions baseline, using BEIS data, from which performance and progress will be monitored and tracked.
- On an annual basis:
 - Track annual BEIS emissions data for the county to understand the level of progress being made in reducing Derbyshire's emissions.
 - Undertake a gap analysis of ambition versus action in terms of emissions reduction and collaborative climate change action.
 - Publish a summary update on progress on reducing emissions across Derbyshire, and progress against Strategy's Visions and Priorities.

This will ensure progress is being made and any necessary early interventions to address under performance are identified and implemented. This annual review will also take account of any policy, technological, economic and cultural developments and how they might influence and affect delivery and priorities.

The supporting action plan will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to ensure that the councils are continuing to develop the appropriate climate actions necessary to achieve our net zero targets in collaboration with other partners, stakeholders, and community members, and to respond to future technological and policy developments.

The councils will also continue to explore the wider co-benefits of climate action e.g. air quality improvements, improved health and wellbeing, biodiversity net gain, and social value. This will help to identify and communicate the benefits of climate action beyond emissions reductions.



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**IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CLIMATE CHANGE,
BIODIVERSITY AND CARBON REDUCTION**

MONDAY, 25 JULY 2022

Report of the

Green Entrepreneur Scheme

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides Committee with an overview of the Council's Green Entrepreneurs Programme and an update on progress to date. The report will be accompanied by a more detailed presentation at the Committee meeting.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 The Green Entrepreneur's Fund (GEF) was launched in March 2021 by Derbyshire County Council and has been supported by the University of Derby as a key delivery partner.
- 2.2 On 11 February 2021, Cabinet approved an allocation of £2m to implement the GEF (Minute No. 27/21 refers) which will help businesses and communities fund innovation and support 'green recovery' on the back of COVID. The allocation also includes the cost of support being provided by the University of Derby to help deliver the programme through a service level agreement (SLA).
- 2.3 The GEF is due to run for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2024 and is made up revenue and capital funding, designed to encourage business/ technological solutions to reducing CO2 and tackling climate change that 'go beyond the mainstream of current thinking'.

2.4 The core proposal of the GEF is a grant scheme made up of three different strands that will support businesses, communities and individuals to develop local energy sources and/or low carbon initiatives alongside opportunities to help re-skill the local workforce and address gaps in the green economy. The three strands are:

- **Demonstrator projects** - £1.2 million to support a small number of high quality projects e.g. green, alternative energy, clean fuel etc. Up to £200,000 available per project supported by a grant intervention rate up to 40%
- **Small grants** - £500,000 available for grants between £10,000 - £20,000 with an intervention rate up to 40% (based on a minimum project spend of £25,000). Funding can support projects where the organisation is on a net-zero pathway
- **Skills and re-training** - £100,000 available to support individuals (aged 19+) to gain skills required within the green economy (not supported by other funding streams). A maximum of £1,500 is available per person.

2.5 Eligibility for funding is based around the following criteria:

- Be a small and medium sized enterprise (SME), sole trader, partnership, charity with a minimum of 50% income from trade, or a formally constituted social enterprise or community partnership.
- Demonstrate a sound investment plan that will lead to a measurable reduction in carbon emissions, energy efficiency and/or alternative energy initiatives, within the project timescale.
- Demonstrator and small grants to save on average 500kg of carbon per £1,000 grant investment.
- Be located in Derbyshire for the benefit of Derbyshire communities – excluding Derby City Council boundaries.
- The project must not have commenced and can confirm it is not deliverable in the stated timescales proposed without grant support.
- Is able to set out indicative spend and clear outputs and outcomes for the funding – that align to the core objectives of the GEF programme.

2.6 A presentation will be provided to Scrutiny Committee at its meeting, setting out the grant criteria in more detail and also the key outputs and achievements to date, noting the contributions being made to help tackle climate change.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 Public consultation was not required in the preparation of the Green Entrepreneurs Fund but the proposed was developed in direct response to feedback from local businesses and communities suffering the impacts of COVID.

4. Alternative Options Considered

- 4.1 Not set up the GEF: to not develop some form of economic response/ support package to the impacts of COVID was not considered an option. The strong feedback from communities and businesses was a clear desire to build back better, embracing green initiatives and that financial assistance was required to help get the economy back on its feet.
- 4.2 Alternative grant proposals could have been developed and were considered but the GEF proposals were shared with Economy and Business Recovery Cell and considered to be the most appropriate.

5. Implications

- 5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Cabinet Report 11 February 2021 – approval to create the £2m Green Entrepreneurs Fund

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications.

8. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- a) Notes the Green Entrepreneurs Fund arrangements and the progress that has been made to date.
- b) Advises officers of additional information requests and observations of the GEF programme.

9. Reason for Recommendation

- 9.1 To support the scrutiny process and ensure Committee members have the appropriate information to understand progress made in tackling climate change.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 None directly associated with this report. A total of £2m has been allocated to the GEF programme from the Council's COVID Emergency Recovery Fund and is being managed by the Economy and Regeneration Service. An allocation of £180,000 has been set aside from the £2m grant to cover the costs of managing delivery of the scheme, including external, expert assessment of technical proposals.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly associated with this report. The expert input of Derby university in providing technical assessment of products and proposals is covered by a signed service level agreement that sets out key deliverables and performance targets.

Human Resources

- 3.1 None directly associated with this report.

Information Technology

4. None directly associated with this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Not applicable directly associated with this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 The work of the Green Entrepreneurs Programme is a key priority of the Council's Place Directorate and will help deliver the following Corporate Plan priority of: 'A Prosperous and Green Derbyshire'.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

- 7.1 Driving environmental sustainability is at the core of the GEF scheme and a key criteria for grant funding.

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**IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – CLIMATE CHANGE,
BIODIVERSITY AND CARBON REDUCTION**

MONDAY, 25 JULY 2022

Report of the Director - Economy & Regeneration

Sustainable Travel

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To set out the approach being taken to address the current challenges in de-carbonising transport and developing policies that encourage sustainable modes of travel and transport.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 The County Council has set out its clear strategic ambitions to tackling climate change:

“Our aim is to reduce emissions generated by the county council to net-zero by 2032 or sooner and help the rest of Derbyshire reduce carbon emissions generated within the county to net zero by 2050 or sooner. This is in line with national Government targets”.

- 2.2 Sitting alongside this, however, is a national growth agenda that presents very real challenges. More jobs and housing often leads to increased movement of goods, people and services and if CO2 levels are to be reduced and climate change is to be addressed, then effective sustainable travel and transport strategies are essential.
- 2.3 The Council’s approach will be set out in the proposed Integrated Transport Strategy – the new local transport plan for Derbyshire. Whilst this is at an early stage of development (and is planned to cover the

period 2024 onwards), a number of key projects are already in train which demonstrate the commitment to tackling climate change and will impact significantly on CO2 levels.

2.4 Advice to the Committee will be provided in the form of a presentation at the meeting on 25 July but broadly, will cover:

- The national and regional policy context and implications for preparation of a new local transport plan.
- Overview of available resources and issues involved in delivery.
- Update on current sustainable travel opportunities and projects in Derbyshire.

3. Consultation

3.1 No consultation is involved in the production of this report, although some of the initiatives described will be the subject of public consultation exercises, most notably, the new local transport plan.

4. Alternative Options Considered

4.1 Not applicable; the report and presentation are in response to the Committee's request to consider these matters.

5. Implications

5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

6.1 The existing Local Transport Plan and other supporting documents are available on the County Council website.

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications.

8. Recommendations

That the Committee:

- a) Notes the content of the report and accompanying presentation.
- b) Advises officers of any further information required.

9. Reason for Recommendation

- 9.1 In order to give the Committee the opportunity to explore the issues raised in the report and appendix.

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 None directly associated with this report, although preparation of the local plan (LTP) and development of sustainable transport projects will need to be funded. As a statutory responsibility, the LTP is funded through core budgets. Whilst the Council's Kickstart fund is aimed at supporting preparation of transport-related projects, implementation is subject to available capital funding – most notably external grant monies.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly associated with this report, although preparation and implementation of local transport plans is set out in the Transport Act 2000. Additional guidance is expected from Government during the Summer/Autumn 2022 and will clearly impact the approach and content of the Derbyshire LTP.

Human Resources

- 3.1 None directly associated with this report, although in developing sustainable transport projects, staffing and management costs are fully embedded into total scheme costs to ensure appropriate resourcing can be secured.

Information Technology

- 4.1 None directly associated with this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None directly associated with this report but inevitably, many transport and travel solutions are aimed de-carbonising routes to work and routes to learn which fundamentally support the levelling up agenda.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 Tackling climate change is key priority of the Council's Corporate Plan and contributes to the objective of a Green and Prosperous Derbyshire.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

- 7.1 Environmental sustainability is at the core of the proposals set out in this report.



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**IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - CLIMATE CHANGE,
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MONDAY, 25 JULY 2022

Report of the Director - Legal and Democratic Services

Work Programme 2022/23

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To review the Committee's work programme and invite committee members to suggest possible agenda items for the remainder of the municipal year 2022-23.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 It is considered good practice that each Scrutiny Committee develops and agrees an annual work programme. The identification of relevant topics and their allocation to a specific meeting date, focuses the work of the Committee and promotes transparency.
- 2.2 Scrutiny work programmes are best viewed as flexible documents. The timescales are indicative of when each issue will be considered by the Committee. Throughout the year timings may change and new issues may emerge. For example, new items may be identified from the Council's Forward Plan.
- 2.3 A draft work programme for 2022/23 is given at Appendix two and Members are invited to propose additional items to be considered for inclusion.

2.4 When identifying issues for the work programme Members are advised to consider:

- Whether the issue falls within the remit of the Committee
- How the issue aligns with the Council Plan priorities
- Whether the issue is in the public interest
- If there has been a change to National Policy and how this will affect people in Derbyshire
- If there are any performance, financial or safety concerns about a particular service or function
- How consideration by the Scrutiny Committee will add value.

3. Consultation

3.1 Scrutiny work programmes are developed in consultation with Committee members. They are also informed by discussions with Executive Directors, who offer guidance about the timing of the Committee's involvement, to ensure that scrutiny work coincides with the availability of performance data, specific milestones, and appropriate stages of policy development.

4. Alternative Options Considered

4.1 The option of not having a work programme was rejected as it is considered important that topics are allocated to specific meeting dates in order to focus the work of the Committee and promote transparency.

5. Implications

5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

7.2 Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2022/23

8. Recommendation(s)

That the Committee:

- a) Notes the 2022/23 work programme and considers any proposed revisions.

9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 9.1 To focus the work of the Committee and promote transparency.

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Implications

Financial

1.1 None Identified for this report

Legal

2.1 None Identified for this report

Human Resources

3.1 None Identified for this report

Information Technology

4.1 None Identified for this report

Equalities Impact

5.1 None Identified for this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 Resilient, healthy and safe communities.

6.2 High performing, value for money and resident focused services.

6.3 A prosperous and green Derbyshire

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 None Identified for this report

Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction I & S Committee
2022/23 Work Programme

Monday 19 September 2022			
Topic	Lead Officers	Purpose	Portfolio Holder
DCC Corporate Estate Decarbonisation	David Massingham	To review progress being made regarding the decarbonisation of the Council's corporate estate, including the strategy to 2030.	Cllr Simon Spencer
Climate Change Risks, Resilience and Adaptation	Claire Brailsford	To consider the approach to understanding the climate change risks facing the Council and the services it provides, as well as how the Council needs to adapt and build resilience to these risks, and work in partnership to understand and respond to wider risks facing the county and region.	Cllr Barry Lewis
Nature Recovery - Biodiversity of Highway Verges	Claire Brailsford Tom French	To consider recommendations proposed by the scrutiny working group	Cllr Barry Lewis
Performance Dashboard	Claire Brailsford Caroline Toplis	To receive quarterly performance dashboard report (Q1 2022/23)	Cllr Barry Lewis
Monday 28 November 2022			
Topic	Lead Officers	Purpose	Portfolio Holder
Climate Change Strategy: Annual Review of Progress	Claire Brailsford	To review the annual report on progress against delivery of the Council's Climate Change Strategy.	Cllr Barry Lewis
Derbyshire Natural Capital and Biodiversity Strategy	Claire Brailsford	To consider the outputs and findings from the Natural Capital Strategy, including steps for its implementation.	Cllr Barry Lewis
Performance Dashboard	Claire Brailsford Caroline Toplis	To receive quarterly performance dashboard report (Q2 2022/23)	Cllr Barry Lewis

Monday 13 February 2023			
Topic	Lead Officers	Purpose	Portfolio Holder
The council's role in the growth of low carbon skills, employment and training	Joe Battye	To review the work that the Council is undertaking with partners to promote and facilitate the growth of low carbon skills and employment across the county.	Cllr Tony King
Alignment of waste policies with carbon reduction ambitions	Claire Brailsford	To consider and review how the Council's and county's waste management policies and procedures are aligned with and supporting climate change targets and ambitions.	Cllr Renwick
Sustainable procurement	Peter Handford	To review the implementation and impact of the Council's new sustainable procurement policy	Cllr Spencer
Performance Dashboard	Claire Brailsford Caroline Toplis	To receive quarterly performance dashboard report (Q3 2022/23)	Cllr Barry Lewis
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The council's role in decarbonising Derbyshire's schools	TBC	To review the work that the Council is undertaking with schools and wider partners to help decarbonise the county's schools and embed and promote environmental education	
The council's role in decarbonising Derbyshire's housing	Claire Brailsford	To review the work that the Council is undertaking with district and borough councils, and wider partners and communities to help decarbonise all sectors of Derbyshire's housing stock	
Single Use Plastics Policy and Action Plan	Claire Brailsford/ Peter Handford	To review the implementation and impact of the Council's Single Use Plastics Policy and Action Plan	Cllr Spencer
Performance Dashboard	Claire Brailsford Caroline Toplis	To receive quarterly performance dashboard report (Q4 2022/23)	Cllr Barry Lewis