

# Public Question Pack

## Question for the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction

25 July 2022

### Question

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.

(From Mary Dwyer on behalf of the Zero Waste group Belper)

### Response

As Chair of this Committee, I am pleased to hear that a Zero Waste group has been established in Belper and that it has received support from the elected member for Duffield and Belper South, and funding from Derbyshire County Council.

In response to your enquiry about what schemes and programmes are in place to support Derbyshire towns becoming more sustainable, the Council's Climate Change Team would welcome the opportunity to engage with Zero Waste Belper and explain relevant initiatives to support the work of the group. In particular, they are in a position to outline proposals for a long-term project aimed at decarbonising homes across Derbyshire, which I trust will be of interest to you and the group members.

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