



ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 20 September 2022

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

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Members: Councillors: R Broom (Chair), A Mitchell CC (Vice-Chair), J Ashley-Wren, S Booth, A Brown, J Brown, M Creasey, M Downing, B Facey, C Parris and L Rossati.

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 13 JULY 2022

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 July 2022.

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3. EXECUTIVE MEMBER RESPONSE TO INTERIM CLIMATE EMERGENCY REVIEW

To consider the Executive Member response to the Committee's Interim review of the Council's response to the Climate Emergency.

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4. INTERVIEW WITH THE EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

The Committee are invited to receive a presentation from the Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller, on his vision for the development of the Council's Climate Change strategy, and to invite the Executive Member to answer a series of questions that were prepared in advance.

5. UPDATED MAPPING EXERCISE DOCUMENT FOR THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY REVIEW

To consider an updated Mapping Exercise Document for the Climate Change Emergency Review.

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6. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

7. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

8. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 13 July 2022

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

Present: Councillors: Rob Broom (Chair), Adam Mitchell CC (Vice-Chair), Julie Ashley-Wren, Stephen Booth, Adrian Brown, Matt Creasey, Michael Downing, Bret Facey and Claire Parris

Start / End Time: Start Time: 06:00 pm
End Time: 08:12 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jim Brown and Loraine Rossati.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES - 23 JUNE 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Economy Select Committee held on Thursday 23 June 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 INTERVIEW WITH THE LEADER AND THE EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RESOURCES & IT

The Chair welcomed Councillor Sharon Taylor the Leader of the Council and Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd Executive Member for Resources and Information Technology. The Leader of the Council and the Executive Member for Resources and Information Technology were invited to meet with the Committee regarding their Portfolio area and the climate emergency scrutiny review. The Leader of the Council thanked the Committee Members for the work the Committee had done on the climate change emergency. She provided the following answers to the Committee:

- The Science was getting clearer on climate change and in 2018 there seemed to be a tipping point for influencing people and the figures were more alarming for lowering of the world temperature. The Council like many other Councils across the country declared a climate emergency. The Council had a unique role to influence residents and businesses to deliver the Council's net zero target for 2030.
- The Council faced financial challenges and needed more funding to deliver on

the net zero target. In addition to reducing local authorities core funding Central Government have so far seemed reluctant to fund Climate Change initiatives at the level that is required to sufficiently address it.

- The leader thanked Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) for supporting the Council's £13m bid for electric buses for Stevenage and helped the Council to develop plans for a combined cycle and car multi-story car park.
- The Council was working closely with HCC and partners including Herts Sustainability Action Plan and the Herts Growth Board with a programme on the climate change. The Leader advised that the partnership was important for shared goals. The Leader mentioned that all partners were also facing funding issues including the NHS.
- The Council would need to set good examples with transport and housing in the community to help promote the climate change emergency.
- The Council saved 1.7 tonnes of CO₂ without the Transformation Programme by printing 400k less papers last year. The Council had bid for £1 million to help convert 400 social housing to a low energy by providing them with solar panels and insulation.
- The Leader regarded community engagement as important, and by having a community forum which represented the wider community this would in turn help raise awareness on climate change. The Council needed to work with Stevenage and Hertfordshire wide partners to ensure all were working in the same direction for shared goals.
- The Council had built energy efficient houses on Pine Tree Way, and although they cost more to build, the running costs were less than a standard built home, and by using less energy they also produce less CO₂.
- Regarding the COP26 conference in 2021, the Leader mentioned that there was a lack of collective action on the 2050's net zero targets. Absence of the Leaders of the countries such as China and Russia had made it harder on any collective action. However, the Leader noted that there were some encouraging signs including the use of clean technology.
- The Council had a number of priorities over the last couple of years, including dealing with a two-year pandemic and a current cost of living crisis, and a housing crisis. The Leader hoped that the climate emergency would move-parallel with other emergencies.
- The Leader regarded public engagement as vital for going forward and achieving net zero targets for 2030.

In response to a question from a Member, the Leader of the Council advised Members that even if the Council were to use all of its non-statutory spend, that would still not be enough to deliver the whole of the climate agenda, therefore, the targets would be difficult to achieve if external funding were not received, thus, the Council would continue to lobby for funding support.

Members noted that there were challenges for achieving net zero as there were people in the community that were in denial about climate change or those that did not see any urgency in the context of the challenges, they already face on a day to day basis, and it would be more challenging to engage with them. Members highlighted that the lack of any significant Central Government funding was one of the core challenges the Council faced in achieving its climate change targets for 2030. Members supported wider engagement with the school children

and agreed to invite the Youth Mayor to a future Environment & Economy Select Committee meeting.

The Leader reiterated that the Council was treating this as an emergency and that the Executive had refreshed the approach it was taking by creating a specific Executive Portfolio Holder area for Climate Change and providing extra senior officer support in this area. The Council was very much at the centre of partnership working, focusing on things it had influence over including engagement with the local community and was getting on with what it can to plan for the major challenges ahead. Underlying all of this work was the need for significant support financially from Central Government to give local government the tools to make it happen.

The Chair thanked the Leader of the Council for attending the meeting and answering all the questions regarding the climate change emergency in detail.

The Chair invited the Executive Portfolio Holder for Resources and I.T to answer the questions submitted to her. The Executive Portfolio Holder for Resources and I.T thanked Members for inviting her to the Committee and advised that she was from a science background and understood the logic regarding the technology and improvement that needed to be brought forward. Cllr Mrs Lloyd provided the following update to the Committee:

- that Central Government needed to provide sustainable funding for climate change emergency. There were several areas where Cllr Mrs Lloyd could influence toward shared climate goals. As part of her portfolio, Cllr Mrs Lloyd worked with the Herts Property Partnership to bring forward projects that could improve housing emissions and to secure funding to build new energy efficient houses.
- Cllr Mrs Lloyd recognised the cost of moving to net zero was a significant challenge. It would require a substantial amount of funding from the government and a robust plan for the use of the funding whenever it is received to tackle the climate change targets. It was estimated that to decarbonise the Council's housing stock of 8,000 homes would cost in excess of £204m to retrofit each property. There were several areas for the Council to focus on net zero targets. This included moving the social housing to a high standard, moving to energy efficient heat pumps, improved insulation, solar panels and any new technology that would help improve emissions.
- The Council would need to look at improving emissions for commercial buildings and improve their EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) to at least category C in the future. Also, there was a need to improve how the Council was processing waste and recycling.
- Cllr Mrs Lloyd mentioned that funding was needed to build more efficient buildings and facilities like the newly built bus interchange.
- The Council had provided the opportunity for the Council staff to work hybrid and flexibly which helped in reducing their carbon footprint. The Council had also removed some printers from the building as part of its digital drive.
- The Council had encouraged the use of bus and other sustainable transport.
- Cllr Mrs Lloyd was encouraged by the outcomes from COP26 which had brought new awareness, and now people could better understand the need to

- work collectively on climate change, to produce the greatest impact.
- Cllr Mrs Lloyd regarded engagement with people in the community as vital, but it was challenging to keep everyone on board. Cllr Mrs Lloyd mentioned that the more awareness people in the community had, there would be a better chance of tackling it.

A Member asked if the Executive were making provision for a small part of the budget for areas such as estates, housing, fleet etc. to be set aside for a seed fund for each to be able to use to research and bid for funding streams as and when they become available. The Leader said that this was a good idea and could be in part addressed when the HRA business plan and General Fund budget is looked at again in November.

In response to a question about the provision of EV parking spaces available in Stevenage compares to other districts in Hertfordshire, Cllr Lloyd stated that part of the problem was the 'new town' design of Stevenage and more charging points were being provided in communal car parks.

In response to a question from a Member, the Assistant Director for Planning and Regulatory advised Members that the Planning and Development Committee had granted permission for 41 new fast charging points at the West of the A1M development, as well as new EV charging points in some of the neighbourhood shopping areas which would encourage electric vehicles use in the town.

It was **RESOLVED** that the update from the Leader of the Council and the Executive Portfolio Holder for Resources and I.T be noted.

4 **UPDATED MAPPING EXERCISE DOCUMENT FOR THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY REVIEW**

The Committee received the Mapping Exercise Document for the Climate Emergency Review. The document contained useful information for tracking the progress of the Climate Change Emergency review detailing, what had been achieved so far, and showing any outstanding data or interviews still to be undertaken. Members were invited to provide feedback on the Mapping Exercise Document.

The Committee previously interviewed Councillor John Gardner former Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change and would arrange to interview Councillor Simon Speller the Executive Member for the Environment and Climate Change. Councillor Speller would share his work on how he was engaging with the wider community.

The Committee would also interview Councillors Sandra Barr the Executive Member for Communities, Neighbourhoods and Co-operative Council, Councillor Jackie Hollywell the Executive Member for Community Safety, Equalities, Health and Older People and Councillor Richard Henry the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure, Children and Young People, in October 2022.

The Committee considered links with the Youth Council and suggested that a representative group of Members could attend their meeting or Members of the Youth Council could be invited to the Committee's meeting, which could be a useful exercise. Alternatively, a Zoom meeting could be arranged for Members and Members of the Youth Council.

The Committee would invite Cllr Phil Bibby the HCC Executive Portfolio holder for Highways and Transport along with Eric Buckmaster the Executive Portfolio Holder for the Environment for the Committee's November 2022 meeting. This would be a good opportunity to discuss the work the County was currently undertaking on Climate Change Emergency.

Members agreed that the Committee could perhaps ask the NHS Trust for East and North Hertfordshire for a written submission on their work on the climate change emergency, and how the Trust was tackling their carbon footprint.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Mapping Exercise Document for the Climate Emergency Review be noted.

5 **URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS**

None.

6 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Note required.

7 **URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR

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Executive Member Response To Environment & Economy Select Committee Review – Interim Recommendations of the Climate Emergency review

Date Recommendations agreed by Environment & Economy Select Committee:

Wednesday 23 March 2022
(circulated Tuesday 5 April 2022)

Date responses should be made by:

Executive response on behalf of the relevant Executive Portfolio Holders should be received by Tuesday 31 May 2022

Recommendations:

Executive Response:

Resident engagement:

RECOMMENDATION 1

- (i) With regards to the Citizen Panel, the handling of future iterations needs to be improved regarding the feedback with the group and ongoing engagement.
- (ii) That the plans for working alongside and influencing local people be provided to Members.

Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory and Executive Portfolio Holders with responsibility for Environment, Cllr Simon Speller, Neighbourhoods, Cllr Rob Broom, and Communities, Cllr Jackie Hollywell.

*(i) Officers have responded to all previous Panel Members. Future **Topic People Panel** style engagement will provide an opportunity for local ward*

<p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory</p>	<p>members and officers to hear the concerns of local people and provide opportunities for engagement and involvement in driving solutions. (ii) Moving forwards the Co-operative Neighbourhoods approach will develop to include resident engagement at a local street/neighbourhood level around climate change. This will enable local ward members to be at the forefront of this engagement activity with local people.</p>
<p><u>Baseline figures</u> - measuring how we are doing with regards to our Net Zero targets for 2030 linked to a shared study with the University of Hertfordshire Zero Carbon Lab</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers continue to work with the University of Hertfordshire to assist with achieving the council's zero carbon ambitions. <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Environmental Sustainability Co-ordinator EH & SBC, David Thorogood</p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Environmental Sustainability Co-ordinator EH & SBC, David Thorogood and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment, Cllr Simon Speller.</i></p> <p>SBC is continuing to work with the University of Hertfordshire Zero Carbon Lab on areas of joint research. It is also working with the Lab through HSCCP on research about lower carbon buildings.</p>
<p><u>Establishment of a Climate Change Lead Officer</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that this post be made permanent. <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed & SD Resources, Section 151 Officer Clare Fletcher</p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and SD Resources Section 151 Officer, Clare Fletcher and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment, Cllr Simon Speller and Executive Portfolio Holder for Resources, Cllr Joan Lloyd.</i></p> <p>The post has been made permanent, and Veronica Chan has been appointed and starts with SBC on the 13th of September 2022.</p>
<p><u>HEART – Community Group - Challenge</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 4</u></p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory and Executive Portfolio Holders with</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Council engage further with HEART to provide some Member seminars on the Climate Emergency and that the Council teams up with HEART in support of a social enterprise such as a Climate Resilience Hub, or Climate Emergency Centres (CEC's) Increasingly, these local physical hubs or spaces are popping up over the UK, and they collaborate, network and learn from each other. There are none so far in Hertfordshire – see presentation to E&E Select Committee 18 11 21 <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory</p>	<p><i>responsibility for Environment, Cllr John Gardner, for Neighbourhoods, Cllr Rob Broom, and Communities, Cllr Jackie Hollywell.</i></p> <p>Through the recent award of the Shared Prosperity Fund the council will be keen to support the growth of social enterprises and co-operatives of this nature. This can be explored with HEART.</p> <p>Both E&E and officers continue to engagement with HEART and they are likely to be part of our work through Topic Reference Panels and wider advice sharing.</p>
<p><u>Mainstreaming of Climate Emergency thinking with regards to all Council activities</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Council activities to ensure carbon friendly practices are truly embedded. (Strategic) Look for opportunities where the Council can consider if an activity or an event can be made as low carbon as possible. A helpful tool is the good ideas about running a reduced carbon and more sustainable event, considering things such as measuring the current event's carbon footprint; making a plan; consulting with contractors; organise essential waste management and start simple – How to make an event sustainable (7 examples) Eventbrite blog <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Environmental Sustainability Co-ordinator EH & SBC, David Thorogood</p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Environmental Sustainability Co-ordinator EH & SBC, David Thorogood and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment, Cllr Simon Speller and the Leader of the Council, Cllr Sharon Taylor</i></p> <p>With the appointment of the new Climate Change Lead Officer, they will be reviewing the Council work streams and challenging each AD to demonstrate how their Business Unit is work in a low car bon way.</p> <p>Due consideration will be given to the council's own events calendar, alongside new events being programmed at the new Event Island in the Town Centre. In addition the current guide for community organisations on running and event provided by the council events team will be updated to include such considerations. The ideas from Eventbrite will be considered where suitable.</p>

<p><u>Protected and enhanced Tree Canopy</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Executive Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Regeneration and Officers establish a plan to meet the 2% gap in Stevenage’s Tree Canopy, and that an even more ambitious plan be considered to expand the number of trees in Stevenage or offsetting in other locations as this offers one of the best measures for carbon reduction open to the Council ideally once any feasible mitigation measures have been implemented. <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Environmental Sustainability Co-ordinator EH & SBC, David Thorogood & Arboriculture & Conservation Manager, Cristian Pinta & Environmental Policy & Development Manager, Julia Hill</p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Environmental Sustainability Co-ordinator EH & SBC, David Thorogood, Arboriculture & Conservation Manager, Cristian Pinta and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment, Cllr Simon Speller.</i></p> <p>Officers have drafted a report, outlining future opportunities for consideration by Environment & Economy Scrutiny Committee. Officers are anticipating presenting this report to Members at the meeting on the 20 October 2022.</p> <p>Officers are also finalising a public consultation document that will help inform the development of a Tree & Woodland Strategy (alongside the Amenity Tree Management Policy) that will provide further direction about how additional tree planting can be delivered successfully and with support from the Stevenage community.</p>
<p><u>Planning & Development</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 7</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within the constraints of the exiting planning legislation and powers for local planning authorities, establish a plan to make Climate change a planning consideration for all applications. Officers devise a strategy re tree management & Planning & Development (Strategic) <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Environmental Sustainability Co-ordinator EH & SBC, David Thorogood & Arboriculture & Conservation Manager,</p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment, Cllr Simon Speller.</i></p> <p>All Strategic Major applications now have a paragraph on Climate Change impact so decisions makers can understand the impact.</p> <p>The Local Plan review will have a large focus on where we can strengthen Local Plan Policies around Climate Change, particularly low carbon buildings and the identification of ‘carbon sinks’</p> <p>Planning working with SDS will develop an updated tree management strategy.</p>

<p>Cristian Pinta & Environmental Policy & Development Manager, Julia Hill</p>	
<p><u>Focus on improved Recycling</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 8</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Executive Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Regeneration and AD Stevenage Direct Services brings back a report to Scrutiny Members on the actions and strategy it is taking to improve the Council's recycling rates. <p>Action: AD Stevenage Direct Services, Steve Dupoy, Environmental Policy & Development Manager, Julia Hill, & Interim Assistant Operations Manager, Colin Littlechild.</p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Stevenage Direct Services and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment, Simon Speller.</i></p> <p>Officers have drafted a report for consideration by Environment & Economy Scrutiny Committee, outlining actions to date and future opportunities for improving recycling rates. Officers are anticipating presenting this report to Members at the meeting on the 20 October 2022.</p> <p>Some future actions, which have the ability to have an impact on local recycling rates, will be influenced by the Governments' emerging Resources & Waste Strategy.</p>
<p><u>Protecting climate emergency targets within the budget setting process</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 9</u></p> <p>(i) That Members and Officers involved in the budget setting process, as a minimum, consider the climate change implications of any budget decisions. Nor should there be a cut to services if there is a detrimental climate change implication; and</p> <p>(ii) Going further, scrutiny members would like the Executive to consider creating a small ring fenced budget in each service delivery area to investigate the long term budget implications of climate change for that business unit.</p> <p>Action: SD Resources, Section 151 Officer Clare Fletcher</p>	<p><i>Response supported by SD Resources Section 151 Officer, Clare Fletcher and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Resources, Cllr Joan Lloyd</i></p> <p>All Executive reports now have a climate change section to detail the impact of that decision on climate change. Going forward officers are reviewing options for more clearly reporting on both the climate change impact sand the funding required to deliver it.</p> <p>At the October Executive there is a report coming forward for the PH for Environment & Climate Change about allocating £15k per neighbourhood area towards local infrastructure improvement, that could be used to lower carbon and improve local biodiversity.</p> <p>PH and AD will need to identify from their own resources any additional requirements, however the new Climate Change Lead officer can offer both support and guidance across the Council.</p>

	<p>When considering the need to make savings Officers and Members will have due regard for all the Council's priorities and set out any implications prior to any options being approved.</p>
<p><u>EV Charing Points in Neighbourhood Centres & Electric Car Club</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 10 (i) & (ii)</u></p> <p>(i) Re EV Charging in neighbourhood centres – Members recommended that, where possible, officers consider the locations used should be close to the cycle network.</p> <p>(ii) Members suggested that when the Electric Car Club charging equipment was reinstalled in town centre locations that a promotional campaign with residents of town centre accommodation be carried out to promote their use and officers should consider rebranding it, making it clear that it is for public use not just for SBC officers as the original livery made it appear it was just for corporate use.</p> <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed</p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Economy, Enterprise & Transport, Cllr Lloyd Briscoe.</i></p> <p>(i) And (ii) are agreed and under way.</p>
<p><u>SBC Social Housing & resident led environmental community projects</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 11 (i) , (ii) , (iii) & (iv)</u></p> <p>(i) That Officer's provide Members with the plans to decarbonise its housing stock over the coming decade.</p> <p>(ii) That new tenants receive information on climate change in their "welcome packs" when they enter a new property, to include the Council's ten climate change pledges and the most up to date information on recycling at their property.</p> <p>(iii) In addressing the gap between the Council's current engagement processes and where it needs to be, can more</p>	<p><i>Jeannette Thomas</i></p> <p><i>Response supported by Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing, Health and Older People, Cllr Jeannette Thomas.</i></p> <p>(i) The HRA Business Plan will include the council's aspirations to decarbonise its housing stock over the next 30 years. This will be updated this year. It will be vital that funds are released from central government to enable this to happen. In addition officer's will be proactive in bidding for any external opportunities to deliver on the decarbonisation agenda.</p> <p>(ii) This will be included as part of the next refresh of "welcome packs".</p>

<p>be done with residents groups to, over time, move residents away from the day to day housing tenant issues to considering wider, more strategic, Climate change matters that in time will affect all residents?</p> <p>(iv) encouraging very local, small scale, grass roots events that can focus resident's involvement in things such as environmental projects (gardens/trees) or community kitchen/growing or bulk buying schemes as an example, which needs to be joined up with other neighbourhood activities and needs to be a thread through all activities to address climate change, not as an add on or special one off focus. The Assistant Director, Communities and Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory agreed with this approach and informed members that he was working with his teams to mainstream this as a default thinking and activity for all things they do.</p> <p>Action: Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory</p>	<p>(iii) This will form part of new resident involvement functions through Co-operative Neighbourhoods, where council tenants and leaseholders will engage on wider neighbourhood issues beyond housing management.</p> <p>(iv) A number of these types of projects and initiatives are emerging across the town and the neighbourhood teams continue to encourage and facilitate these as communities come forward with ideas.</p>
<p><u>E&E Members Quick Wins & Strategic Projects</u></p> <p><u>RECOMMENDATION 11 – (1 to 5)</u></p> <p>(i) Members and Officers lead by example, even if the benefits are small by acting appropriately in Council offices, plastic bottles, drinks cups etc. (Quick wins)</p> <p>(ii) Consider how to represent the progress of the strategy? Fishbone chart/Gantt chart, target lines, KPIs etc.(Strategic)</p> <p>(iii) A communications plan needed with channels, calendar, key messages, campaigns etc. Suggest starting with a campaign on the reduce your heating by 2 degrees (Strategic)</p> <p>(iv) Engage with young people via schools, Youth Mayor and Mayor's activities. (Distinct Project)</p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed Communications Manager Jonathan Sayers, Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory and Executive Portfolio Holders with responsibility for Members, the Leader, for the Environment, Cllr Simon Speller and Children, Young People, Leisure and Culture Cllr Richard Henry.</i></p> <p>(i) This is supported and Comms can support with this messaging</p> <p>(ii) Under review as part of our climate change reporting</p> <p>(iii) Comms Plan for Climate Change in 22/23 about to be agreed.</p> <p>(iv) The Youth Mayor and Youth Council are keen to support Climate Change activities and would be keen to champion new projects identified.</p> <p>(v) Can be supported by the community development teams.</p>

<p>(v) Promoting the 20 Minute Neighbourhood theory and willingness to encourage local businesses and tap into big business. These items would suit a workshop that needs to be facilitated externally to tease out some tangible actions. Possible HEART (focus on adaptations only, in their view we are past the point where behaviour can affect significant climate change) or Mutual Gain (a neutral facilitation company who facilitated the Climate Emergency Panel – circa £5K) or another external organisation to facilitate? (Officers have suggested that adaptation measures will also be considered on a countywide basis through the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership of which Stevenage is an active member) (Distinct Project)</p> <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory</p>	
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Mapping exercise for E&E Select Committee – Climate Change Emergency Scrutiny Review

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<p style="text-align: center;">D S S</p> <p>Interview with Exec Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration</p>		Cllr John Gardner, Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration.	Presentation of Portfolio area strategy and actions towards climate change.	21 October 2021 – Received presentation from the Cllr John Gardner & Officers See link - Supplementary Agenda - Presentation on Environment & Regeneration Portfolio area	Formal Committee meeting session completed - 21 Oct 2022.	

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Critique of the SBC Climate Change Action Plan from external critical friends – (ii) HEART	N/A	(ii) HEART (Hertfordshire for Enabling and Adapting for Resilience Together)	(ii) HEART have provided a critique of SBC's Climate Change Strategy	18 November 2021 – Interview with HEART HEART critique of SBC's Climate Action Plan	Formal Committee meeting session completed Thursday 18 Nov 2021	(i) Scrutiny Officer to invite Kim Hare HEART ✓ Kim has agreed that HEART can attend ✓ (ii) Scrutiny Officer to circulate background of the review with HEART ahead of the Committee meeting on 18 Nov. ✓ <u>Outstanding Action</u> – develop the offer from HEART to work with a wider group of Members – June 2022 Update: Informal meetings

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Page 19						with HEART have been ongoing – Exec Portfolio for Env. & Climate Change is now leading
Interview with Exec Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise and Transport		Cllr Lloyd Briscoe, Executive Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise and Transport	Presentation of Executive Portfolio area including action plan linked to Climate Change Strategy & Q&A session.	18 November 2021 – interviewed Cllr Lloyd Briscoe who answered Members written questions - E&E Select Committee 18 11 21 item 3	Formal Committee meeting session completed Thursday 18 Nov 2021	Zayd Al-Jawed has confirmed that Cllr Lloyd Briscoe will attend on 18 Nov. ✓ Scrutiny Officer to circulate written questions for the Exec Portfolio ahead of 18 Nov meeting. ✓ Scrutiny Officer circulated Cllr Briscoe's written

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Page 20						response to the committee's questions. ✓
Critique of the SBC Climate Change Action Plan from external critical friends – (i) University of Hertfordshire/	N/A	(i) University of Hertfordshire - Professor Lubo Jankovic – Prof. of Advanced Building Design/Director of Zero Carbon Lab (School of Creative Arts)	Professor Jankovic to provide a critique of SBC Climate Change Strategy	Agenda for Environment & Economy Select Committee on Monday, 10 January 2022, 6.00pm – see item 3	Formal Committee meeting session completed Monday 10 January 2022	Scrutiny Officer to invite Professor Jankovic to Committee meeting ✓ Scrutiny Officer arranged a daytime pre-meeting informal zoom meeting & ahead of the Committee on 6 December ✓ and a further meeting 5 Jan at 2pm ✓

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Page 21						Update - offer from Professor Lubo Jankovic to attend a follow up meeting of the E&E when the Uni of Herts project is near completion (March 2022). June 2022 Update – Uni. of Herts Zero Carbon Lab report complete and considered by the Committee. ✓
Interview with Exec Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Older People		Cllr Jeannette Thomas, Executive Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Older People	Presentation of Executive Portfolio area including action plan linked to Climate Change	Agenda for Environment & Economy Select Committee on Wednesday, 23	Informal E&E Select Committee meeting completed on 03 03 22	Scrutiny Officer arrange meeting and co-ordinate officer support for Exec Member response to

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Page 22			Strategy & Q&A session.	March 2022, 6.00pm – see item 2 Notes of informal meeting 3 March 2022		E&E Members questions. ✓
How will we know if we are on target to meet Net Zero for SBC and for the town by 2030?		Assistant Director – Planning Regulatory to advise on agreed mechanism for ongoing monitoring.	Establishing a base line for the Council to see how far it is along its journey to net zero. An ambition of the work with the University of Hertfordshire is that this will help the Council establish a baseline for the authority and if possible for the town as a whole (with land	Zayd Al-Jawed has assisted the review through all formal and informal meetings as well as sessions with the Uni of Herts. Zero Carbon Lab to help establish a refined baseline so this strand has been achieved.	University of Hertfordshire Zero Carbon Lab's work/report on Stevenage Borough Council's Net Zero target for 2030 for the whole of Stevenage area should be ready by mid-April 2022.	Monitor progress through the meetings with the University of Hertfordshire Zero Carbon Lab. – These meetings are ongoing. David Thorogood has provided data to the University Research fellow Rebecca Onafuye, including data on Stevenage Area CO2 emissions.

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Page 23			mark milestones per sector such as Transport/Domestic/ Industry/Commercial /Public Sector			Update June 2022: Report Complete ✓ Uni. of Herts. Zero Carbon Lab keen to continue collaboration – via Herts Climate Change & Sustainability Partnership. - Ongoing
Interview with David Thorogood, EHDC/SBC Environmental Campaigns Officer		David Thorogood is employed by SBC on a temporary six month contract and is assisting the Council towards its Climate Change ambitions,		Whilst David is in contract has agreed to attend the E&E Select Committee meeting meetings when it is considering the	Ongoing attendance at meetings.	✓

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Page 24		linked to this David is helping the review and liaising with the University of Hertfordshire Zero Carbon Lab.		Climate Emergency Review. Agenda for Environment & Economy Select Committee on Monday, 10 January 2022, 6.00pm		
Interview with Jonathan Sayers, SBC Interim Communications Campaigns Manager		Jonathan Sayers has been employed on a temporary basis to undertake a communications campaign for the Council's Climate Emergency.		Whilst Jonathan is in contract he has agreed to attend the E&E Select Committee meeting meetings when it is considering the Climate Emergency Review.	Ongoing attendance at meetings.	✓
Plans for large industry based in Stevenage?		Mena Caldbeck, SBC Business Relationship Manager	Provide some information regarding their	Minutes 18 November 2021 - Business	Mena Caldbeck met E&E Members	Members to indicate if they would like to interview the officer

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Plans for SME's in Stevenage?		Mena Caldbeck, SBC Business Relationship Manager	businesses plans to work towards low carbon/net zero	Relationship Manager.pdf	on 18 November 2021	at a later date to update the verbal information provided?
Interview with the Leader		The Leader	Provide some information regarding their businesses plans to work towards low carbon/net zero	Minutes 18 November 2021 - Business Relationship Manager.pdf	Update June 2022 - Agreed interview date 13 July 2022 . Chair and Vice-Chair suggested it be important to receive an overarching view of the Council's plans regarding the	Members to indicate if they would like to interview the officer at a later date to update the verbal information provided?
			Overarching view of the Council's leadership and targets to get to Net Zero for 2030			Scrutiny Officer to circulate questions for the Leader ✓ Interview completed 13 July 2022 ✓

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Page 26					Climate Emergency from the Leader (to be interviewed with the Resources Portfolio Holder to see the scale of the financial challenge and what plans are in place from the Resources Portfolio to address this.	
Interview with Exec Portfolio Holder for Resources		Cllr Mrs Joan Lloyd, Executive Portfolio Holder for Resources & IT	Presentation of Executive Portfolio area including action plan linked to Climate Change Strategy & Q&A session.		Update June 2022 - Agreed interview date 13 July 2022 (As above) To interview the Executive Resources Portfolio	Agreed date 13 July 2022. Scrutiny Officer to circulate questions for the Executive

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Page 27					Holder to see the scale of the financial challenge and what plans are in place from the Resources Portfolio Holder to address this.	Resources Portfolio Holder ✓ Interview completed 13 July 2022 ✓
Interview with Exec Portfolio Holder for Communities, Neighbourhoods & Co-operative Council		Cllr Sandra Barr, Executive Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods & Co-operative Council	Presentation of Executive Portfolio area including action plan linked to Climate Change Strategy & Q&A session.		20 October 2022	To be arranged with the Exec Portfolio Holder. ✓ The Scrutiny Officer to check with the Chair & VC if the generic questions for Cllr Barr need amending for this Portfolio areas? (date

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Page 28						for action – July 2022) ✓ UPDATE – 20 Sep 2022 - Scrutiny Officer & Chair formulating questions Sep 2022 – Send to Exec Member by 24 Sep
Interview with Exec Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Children & Young People.		Cllr Richard Henry, Executive Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Children & Young People.	Presentation of Executive Portfolio area including action plan linked to Climate Change Strategy & Q&A session.		20 October 2022	To be arranged with the Exec Portfolio Holder. The Scrutiny Officer to check with the Chair & VC if the generic questions for Cllr Henry need amending for this Portfolio areas? (date

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Page 29						for action – July 2022) ✓ UPDATE – 20 Sep 2022 - Scrutiny Officer & Chair formulating questions Sep 2022 – Send to Exec Member by 24 Sep – Cllr Henry has indicated he is now unable to attend this meeting but will supply a written response.
Interview with Exec Portfolio Holder for Community Safety,		Cllr Jackie Hollywell, Executive Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Equalities,	Presentation of Executive Portfolio area including action plan linked to Climate Change		20 October 2022	To be arranged with the Exec Portfolio Holder. The Scrutiny Officer to check with the Chair & VC if the

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Equalities, Health & Older People. Page 30		Health & Older People.	Strategy & Q&A session.			generic questions for Cllr Hollywell need amending for this Portfolio areas? (date for action – July 2022) ✓ UPDATE – 20 Sep 2022 - Scrutiny Officer & Chair formulating questions Sep 2022 – Send to Exec Member by 24 Sep
Chair of Youth Council & Youth Mayor	Young People	Chair of Youth Council & Youth Mayor – Consult with the Youth Council	Attend witness session and answer questions/provide challenge re young		16-02-2022 To be arranged	Scrutiny Officer to circulate questions for the Youth Council ✓

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Page 31			people's view/aspirations			Scrutiny Officer to discuss with Ryan Ansell Community Development Officer re a date for E&ESC Members to attend Youth Council meeting. UPDATE 20 Sep 2022 – The Scrutiny Officer has attempted to make contact to set this up
Critique of the SBC Climate Change Action Plan from external critical friends – (iii)	N/A	(iii) Friends of the Earth	(ii) Friends of the Earth to provide a critique of SBC's Climate Change Strategy		To be arranged.	Scrutiny Officer to invite Friends of the Earth (Andy Holthams and Peter Foord)

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Friends of the Earth Page 32						UPDATE 20 Sep 2022 - Based on Members comments at 23 June E&E will look to set up a meeting via Zoom with a sub-group of the E&E Members. Provisional date <u>24 Oct 2022</u> for informal Zoom meeting.
HCC Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment		Cllr Eric Buckmaster, HCC Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment	Presentation of HCC Executive Portfolio area including action plan linked to Climate Change Strategy & Q&A session.		Written evidence to be collected. Possibly 17 November 2022.	Chair & VC have advised they would like this to be an interview with the Committee. Possibly same meeting as with Phil Bibby – 17

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Page 33						November 2022. Scrutiny Officer to draft the questions and invite to interview – deadline for action end of July 2022. UPDATE 20 Sep 2022 -HCC Cllr Buckmaster invited to 17 Nov meeting ✓ Chair & VC to agree questions for Cllr Buckmaster
HCC Executive Portfolio Holder for Transport		Cllr Phil Bibby, HCC Executive Portfolio Holder for Transport	Presentation of HCC Executive Portfolio area including action plan linked to Climate Change		To be arranged. Possibly 17 November 2022.	Scrutiny Officer to Contact Cllr Phil Bibby re attending 17 November meeting –

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Page 34			Strategy & Q&A session.			<p>set questions – deadline for action – end of July 2022. ✓</p> <p>UPDATE 20 Sep 2022 – Cllr Bibby is unable to attend the session on 17 November but can respond in writing and Cllr Graham McAndrew will be in attendance and is Cllr Bibby's deputy.</p> <p>Action required - Set questions for Cllr Bibby</p>

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<p>Herts Sustainability Panel Chair – Cllr Graham McAndrew East Herts District Council</p>		<p>Cllr Graham McAndrew East Herts District Council – Chair of Herts Sustainability Panel</p>	<p>Presentation of Herts Sustainability Panel including their action plans and Climate Change Strategy & Q&A session.</p>		<p>Written evidence to be collected: ?</p>	<p>UPDATE – 20 Sep 2022: [REDACTED] Scrutiny Officer has invited Cllr [REDACTED] McAndrew, who has confirmed that he is able to attend the meeting on 17 November. ✓</p> <p>Action - draft questions for Herts Sustainability Panel Chair (questions to be approved by Chair & VC) –deadline for action - end of September 2022</p>

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Page 36						(engage with David Thorogood re the best way to engage/questions etc.) Chair & VC have indicated that this session should be an in-person interview now.
Representative of Lister Hospital		Invite the East & North Hertfordshire NHS Trust CE	What plans and actions are they taking re the expansion of the Hospital Estate and the ongoing use of resources at Lister		To be arranged.	Chair & VC have advised this should be via a written submission of evidence.

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Page 37			Hospital to address Climate Change?			UPDATE 20 Sep 2022 – Scrutiny Officer to draft an email for the Chair to approach Lister Hospital CE, Adam Sewell-Jones.
A representative of Stevenage tenants & leaseholders	All SBC tenants and leaseholder	To be advised by Assistant Director Communities & Neighbourhoods	Attend witness session and answer questions/provide challenge re pace of Environmental changes to SBC housing stock		UPDATE from Rob Gregory – 20 Sep 2022: Due to the requirements of the Social Housing White Paper the need for more dynamic engagement with tenants and leaseholders will be required. This is	Scrutiny Officer to Liaise with Rob Gregory/Jane Konopka re how the review might engage with tenants & leaseholders via new forum? – deadline for action – end of August 2022

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Page 38					currently shaping through the Co-operative Neighbourhoods Programme but will provide an opportunity to engage with different tenants and leaseholders in different ways. The community development team can build this requirement into planned engagement, including digital, with tenants and leaseholders.	UPDATE 20 Sep 2022 – Scrutiny Officer has sought guidance from the Director, Rob Gregory – see column to left.

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Link to primary and secondary Schools and NH College	Young People	A representative of each tier?	Find out what young people's views are and what actions they are taking?		To be arranged.	Chair has said its important to interview representatives of the Youth Council at Committee and re Schools a written response from Terry Douris at HCC re what actions schools are taking in Hertfordshire.

Suggested options for phase II of the review from the Strategic Director, Tom Pike which would provide assistance corporately to the Council's response to the Climate Emergency which would suit a Member sub-group of the main E&E Select Committee:

- **Case study visit:** Given the committee are seeking to ensure the Council's work on climate change has the fullest impact, it may be appropriate for a small group to conduct a case study visit to another Council to share best practice. – The Scrutiny Officer has undertaken some desk top research into Bristol City Council who have been a leading exemplar for local authorities in its journey towards net zero. Bristol had established its carbon footprint from 2005. In 1999 they set a target to reduce their carbon emissions by 10% by 2010. Between 2005 and 2021, they reduced their carbon emissions by 87%. Clearly they are far ahead of most local authorities. Officers and Members should reach out to their counterparts to see how they undertook their journey.
- **Community projects:** Perhaps some desk research into other community projects which are live and could support local action? Officers can provide information to support this.
- **Cost estimates:** One or two authorities (Manchester, for example) have started to quantify the types of investment made thus far. A potential option for the Committee would be to seek some information on how they have approached this task.

This work could be supported by some informal evidence gathering, potentially seeking external examples of best practice based related to one or two most impactful of the 8 themes of the Stevenage Climate Action Plan (e.g. transport, homes, comms.). Given the breadth of the review it is suggested that the committee perhaps highlight a couple of themes to look at in greater depth.