

Mapping exercise for E&E Select Committee – Climate Change Emergency Scrutiny Review

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<p>Interview with Exec Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration</p> <p>May 2022 – New Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change</p>		<p>Cllr John Gardner, Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration.</p> <p>Cllr Simon Speller Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment Climate Change</p>	<p>Presentation of Portfolio area strategy and actions towards climate change.</p>	<p>21 October 2021 – Received presentation from the Cllr John Gardner & Officers See link - Supplementary Agenda - Presentation on Environment & Regeneration Portfolio area</p> <p>E&E Select Committee 20 09 22</p>	<p>Formal Committee meeting session completed - 21 Oct 2022.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>UPDATE – 20 Oct 2022 Cllr Speller attended E&E Select Committee on 20 Sep providing a presentation on priorities for CC and answered questions.</p> <p>✓</p>

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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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						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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						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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						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 (as was	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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		the designation at the time)	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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			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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		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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			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?
Plans for SME's in Stevenage?		Mena Caldbeck, SBC Business Relationship Manager	Provide some information regarding their businesses plans to work towards low carbon/net zero	Minutes 18 November 2021 - Business Relationship Manager.pdf	Mena Caldbeck met E&E Members on 18 November 2021	Members to indicate if they would like to interview the officer at a later date to update the verbal information provided?
Interview with the Leader		The Leader	Overarching view of the Council's leadership and targets to get to Net Zero for 2030		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	Scrutiny Officer to circulate questions for the Leader ✓ Interview completed 13 July 2022 ✓

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					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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					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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						for action – July 2022) ✓ UPDATE – 20 Oct 2022 – Scrutiny Officer & Chair formulated questions 28 Sep – sent to Exec Member 3 Oct
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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Interview with Exec Portfolio Holder for Community Safety,		Cllr Jackie Hollywell, Executive Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, Equalities, Health & Older People.	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 generic questions for

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Equalities, Health & Older People.			Strategy & Q&A session.			Cllr Hollywell need amending for this Portfolio areas? (date for action – July 2022) ✓ UPDATE – 20 Oct 2022 – Scrutiny Officer & Chair formulated questions 28 Sep – sent to Exec Member 3 Oct
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 people's view/aspirations		16-02-2022 To be arranged UPDATE 20 10 22 Informal sub-group of the Chair, Cllr Rob Broom, and	Scrutiny Officer to circulate questions for the Youth Council ✓ Scrutiny Officer to discuss with Ryan

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					Clare Parris confirmed attending. Invite to Cllrs Stephen Booth & Adam Mitchell.	Ansell Community Development Officer re a date for E&ESC Members to attend Youth Council meeting. UPDATE 20 Oct 2022 a small sub- group are attending a Young People Climate Change Group meeting on 16 Nov 2022
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						<p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE 20 Oct 2022 – 24 Oct confirmed and Zoom codes sent.</p>
HCC Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment		Cllr Eric Buckmaster, HCC Executive	Presentation of HCC Executive Portfolio area including action		Written evidence to be collected.	Chair & VC have advised they would

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		Portfolio Holder for Environment	plan linked to Climate Change Strategy & Q&A session.		Possibly 17 November 2022.	<p>like this to be an interview with the Committee. Possibly same meeting as with Phil Bibby – 17 November 2022. Scrutiny Officer to draft the questions and invite to interview – deadline for action end of July 2022.</p> <p>UPDATE 20 Sep 2022 -HCC Cllr Buckmaster invited to 17 Nov meeting ✓ Chair & VC to agree questions for Cllr Buckmaster</p>

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						<p>UPDATE 20 Oct 2022 – Scrutiny Officer & Chair meeting with Zayd & Veronica Chan to agree wording of questions – Wed 12 Oct</p>
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 Strategy & Q&A session.		To be arranged. Possibly 17 November 2022.	Scrutiny Officer to Contact Cllr Phil Bibby re attending 17 November meeting – set questions – deadline for action – end of July 2022.✓

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						<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>UPDATE 20 Oct 2022 – Scrutiny Officer & Chair meeting with Zayd & Veronica Chan to agree wording of questions – Wed 12 Oct</p>

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

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						<p>action - end of September 2022 (engage with David Thorogood re the best way to engage/questions etc.)</p> <p>Chair & VC have indicated that this session should be an in-person interview now.</p> <p>UPDATE 20 Oct 2022 – Scrutiny Officer & Chair meeting with Zayd & Veronica Chan to agree wording of</p>

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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 Hospital to address Climate Change?		To be arranged.	Chair & VC have advised this should be via a written submission of evidence. UPDATE 20 Sep 2022 – Scrutiny Officer to draft an email for the Chair to approach Lister Hospital CE, Adam Sewell-Jones.

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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 currently shaping through the Co-operative Neighbourhoods Programme but will provide an opportunity to engage with different	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 UPDATE 20 Sep 2022 – Scrutiny Officer has sought guidance from the Director, Rob Gregory – see column to left.

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					tenants and leaseholders in different ways. The community development team can build this requirement into planned engagement, including digital, with tenants and leaseholders.	
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

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						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.