

Executive Member Response To Environment & Economy Select Committee Review of the Council's response to the Climate Emergency

(Consolidation of composite document including the interim recommendations dated 23 March 2022 and final report 17 January 2023)

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Date responses should be made by:

Executive response on behalf of the relevant Executive Portfolio Holders should be received by Wednesday 22 March 2023

Recommendations:	Executive Response:	Executive Update 1 Nov 2023:
<u>Resident engagement:</u> <u>Interim report – March 2022</u> <u>RECOMMENDATION 1</u>	<i>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 & Climate Change, Cllr Simon</i>	<i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed One topic reference panel Sustainable travel one Successful</i>

<p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) That the plans for working alongside and influencing local people be provided to Members.</p> <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory</p>	<p><i>Speller, Communities, Neighbourhoods and Co-operative Council, Cllr Sandra Barr.</i></p> <p>(i) Officers have responded to all previous Panel Members. Future <i>Topic People Panel</i> style engagement will provide an opportunity for local ward members and officers to hear the concerns of local people and provide opportunities for engagement and involvement in driving solutions.</p> <p>(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><i>Engaged with Friends of the Earth meeting Scoping opportunities for Street Level engagement – Green Neighbourhood Plans. Bedwell. Ongoing</i></p> <p>We have established the first Topic Reference Panel, on Sustainable Transport and Active Travel, including critical members of the local community. This panel has carried out site visits and has met periodically. We have also participated in engagement activities with local companies, with the NHS and with the Central Library, where we have been able to publicize the work carried out by the Council on climate change, and we have been able to receive feedback from the community.</p> <p>In June 2023 we participated for the first time with a stand related to climate change at Stevenage Day. We have also been promoting communications through our digital platforms on sustainability matters.</p> <p>Finally, we have been scoping opportunities for street level engagement, promoting the implementation of Green Neighborhood Plans, of which Bedwell is currently starting a trial.</p>
<p><u>Baseline figures - 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</u></p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment, Cllr Simon Speller.</i></p>	<p>SBC has completed work with the University of Hertfordshire Zero Carbon Lab on lower carbon buildings and carbon offsetting. Currently, through HCCSP, it is also related to local carbon offsetting (carbon “insetting”) studies carried out by the University, which regularly takes part in the HSOG meetings.</p>

<p><u>Interim report – March 2022</u> <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>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>Interim report – March 2022</u> <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 & Climate Change, 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>The post has been made permanent, and Veronica Chan has been appointed and starts with SBC on the 13th of September 2022. The post of Head of Climate Action has also been appointed and Fabian Oyarzun started with SBC on the 26th April 2022.</p>
<p><u>Interim HEART – Community Group - Challenge</u></p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory and Executive</i></p>	<p>The Council is delivering activities supported by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (and previously by the Community Renewal Fund) and it has been working to support the growth</p>

<p><u>Interim report – March 2022</u> <u>RECOMMENDATION 4</u></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>Portfolio Holders with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller, for Communities, Neighbourhoods and Co-operative Council, Cllr Sandra Barr</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>of social enterprises and co-operatives of this nature. This can be explored with HEART. Furthermore, the Council's Climate Community Fund (CCF) – Dragon's Den scheme has been launched and it would cover projects that can be explored with HEART. Officers will soon contact HEART members to provide this information.</p>
<p><u>Mainstreaming of Climate Emergency thinking with regards to all Council activities</u></p> <p><u>Interim report – March 2022</u> <u>RECOMMENDATION 5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Council activities to ensure carbon friendly practices are truly embedded. (Strategic) 	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Operations Director, Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller and the Leader of the Council, Cllr Richard Henry</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</p>	<p>We have been promoting initial assessment of carbon emissions and carbon avoided in our events.</p> <p>We have promoted the water refill stations across towns for different events throughout the year.</p> <p>We have also considered solar panels on the stage for Stevenage Day and we assessed the solar energy generation through these initiatives.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan</p>	<p>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>Officers have been scoping how to include sustainable guidelines as part of our SBC Events Guidelines Toolkit.</p>
<p><u>Protected and enhanced Tree Canopy</u></p> <p><u>Interim report – March 2022</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><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan, Arboriculture & Conservation Manager, Cristian Pinta and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, 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</p>	<p>The report was considered by Members of the Environment & Economy Scrutiny Committee in October 2022.</p> <p>In the last 2 years the Council have planted 237 trees in support of increasing the tree canopy coverage, not including around 3,500 newly planted tree saplings creating Fairlane Woodland in Fairlands Valley Park, Southfield. These will take around 15-20 years before they start to contribute to the tree canopy cover, but will not provide full benefit until 30-40 years. An approximate 600 trees a year would need to be planted to meet the 2% canopy increase, and officers are investigating funding opportunities, internally and externally to help support this. A key aspect is to provide the 3-year aftercare each tree needs for it to establish.</p>

<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>provide further direction about how additional tree planting can be delivered successfully and with support from the Stevenage community.</p>	<p>Further consideration in identifying suitable locations within Stevenage for planting is ongoing. Initial public consultation to help inform the Tree & Woodland Strategy is expected to commence in November 2023.</p>
<p><u>Planning & Development</u></p> <p><u>Interim report – March 2022</u> <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, Cristian Pinta & Environmental Policy & Development Manager, Julia Hill</p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, 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>Stevenage Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document has been adopted in January 2023 providing details on sustainability matters included or strengthened in the Local Plan, including building and designing energy efficient building and spaces and carbon neutral specifications.</p> <p>Our Local Plan is being updated and climate change considerations are being reviewed for the version that will be ready in 2024.</p>
<p><u>Focus on improved Recycling</u></p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Stevenage Direct Services, Steve Dupoy and Executive Portfolio</i></p>	<p>A recent Defra announcement has now confirmed that a feature of the national</p>

<p><u>Interim report – March 2022</u> <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, Operations Manager, Kris White, Assistant Operations Manager, Colin Littlechild, Environmental Policy & Development Manager, Julia Hill, and Environmental Development Officer, Claire Nicholls.</p>	<p><i>Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, Cllr 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>Resource and Waste Strategy; ‘Consistency’ – has been renamed to ‘Simpler Recycling’ and this will help to define how waste and recycling kerbside services are delivered in the future. Details have started to be released by Defra, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The requirement for a weekly domestic food waste collection by March 2026 (formerly March 2025). - Permitting co-mingled dry recycling. <p>Government will provide local authorities with funding to meet agreed “reasonable new burdens” arising from this policy, including up-front transition costs, and revenue and capital funding.</p> <p>SDS are currently working with WRAP (https://wrap.org.uk/about-us) and consultants Circulogic to help model and identify the most suitable waste / recycling collection service. The new information from Defra is timely and will help to inform this work.</p>
<p><u>Protecting climate emergency targets within the budget setting process</u></p> <p><u>Interim report – March 2022</u> <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</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 and the funding required to deliver it.</p>	<p>The allocation of funding for local infrastructure on climate change and environmental projects has been done, including £7.5k per ward through the Climate Change Community Fund (Dragon’s Den scheme).</p> <p>Furthermore, as part of the Pathway 3 aimed to be presented to SLT, we are developing a tool to trial for assessing the sustainability in the decision making across the Council.</p>

<p>if there is a detrimental climate change implication; and (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>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 Charging Points in Neighbourhood Centres & Electric Car Club</u></p> <p><u>Interim report – March 2022</u> <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</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>Underway with some delay due to some technical changes.</p>

<p>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><u>SBC Social Housing & resident led environmental community projects</u></p> <p><u>Interim report – March 2022</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 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</p>	<p><i>Response supported by Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Deputy Leader and Housing & Housing Development, 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>(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</p>	<p>(i) The revised HRA Business Plan is going to the November 23 executive meeting for approval and incorporates our decarbonisation aspirations. At this point the decarbonisation of the housing stock is not fully funded in the plan. We have to date secured over £5m of government funding to help deliver decarbonisation but it will be vital additional government funding is provided to support the full decarbonisation of the housing stock.</p> <p>(ii) This is being analysed to be included as part of next refresh of “welcome packs”.</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. Through our Co-operative Neighbourhoods Programme we have a series of engagement opportunities that take place throughout the year and offer a variety of ways for residents to engage with us on a whole host of topics. Methods used are: face to face at local events, residents meetings, pop ups in local neighbourhoods, ward walkabouts and patrols, digitally through newsletters,</p>

<p>(iv) matters that in time will affect all residents? 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>and facilitate these as communities come forward with ideas.</p>	<p>consultations and website/social media platforms and more targeted engagement by workshops (on specific subjects). We also have a suite of engagement opportunities that fit both Housing related remits as well as the wider resident engagement functions that are currently being piloted, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armchair reviewer: Help shape services by reviewing policies and procedures from comfort of your sofa - Resident writer: review communications or suggest/write content for publication on specific topics - Resident Investigator: Interview council officers on services and policies to inform change - Community participator: attend pop up consultation and get involved in participatory budgeting - Chatty rooms: online forums and webinars <p>(iv) Linked to our corporate Co-operative Neighbourhoods targets and the CIL, we have also launched the Climate Change Community Fund (Dragon's Den scheme) through which the projects of this type can now be funded by the Council.</p>
<p><u>E&E Members Quick Wins & Strategic Projects</u></p> <p><u>Interim report – March 2022</u> <u>RECOMMENDATION 11 – (1 to 5)</u></p>	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory Zayd Al-Jawed Communications Manager Lucy Watsham, Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory and Executive Portfolio Holders with responsibility for</i></p>	<p>(i) We are currently developing a Pathway 3 report focused on people and processes where these matters are aimed to be included.</p> <p>(ii) We are developing an action tracker which is going to be presented in</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) (ii) Consider how to represent the progress of the strategy? Fishbone chart/Gantt chart, target lines, KPIs etc.(Strategic) (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) (iv) Engage with young people via schools, Youth Mayor and Mayor's activities. (Distinct Project) (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 	<p><i>Members, the Leader, for the Environment & Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller and (Children, Young People), Cllr Sandra Barr.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) This is supported and Comms can support with this messaging (ii) Under review as part of our climate change reporting (iii) Comms Plan for Climate Change in 22/23 about to be agreed. (iv) The Youth Mayor and Youth Council are keen to support Climate Change activities and would be keen to champion new projects identified. (v) Can be supported by the community development teams. 	<p>this November 2023 E&E Select Committee session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Comms Plan for Climate Change in 23/24 about to be agreed. (iv) We have been working with HCC led Stevenage Youth Strategy Group and we are delivering a local school intervention (for leaders) through the Sustainable X project funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund. (v) To be analysed in the context of the Local Plan update. Currently being supported by the design and implementation of the Hire to Cycle Scheme across the town.
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<p>£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>		
<p>Flightpath to reaching Net Zero by 2030</p> <p><u>Final Report Jan 2023 - RECOMMENDATION 1 - SBC and area wide pathway and targets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that clear targets and a pathway to 2030 for both SBC targets and area wide targets need to be established. It is not currently clear what the targets or pathway are to see how Stevenage gets from where it is now to 2030. The way progress against the 2018 baseline figure is measured and publicised needs to be thought through so that this is clearly described to show what progress is being made each year 	<p><i>Response supported by AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and the Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller.</i></p>	<p>We have been working on updating our baseline from 2018 which included transport and buildings as an organisation. Our most accurate data at the moment is the new updated baseline on our own fleet but we have been making improvements on our buildings' emissions baseline moving from previous 12 SBC sites to 549 sites. It is underway to keep on improving this baseline. At Stevenage level the data we use is the data from DESNZ. A bottom-up baseline at Stevenage level would require new carbon accounting tools.</p>

<p>and understood by officers, Members and by the public.</p> <p>Action: AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and the Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan</p>		
<p>Pace of change required to reach Net Zero by 2030</p> <p><u>Final Report Jan 2023</u> <u>RECOMMENDATION 2 – Pace</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the climate emergency really being treated as an emergency? It is recommended that there is a need to ramp up the pace to get to net zero for the town by 2030. Members accept there are challenges around funding but where it sits in corporate priorities is an area that is a decision for the authority. Members will be looking to see how the pace is picked up leading to 2030. <p>Action: SBC CEO Matt Partridge, AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and the Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan</p>	<p><i>Response supported by SBC CEO Matt Partridge, AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and the Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller.</i></p>	<p>We are now working at county wide and regional level through the HCCSP and the Regional Climate Change Forum established by the East of England LGA. Our Chief Executive has lead positions in these initiatives.</p> <p>As part of the Pathway 3 report aimed to be presented to SLT, we are developing a tool to trial for assessing the sustainability in the decision making across the Council.</p>
<p>Adaptations of SBC Estate and Sheltered Housing</p>	<p><i>Response supported by SD Resources Section 151 Officer, Clare Fletcher and the Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan, Operations</i></p>	<p>We are currently working now to include climate related risks as part of our risk register and actively working with the HCCSP Adaptation to support this assessment. An</p>

<p><u>Final Report Jan 2023</u> <u>RECOMMENDATION 3 – Adaptations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The review established that due to extreme weather events linked to climate change there is already a need for adaptations to buildings and for up-to-date emergency response plans to care for older residents in sheltered housing schemes. It is recommended that there be an audit of all adaptations required across the Council. <p>Action: SD Resources Section 151 Officer, Clare Fletcher, Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan and Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory</p>	<p><i>Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller, Resources, Cllr Mrs Joan Lloyd, Deputy Leader and Housing, Housing Development, Cllr Jeannette Thomas.</i></p>	<p>initial assessment is expected to be completed by December 2023.</p>
<p>Helping residents to make simple behaviour changes</p> <p><u>Final Report Jan 2023</u> <u>RECOMMENDATION 4 - Behaviour Change</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended that officers from SBC link up with officers from the HCC Behaviour Change unit to work together on behaviour change initiatives. 	<p><i>Response supported by the Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan, Operations Director, Housing Investment & Communities & Neighbourhoods, Rob Gregory and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller, and Communities, Neighbourhoods and Co-operative Council, Cllr Sandra Barr.</i></p>	<p>We are currently part of the HCCSP Behavioural Change subgroup and we are working on the updates required for its action plan design and delivery.</p>

<p>Action: Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan and Operations Director Communities, Neighbourhoods</p>		
<p>Regular monitoring of Climate Change actions</p> <p><u>Final Report Jan 2023</u> RECOMMENDATION 5 - <u>Future review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been recommended by the Chair of the Environment and Economy Select Committee that the issue of the climate emergency should be under regular review by the Committee and that a progress report should be brought back to the committee on a yearly basis. <p>Action: AD Planning and Regulatory and AD Communities & Neighbourhoods</p>	<p><i>Response supported by the AD Planning & Regulatory, Zayd Al-Jawed and the Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller.</i></p>	<p>Agreed and underway.</p>
<p>Training package for Members and officers</p> <p><u>Final Report Jan 2023</u> RECOMMENDATION 6 – <u>Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee recommends the creation of a training package for members, and additional training for 	<p><i>Response supported by the Lead Climate Change Officer, Veronica Chan, Senior HR Manager Clare Davies/Kirsten Frew and Executive Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Environment & Climate Change, Cllr Simon Speller and Resources, Cllr Mrs Joan Lloyd.</i></p>	<p>As part of the Pathway 3 aimed to be presented to SLT, we are developing a strategy to establish Climate Champions (or an eco-staff volunteer group) as part of every team across SBC. This will involve a strategy for carbon training and carbon literacy for these champions.</p>

senior officers, on climate change mitigations and adaption, so that future decision makers are well informed in all aspects of the councils' operations, and the bearing climate change mitigation and adaption may have on them.

**Action: HR Managers – Clare
Davies/Kirsten Frew**