

**ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
4 NOVEMBER 2021**

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to present the Climate Change Action Plan that went to Cabinet on 5 October 2021.

Summary

1. Cabinet approved the Climate Change Strategy in July 2020, following Council's Climate Emergency Declaration in 2019.
2. The Action Plan is the supporting document that details the actions that we will take to meet the Council's Climate Change Declaration.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that the Economy & Resources Scrutiny Committee note the Climate Change Action Plan.

Reasons

5. The recommendation is supported by the following reasons:
 - (a) Council's Climate Change Declaration committed the Council to becoming carbon neutral by 2050.
 - (b) The action plan has been produced by officers across the Council to help us achieve our commitment.

**Ian Williams
Chief Executive**

Background Papers

Climate Change Action Plan
Cabinet Report

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There is no expected impact on Crime and Disorder in Darlington.
Health and Well Being	According to the WHO, climate change is the greatest threat to global health in the 21st century. This strategy sets out how we will approach reducing carbon and adapting our services, to ensure that the Council can continue to support and provide services to Darlington's residents.
Carbon Impact	The Council has recognised the need to consider the carbon impact of the decisions it makes. This action plan sets out the actions we will take to reduce our carbon emissions and adapt our services to the unavoidable effects of climate change.
Diversity	Climate change affects everyone, but it has a disproportionate impact on areas of deprivation. This action plan covers how the Council will address its own carbon emissions and resilience, giving us the ability to demonstrate through good practice what other people can do themselves.
Wards Affected	This action plan covers how the Council will address its own carbon emissions and resilience. It will not affect any particular ward.
Groups Affected	This action plan covers how the Council will address its own carbon emissions and resilience. It will not affect any particular groups.
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	Yes
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
Council Plan	<p>Growing Darlington's Economy: through the strategy we will be supporting skills development and encouraging innovation in dealing with the impact of climate change. We will include consideration of climate change impacts in our decision making, our capital programme and all policies and programmes.</p> <p>Maximise the potential of our young people: activity under this action plan will include supporting schools in their climate change education.</p> <p>Supporting the most vulnerable in the borough: climate change has been shown to be a threat to health. The action plan is one way of supporting the Council's work on improving public health. Adapting to the impacts of climate change and becoming more resilient will allow us to continue to deliver vital services to our residents.</p> <p>Working with communities to maximise their potential: we will be suggesting actions for residents and businesses which will support communities to be safer and more resilient. We will also be using our influence to inspire people to reduce their own carbon footprint and increase</p>

	their resilience. One of the ways we can do this will be to encourage people to travel actively.
Efficiency	N/A
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report does not directly impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers