

**Report of: Chair of Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Meeting of</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>
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**Subject: Scrutiny Review of the Net Zero Carbon Programme and Working Group on Waste Management – Findings of the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**
**1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive receive the recommendations of the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee following the completion of its reviews of the Council's Net Zero Carbon Programme and the member working group on Waste Management. A response to the recommendations set out in the report will be considered at a future meeting of the Executive.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the report of the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be received.
- 2.2 That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Housing Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

**3. Background**

In 2021/22 the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee has reviewed the Council's Net Zero Carbon Programme. Members of the committee also held an Informal Working Group to review the council's waste management arrangements. Members considered issues such as how the council can engage better with residents and other organisations on the Net Zero Carbon Programme and encourage their participation; how to

make recycling services more effective; and how to reduce consumption, waste and carbon emissions.

#### **4.1 Financial Implications**

The proposals in the report need to be costed before a response is made by the Executive.

#### **4.2 Legal Implications**

Relevant legal implications will be considered as part of the response to the review.

#### **4.3 Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications at this stage. Any environmental implications will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

#### **4.4 Equalities Impact Assessment**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

The Committee has had regard to any equalities implications and resident impacts identified by witnesses during the course of the review. Details of any such implications are set out in the appended report. An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been completed as the Executive is only asked to receive the report at this stage. The impact on residents will need to be fully considered as part of the Executive Member response to the review, at which point an Equalities Impact Assessment will be completed if required.

### **5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

- 5.1 The Committee has considered a range of issues around the council's Net Zero Carbon ambitions and the management of the borough's waste. The Executive is asked to consider the Committee's recommendations.

#### **Appendices:**

- Report of the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

#### **Background papers:**

- None.

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