

Assistant to the Executive - Climate Change

Primary Departmental Links: Principal link to ETE but engagement required across all departments of the County Council

Key Functional Areas:

- Directly supports and advises the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet on the co-ordination of Climate Change policy, initiatives, and projects with particular emphasis on the Climate Emergency Declaration and Action Plan, and the Hampshire 2050 recommendations relating to Climate Change;
- Supports the development of and maintains political links with key partner organisations such as Hampshire district, parish and town councils, National Park Authorities, and neighbouring Councils, in relation climate change matters;
- Assists in the establishment and maintenance of partnership arrangements, engagement and communication with key local community and/or special interest and campaigning groups on climate change and environmental sustainability matters, such as WinACC;
- Assist in developing and managing engagement with key agencies involved with Climate Change initiatives and activity, such as Natural England, the Environmental sustainability Agency, and Hampshire Wildlife Trust;
- Promotes Hampshire County Council's objectives policies and priorities, and associated partnerships as a key contribution to helping to mitigate against further climate change and to develop greater resilience to climate change, across the county;
- Provides climate change 'proofing' advice to support Executive Members in relation to the political impacts;
- Political engagement and support to the Executive Member and Leader on the development of the Hampshire County Council Climate Change Action Plan and on the development of the Hampshire County Council Response to the Hampshire 2050 Commission in respect of Climate Change;
- Attends the Economy Transport and Environment Select Committee and supports and deputises as appropriate for the Executive Member.

The role does not carry Executive decision-making powers.

Key outcomes:

The essence of the role is to help support and co-ordinate political engagement and to provide political advice and support for the developing work of the County Council in respect of responding to climate change and the related issues around environmental sustainability to ensure that Hampshire develops a robust and effective framework. It will also require the formation of a broad coalition or partnership across multiple agencies and groups to deliver an effective response to the multi-faceted challenges posed by the Hampshire 2050 and the climate change agendas.