

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	6 January 2020
Title:	Interim Progress on Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That Cabinet approves the target of carbon neutrality by 2050 for the wider Hampshire area which aligns with national government target.
- 1.2. That Cabinet notes the existing target for carbon neutrality by 2050 for the County Council's own estate and approve the inclusion of some wider indirect emissions (see paragraphs 33 & 34).
- 1.3. That Cabinet approves the target for resilience to plan for impacts of a two degree Celsius rise in temperature (see paragraphs 40-43).
- 1.4. That Cabinet notes that any emerging opportunities to progress delivery against the proposed targets will be expedited and maximised where feasible and affordable.
- 1.5. That Cabinet endorses the approach set out in the report for the development of the strategy, action plan and reporting.
- 1.6. That Cabinet approves the resource and governance structures set out in the report.
- 1.7. That Cabinet approves the proposal to establish a Salix De-carbonisation Fund of £1million to fund a range of energy saving initiatives on the County Council's corporate built estate. The fund will comprise a £500,000 allocation from the remaining £1.1million of County Council funding identified for energy saving initiatives with match funding of £500,000 from Salix. The £1million to be added to the Policy and Resources Capital Programme.
- 1.8. That Cabinet approves a programme of tree and wildflower planting on highways amenity land, which will be funded by ringfencing 100% of capital receipts from the sale of surplus highways land.
- 1.9. That Cabinet approves the revocation of the 2013 Executive Member for Policy and Resources Wind Policy prohibiting large wind turbines and wind farm developments on county land as this does not support the principles of the climate change strategy. Any decisions on changes to

County Council land use will be subject to the normal approval processes and will be assessed on their own merits.

- 1.10. That Cabinet approves the review of all County Council policies and strategies over the next five years, prioritising areas of high impact within the first two years, to take into account the impacts of climate change and to actively contribute to climate change mitigation and resilience.
- 1.11. That Cabinet approves the requirement for all decision papers to include an impact assessment on climate change mitigation and resilience (as is currently the case for equalities).

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. To receive the update interim progress report on the development of a climate change strategy and action plan following the declaration of a climate emergency on 18 July 2019 and to agree targets as part of the strategy.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. None.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: None

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: Not applicable

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

Date:

Councillor Keith Mans
Chairman of Cabinet

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