

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	7 MARCH 2023	7
CARBON NEUTRAL WORKING GROUP – CLOSURE REPORT			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The current term of office for the council will end in May 2023 with the Borough elections and the return of a new group of elected members. The Boundary Commission Review means that there will be a reduction in the number of elected members from 51 to 37 and the governance review undertaken in response to the reduced membership of the council will see the creation of an executive policy committee and scrutiny arrangements. The council from May 2023 will have new governance that will require different working arrangements. At the final meeting of each committee for the current term of office the working groups and boards that have been established and appointed by the committee will be formally closed and disbanded where appropriate to create the opportunity for the new council to review and determine the most appropriate arrangements under the new governance structure.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the committee disband the Carbon Neutral Working Group and acknowledges that the members of the Group appointed by the committee have contributed to achieving some of the objectives that were set out within the original Terms of Reference, and within the Corporate Plan.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Establishment of Working Group, and the regular receipt of minutes of the Working Group to keep the wider committee informed.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	√
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	

REPORT

1. The Carbon Neutral Working Group was established by the Committee to deliver actions identified within the Fylde Corporate Plan 2020/24 :

- **Implement carbon reduction policies including plastics reduction, tree planting, energy efficiency and recycling.**
 - **Design education and awareness programmes to support carbon reduction policies and actions; and**
 - **Work with partners to deliver carbon reduction.**
2. A number of carbon reduction policies have been progressed including a plastics reduction policy, a draft Tree Planting and Woodland Strategy and a Domestic Recycling Policy.
 3. Other notable achievements have been the development of successful capital bids for three electric vehicles and the delivery of a tree planting programme in 2022. Following the success of the 2022 tree planting programme, the committee has also recently approved a capital bid to be put forward as a part of the 2023/24 budget to continue this work. The on-going and sustained investment in tree planting will allow the council to expand the tree canopy cover and the sustainable management of tree stock providing ecological benefits in return.
 4. More recently a Climate Change Action Plan has been developed in consultation with both the Leadership Board and the Council’s Senior Management Team. This describes more comprehensively what the council is already doing to address climate change, and milestone dates. It is this Action Plan which will form the focus of the activity within the new term of office post May 2023.
 5. The minutes of the most recent meeting of the Working Group are attached for information for completeness.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications
Community Safety	There are no community safety implications
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no human rights or equalities implications
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no sustainability or environmental implications
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no health & safety or risk management implications

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Environment, Health and Housing Committee	Various dates / most meetings	www.fylde.gov.uk