



<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Mark Billington, Corporate Director Environment	Overview and Scrutiny Climate Change Sub-Committee	7 December 2023

## **Draft Climate Change Strategy Update**

### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1** To present the Overview and Scrutiny Climate Change Sub-Committee with the updated draft of the Climate Change Strategy for review.

### **2. Corporate priorities**

- 2.1** Reduce council and wider borough emissions by at least 78% by 2035, before reaching net zero by 2050.

### **3. Recommendation**

- 3.1** That the amended content of the strategy be presented for discussion for final feedback and approved to be progressed to the consultation stage.

### **4. Background**

- 4.1** The Overview and Scrutiny Climate Change Sub-Committee were presented with a working draft of the Climate Change Strategy prior to the meeting on 21 September 2023. Councillors fed back on the document during the meeting and were given time afterwards to read the document in detail and provide further responses.
- 4.2** Following the last meeting, the working draft of the Climate Change Strategy has been updated to improve readability, raise awareness of the opportunities of climate action and include positive case studies of work the Council is involved in. Changes can be seen within Appendix 1.
- 4.3** As part of the update, councillors' feedback has been considered and a document has been created to address their queries, listed in Appendix 2.

### **5. Key issues and proposals**

- 5.1** The actions within the Climate Change Strategy still need to be prioritised. This action is currently being progressed with the support of an external consultant.
- 5.2** An action (1.A3, part 2) which had incorrect government guidelines on EPC ratings, has been updated to reflect correct guidance but also inspire best practice.
- 5.3** Actions in 1.D1 and 1.E1 have been updated and new action for 1.E1 (part 2) has been included on improving energy efficiency of homes in partnership with Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL). A tentative action 2.D1 (part 2) has been added to support Lancashire County Council (LCC) to encourage more people to use public transport, this may develop further on response from LCC.
- 5.4** The next stage of the strategy is a public consultation to gather feedback from residents, businesses, community groups, young people and any other stakeholders, to ensure they have a say in their future. This is likely to take place in the New Year.
- 5.5** A summary of the consultation results will be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Climate Change Sub-Committee on 21 March 2024. The final strategy is due to be presented at Full Council on 18 April 2024.
- 5.6** It is proposed that members note the contents of the updated Climate Change Strategy and the response document to councillor queries, and use the meeting as an opportunity to provide any last feedback.

**6. Alternative options considered and rejected**

- 6.1** Using draft 9 of the Climate Change Strategy was not considered a suitable option as this needed updating to ensure this is clear and readable for the public. It also does not allow for the consideration of some of the additional comments from Councillors and Officers, which have since been provided.

<b>Financial, Legal and Climate Change implications</b>	
Finance	Financial costs of actions within the strategy have been estimated using a key. Whilst the council will endeavour to fund actions where possible through internal budgeting, achieving all the actions within the strategy will require considerable financial costs that the council does not have the resources to meet. External grant funding opportunities and partnerships with key stakeholders will be required to fund these goals.
Legal	Legal implications of individual actions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Climate Change	The strategy will provide a clear foundation for ambitious climate change action within the council in order to achieve our 78% emissions reduction target by 2035.
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equality and diversity	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	✓
ICT	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection

### List of appendices

Appendix 1 – Climate Change Strategy (Draft 11)  
Appendix 2 – Councillor Strategy Feedback