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Our Ref Cabinet Panel on the Environment/6 July
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE CABINET PANEL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

to be held as

A REMOTE MEETING.

On

TUESDAY, 6TH JULY, 2021 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda **Part I**

Item		Page
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Members are required to notify any substitutions by midday on the day of the meeting. Late substitutions will not be accepted and Members attending as a substitute without having given the due notice will not be able to take part in the meeting.	
2. MINUTES - 8 JUNE	Minutes of the previous meeting are attached for Members' information.	(Pages 5 - 8)
3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chair of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.	
4. INFORMATION NOTE - WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER FOR 2021/22	INFORMATION NOTE OF THE POLICY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANAGER To highlight items scheduled in the work programme of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment for 2021/22.	(Pages 9 - 20)
5. LEADERSHIP AND BEHAVIOUR CHANGE: NORTH HERTS AND THE HCCSP	To receive an update on the work of the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership.	(Pages 21 - 32)
6. HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BEHAVIOUR CHANGE UNIT PRESENTATION	To receive a presentation on the Hertfordshire County Council Behaviour Change Unit.	

- 7. CAMBRIDGE CARBON FOOTPRINT CALCULATOR AND CHARTER PRESENTATION** (Pages 33 - 46)
To receive a presentation on the Cambridge Carbon Footprint Calculator and Charter.
- 8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.
- 9. DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING**
Chair to lead a discussion regarding contributions to the meeting.

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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET PANEL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

**MEETING HELD AS A REMOTE MEETING
ON TUESDAY, 8TH JUNE, 2021 AT 7.30 PM**

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors: Councillor Steve Jarvis and Councillor Amy Allen (Co-Chairs), Val Bryant, George Davies, Sarah Dingley, Keith Hoskins, Gerald Morris and Adem Ruggiero-Cakir*

In Attendance: *Reuben Ayavoo (Policy and Community Engagement Manager) and Georgina Chapman (Policy Officer), William Edwards (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer), Darryl Simmonds (CSC – IT Support)*

Also Present: *At the commencement of the meeting approximately 3 members of the public, including registered speakers.*

35 WELCOME AND REMOTE/PARTLY REMOTE MEETINGS PROTOCOL SUMMARY

The Chair, Councillor Amy Allen, welcomed everyone to this virtual meeting of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer gave advice on the following:

- Attendance;
- Live streaming;
- Noise interference;
- Voting;

The Chair started the meeting proper.

36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio recording – 2 minutes 45 seconds.

Apologies for absence were received from Yvette Churchman, Morrison's Community Champion.

37 MINUTES - 23 FEBRUARY 2021

Audio Recording – 2 minutes 50 seconds.

The Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer advised that due to a change in regulations the minutes of the meeting of the Panel on 23 February 2021 could not be approved but were attached for Members' attention only.

38 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio recording – 3 minutes 27 seconds.

- (1) The Chair welcomed those present at the meeting, especially those who had attended to give a presentation;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded;
- (3) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.
- (4) The theme of this meeting would be the work programme for the coming civic year;
- (5) Due to staffing issues Item 7 on the agenda would not be presented tonight.

39 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Audio recording – 4 minutes.

There was no other business notified.

40 INFORMATION NOTE - WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER

Audio Recording – 4 minutes and 5 seconds.

The Policy and Community Engagement Manager presented the Information Note entitled Work Programme and Action Tracker and drew attention to points including:

- The Panel discussed topics related to the environment and the Information Note was a standing item to update the public and the panel on the work of the Policy Team;
- The Policy Team had been making contributions to the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership;
- The Policy Team had instituted monthly eco-actions to encourage NHDC staff to adopt eco-friendly habits which are also included in NHDC's Insight and Now publications to reach residents;
- There was an Environment Panel inbox (EnvironmentPanel@north-herts.gov.uk) where members of the public could submit items for discussion at the Panel

RESOLVED: That the Information Note entitled Work Programme and Action Tracker be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION To ensure the Cabinet Panel on the Environment is able to plan its workload and monitor actions.

41 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Audio recording – 8 minutes.

The Chair invited members of the public in attendance to present to the Panel.

N.B for clarity the content of presentations from members of the public and the resulting discussion is recorded at Minute 42 – Discussion Regarding Contributions to the Meeting.

42 DISCUSSION REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING

Audio Recording – 8 minutes 30 seconds.

The following members of the public asked questions and took part in the discussion:

- Anni Sander
- Roger Lovegrove
- John Webb

The following Members asked questions and took part in the discussion:

- Councillor Sarah Dingley
- Councillor Gerald Morris
- Councillor Steve Jarvis
- Councillor Adem Ruggiero-Cakir
- Councillor Val Bryant
- Councillor Amy Allen

In response to questions the Policy and Community Engagement Manager advised:

- The Council produces a bulletin on recycling and facilitates a number of Facebook groups on waste awareness and recycling;
- The Council's own website has pages on waste and recycling, home composting and food waste, and recycling of furniture and bulky items;
- The work programme item on composting and food waste disposal was to encourage home composting and wormeries;
- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic had disrupted work on changing waste collection schedules;
- While legislation was in place to facilitate anti-idling policies the local authority still had to apply for powers to enforce these policies.

Points raised included:

- Residents had to be encouraged to be mindful of their waste and consumption;
- Plastic Free initiatives were developing well in Hitchin and Letchworth and were discussing how to spread initiatives in to more rural areas and village settings;
- The problems of waste and refuse were more visible in towns but no less relevant to rural areas;
- Producer responsibility was important and waste minimisation was an essential priority;
- Many parish Councils had their own waste initiatives;
- Waste minimisation was linked to carbon in that less frequent refuse collections would lead to less carbon emissions; encouraging recycling was important but producing less waste entirely should be the goal;

The Chair led a discussion regarding contributions to the meeting and potential Panel themes for the civic year.

Points raised included:

- Items on the climate change strategy would make suitable themes for panel meetings;
- The Panel had a role to play in ensuring sustainable housing and building standards were adhered to in the Council;
- There should be a review of the sustainability of the housing proposals submitted under the local plan;
- Supplementary Planning Documents on sustainability in housing standards were part of the adopted Climate Change Strategy;
- The Climate Change strategy had two components and discussed areas where the Council had its own powers and where it had a leadership role in the community;
- The Council as a landowner could enforce certain standards on its properties but was constrained by planning regulations; as a leader in the community it could encourage developers and residents to expect the highest ecological standards;
- The Council could offer leadership and guidance on the issue of retrofitting houses to maximise sustainability;
- Passiv Haus standards and similar should become the norm for new houses built and provided improvements in cost, sustainability, and lived environment;
- The Cabinet Panel on Housing, Strategic Planning and Transport was better placed to consider specific issues relating to housing standards and planning;
- An energy generation scheme for the District was being investigated and good practice from other districts was being observed with HCC support;
- Renewal energy generation could feature as a panel discussion in future covering what the Council does with its own buildings and how to engage with the community on local energy generation;
- The Council was working on a Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan;
- There was a need for more public visibility of plans and discussions taking place around sustainable travel towns and efforts to change travel arrangements;
- It was sometimes unclear how the discussions of the Cabinet Panel on the Environment influenced policy changes and interacted with discussions elsewhere in the Council;
- The Cabinet Panel on the Environment had been integral to shaping the Climate Change Strategy and influenced policy on a number of issues;
- There was a lack of good news messaging and sharing the successes of climate change actions and policy development; progress was being made and if news of ongoing work was better shared fewer people would feel discouraged;
- The Council had a role to play influencing residents, the County Council, national government, and businesses; Councillors should feel empowered to engage with Climate Change issues outside of the specific legal powers of the Council;
- The Policy Team had taken note of discussion and would circulate a list of proposed topics for the coming year.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chair

CABINET PANEL ON THE ENVIRONMENT
6 July 2021

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

TITLE OF INFORMATION NOTE: WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER FOR 2021/22

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS – Environment and Leisure and Recycling and Waste Management

PRIORITY: RESPONSIVE AND EFFICIENT

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This note highlights items scheduled in the work programme for the Cabinet Panel on the Environment for 2021/22 following the initial meeting. The Work Programme/Action Tracker at Appendix A allow the scene to be set for evaluation of such actions, and the agreement of topics for 2021/22 civic year.

The Cabinet Panel aims to set a work programme which will enable open discussion that may lead to recommendations to Cabinet /the relevant Executive Members or Service Director, regarding actions that they believe that the Council should be taking to address climate and environmental issues.

2. STEPS TO DATE

2.1 Cabinet approved the establishment of the Cabinet Panel for the Environment at the 27th June 2019 meeting. The amended terms of reference were tabled for the Full Council meeting on the 4th June:

<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/documents/s10892/Appendix%20C%20-%20Revised%20Terms%20of%20Reference%20for%20Cabinet%20Panel%20on%20Community%20Engagement%20Enterprise%20and%20C.pdf>

2.2 By way of update to the Panel, the Corporate Policy Team have been involved in the following work:

Contributions to the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP)

As lead officers for the Biodiversity Subgroup, we are currently engaging with stakeholders to receive comment on the Biodiversity Action Plan. The Action plan was approved at the March HCCSP meeting. The recommendation to approve acknowledged that it was a continually evolving piece of work. Stakeholders engaged include: The Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, Herts Ecology, Herts Greenspace Managers, Herts Planners, and Butterfly Conservation. At the end of May we began to sort through the written comments. Countryside Management Services (CMS) are working to secure a county-wide biodiversity baseline. This work includes engaging in pre-tender market engagement to get a preliminary sense of costings. The bidding is expected to open in July. CMS will manage the procurement process on behalf of HCCSP's.

Climate Change Strategy

The updated Climate Change Strategy 2021-26 was approved at the March Cabinet meeting and is now available on NHD [Climate Change](#) webpage, along with the

Appendices which outline the Completed and Proposed Actions. We are preparing to make available a more reader-friendly and visually appealing version of the Strategy which encompasses the completed and proposed actions into one document.

Monthly Eco-Actions

The recycling and waste email bulletin has now been re-launched as the Recycling and Environment Bulletin and will be including regular updates regarding the council's environmental actions as well as including suggestions on residents can be more environmentally friendly through making small and easy changes each month.

Residents can subscribe to this newsletter on the council's webpage. A link to this has also been added to the Council's Climate Change page in order to ensure it is accessible and easy to find.

These monthly suggestions continue to be published on the council's social media pages as well as NH Now – an online magazine for residents, and Insight – a monthly newsletter for council staff. June's theme focussed on 'Eating for the Environment' whilst July's theme covers 'Habits You Didn't Know Could Make a Difference'.

3. INFORMATION TO NOTE

- 3.1 An Environment inbox has been set up to allow members of the public or organisations to provide suggestions/presentations for the panel's consideration. The address is - EnvironmentPanel@north-herts.gov.uk. The Policy and Community Engagement Manager will also provide a verbal update to the Panel.
- 3.2 The Panel could choose to accept suggestions from outside the meeting including:
 - Suggestions by Members of the public or organisations either at the meeting or by email;
 - Recommendations from Council, Cabinet or any other Committee;
 - Suggestions by any Member of the Council;
 - Suggestions by any Officer of the Council.
- 3.3 The Panel will seek to ensure that consideration of agenda items minimises additional burdens on staff resources. Wherever possible, requests are made for the presentation of documents already in existence rather than the production of new documents specifically for the Panel. Suggestions from outside sources, as detailed in paragraph 3.2 will only be placed on the work programme if agreed by one of the alternating Chairs or at a meeting of the Panel.
- 3.4 Attendance from external bodies and members of the public is actively encouraged.
- 3.5 This is a non decision-making advisory body and therefore this or any notes/reports to the Panel do not include a recommendation on a key Executive decision and have not been referred to in the Forward Plan. However, recommendations for action from the Panel for consideration by Cabinet may do so. This will therefore need to be borne in mind for any recommendations of the Panel.

4. NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 Other topics for consideration and inclusion in the Panel's work programme will be considered at each meeting. When considering additional topics, their risk assessment and prioritisation will ensure that the most appropriate items are taken forward to the work programme.

5. APPENDICES

5.1 Appendix A - Programme of meetings and Action Tracker

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7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Appendix A - Programme of meetings and Action Tracker

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APPENDIX A

PROGRAMME FOR FUTURE CABINET PANEL ON THE ENVIRONMENT MEETINGS 2021-22

Meeting 1. 8th June 2021	Introductory Session: Discussion around topics for upcoming meetings
Meeting 2. 6th July 2021	Leadership and Behaviour Change (Including HCCSP update; Hertfordshire County Council Behaviour Change Unit presentation; and Cambridge's Carbon Footprint Calculator and Charter presentation)
Meeting 3. 7th September 2021	Renewable Energy Generation
Meeting 4. 16th November 2021	Waste Minimisation
Meeting 5. 22nd February 2022	Adaptation to Climate Change

CABINET PANEL ON THE ENVIRONMENT – ACTION TRACKER: October 2019

Date and Min No	Action/Resolutions	Action/Response/Outcome	Status (Complete/in progress)	Additional commentary
11092019 EP8	Proposal of surveying clients at Best Before Café/Hitchin Food Rescue to assess needs/client base	Policy and Community Engagement Manager	On-going	Initial survey results received. Further action to refine information
2811019 EP20	Explore the possibility of Community composting	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	Executive member and Deputy to prioritise identified actions against demands of Waste service delivery during Covid-19 pandemic
06012020 EP25	Investigate the options of installing chewing gum bins in the district (GUMDROP)	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP26	Investigate the renewal of a Furniture Reuse facility	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP27	NHDC publicised activity of schools in recycling	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP28	Investigate a less formal approach to litter picking (survey users to make sure this service is accessible and working well; issues with depositing at the tip)	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP20	Investigate the possibility of recycling points in the district	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP31	Encourage more volunteers to consider recycling opportunities	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP33	Investigate the option of litter picking stations (include schools)	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP34	Establish a 'Eco- credentials' of food outlets(Similar to food hygiene scoring)	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20

Date and Min No	Action/Resolutions	Action/Response/Outcome	Status (Complete/in progress)	Additional commentary
06012020 EP35	County Council to increase signage of being more litter aware.	Cllr Hone in county capacity	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP36	Investigate 'Rocket' composting sites	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP37	Investigate the service change of 4 weekly collections/smaller bins/incentivise better recycling habits	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP38	Encourage the use of recyclable cups at district events.	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP40	Highlight existing repair and re-purpose campaigns and promote new initiatives	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	As EP 20
06012020 EP41	Monthly educational campaigns	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	Recruited a Waste Awareness officer who is compiling a programme for East and North Herts/ Monthly eco-briefings on various NHDC social media outlets
06012020 EP42	Establish Community composting workshops	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	On-going	Advertisement of Subsidised home compost bins/wormeries on external site
05032020 EP46	Anti-idling policy development	NHDC Legal team/ Environmental Health	On-going	To be further developed as part of the Sustainable North Herts programme
05032020 EP47	Smart Card option bus use in district	Transport officer	On-going	Update from the Intalink Enhanced

Date and Min No	Action/Resolutions	Action/Response/Outcome	Status (Complete/in progress)	Additional commentary
				Partnership – the potential use of Smart Cards is being investigated in line with the stated requirement in the latest National Bus Strategy. (introduction date unknown)
05032020 EP48	Review criteria of cycle to work scheme eligibility (HCC or NHDC)	Either HCC or NHDC	On-going	As EP46
05032020 EP49	Consider the instituting of car free days in Hitchin	HCC highways/Transport officer	On-going	As EP46
06012020 EP22	Circulate details of Zero Waste Europe to Panel	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	Outstanding	
06012020 EP23	Circulate Herts Waste Partnership data to Panel (Trending data, make up/volume/percentage of contaminated waste)	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	Outstanding	
07072020 EP50	That the Joint Chairs of the Panel be requested to engage with the Executive Member for Planning and Transport to discuss actions required to develop a plan for a cycle network in North Herts;	Engagement on-going at Member and Officer level as appropriate	On-going	District councils are being requested to draft a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and convene a stakeholder event to develop high quality LCWIPs. An event is propped to

Date and Min No	Action/Resolutions	Action/Response/Outcome	Status (Complete/in progress)	Additional commentary
				take place in July 2021
07072020 EP51	That the Executive Member for Planning and Transport be requested to engage with community groups and members of the public in the process for developing a plan for a cycle network in North Herts.	Engagement on-going at Member and Officer level as appropriate.	On-going	As above
a11092019 EP1	Meeting Two to be amended to cover - 'Transport, Travel and Air Quality'	Policy and comm. Engagement Manager	Complete	
11092019 EP2	Swap the running order of meetings 2 and 3. Planning will now be meeting two and Transport will be meeting three	Policy and comm. Engagement Manager	Complete	
11092019 EP3	Meeting four will include consideration of food waste	Policy and comm. Engagement Manager	Complete	
11092019 EP4	Meeting five will include Trees and Landscaping	Policy and comm. Engagement Manager	Complete	
11092019 EP5	Meeting Two will include Street lighting, the decommissioning of solar farms and energy	Policy and comm. Engagement Manager	Complete	
15102019 EP10	That the Service Director – Regulatory informs Members of the Luton airport expansion consultation dates and locations: https://futureluton.llal.org.uk/	Circulated by Policy and Community Engagement Manager. Links also circulated via FB and Twitter feeds on external website.	Complete	
15102019 EP11	That the Service Director – Regulatory circulates to the Panel the Future Homes Standards consultation. https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-future-homes-standard-changes-to-part-l-and-part-f-of-the-building-regulations-for-new-dwellings	Circulated by Policy and Community Engagement Manager. Links also circulated via FB and Twitter feeds on external website.	Complete	
15102019 EP12	That the Service Director – Regulatory circulates to the Panel details of Stirling Awards 2019 – The project for Norwich City Council: https://www.architecture.com/awards-and-competitions-landing-page/awards/riba-stirling-prize	Circulated by Policy and Community Engagement Manager. Links also	Complete	

Date and Min No	Action/Resolutions	Action/Response/Outcome	Status (Complete/in progress)	Additional commentary
		circulated via FB and Twitter feeds on external website.		
15102019 EP13	That the Chair ensures re-iteration of NHDC's Climate Change Emergency through NHDC communication channels (Outlook, external website etc.)	External Webpage has been updated with a permanent direct link in the ' Popular Now' section to the Climate change/Environment Panel pages. Latest Outlook magazine features a range of articles relating to the environment and climate change.	Complete	
15102019 EP15	That the relevant Executive Member/Service Director draft a letter to the other 10 Hertfordshire District Councils to express concerns regarding the proposed Luton Airport expansion.	Policy and Community Engagement Manager	Complete	
281102019 EP18	Circulate Dr Porter email address to panel and all attendees for additional questions. Philip Porter - p.r.porter@herts.ac.uk	Policy and Community Engagement Manager	Complete	
28112019 EP19	Circulate Alex Inza details to Greenspace manager regarding tree planting list	Policy and Community Engagement Manager	Complete	
15102019 EP9	That the Service Director – Regulatory provides an update with regard empty dwellings within in the district and how, where appropriate, these can be brought back into use as homes.	Service Director – Regulatory	Complete	
15102019 EP14	That the Executive Member for Planning and Transport consider the possibility of a Design Standards Committee.	Executive member – Planning and Transport	Complete	
15102019 EP16	That the Service Director - Regulatory be requested to explore whether there was an opportunity to identify, in the Local Plan, which sites were most sustainable and whether these could be developed first.	Service Director – Regulatory	Complete	
05032020 EP43	Circulate details of Air Quality website to Panel members	Policy and Community Engagement Manager	Complete	

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28112019 EP21	Acknowledgement of high water consumption in Hertfordshire. Circulate water saving measures (Affinity Water and Environment Agency) on Council social media accounts.	Policy and Community Engagement Manager	Complete and On-going	
28112019 EP17	Himalayan presentation from November panel – will be circulated by Dr Porter in January 2020.	Policy and Community Engagement Manager	Complete	On NHDC YouTube channel
06012020 EP24	Investigate costs of Weekly update in Comet/ Monthly billboards	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	Complete	Not financially viable but looking into ways the waste team can widen comms reach
06012020 EP29	Investigate the process to access an empty shop for Terracycle and other voluntary organisations	Policy and Community Engagement Team	Complete	The Community Engagement has facilitated the installation of a Terracycle collection point at the Morrisons store at Letchworth.
06012020 EP30	Add other external recycling organisation onto the NHDC website	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	Complete	Link on external website for reuse of Furniture and Household items
06012020 EP32	Identify an officer for Plastic Free initiative	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	Complete	Within remit of Waste Aware officer
06012020 EP39	Re-advertise real nappy campaign/exchange	Executive member for Recycling and Waste	Complete	Link on External website and further links to

Date and Min No	Action/Resolutions	Action/Response/Outcome	Status (Complete/in progress)	Additional commentary
				Waste Aware Real Nappy website and North Herts Library Facebook page

Leadership and Behaviour Change

North Herts
District Council
and the HCCSP

North Herts: Climate Change & Environment

Council looks to achieve action around Climate Change and Environmental issues

Project 22
Budget 2022

- NHDC's Climate Change Strategy
- HCCSP (Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership)



DC's Climate Change Strategy recognises that:

Our own estate comprises only a small portion of available land/carbon emissions/water usage in North Herts

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Local authorities have a leadership role to play in stimulating community-led action and encouraging behaviour change

Strategic Priorities

Enabling Carbon Savings – ensuring that our policies enable citizens and businesses to reduce their emissions.

Inspiring the Community – encouraging citizens and businesses to take action to go further and faster in cutting carbon emissions.





Progress the implementation of a better cycle network in North Herts, linking the district and beyond

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Ensure that masterplans and planning applications for new development are designed around streets and routes for active travel (rather than cars) and create walkable neighbourhoods



Work with other public and private entities/partners to improve provision of EV charging

Enabling Carbon Savings



Enable residents to assess their carbon emissions, comparing them with the district and best practice



Encourage residents to make behaviour changes by highlighting positive actions that can be taken, and informing them of more environmentally friendly options



Run food waste awareness programmes

Inspiring the Community



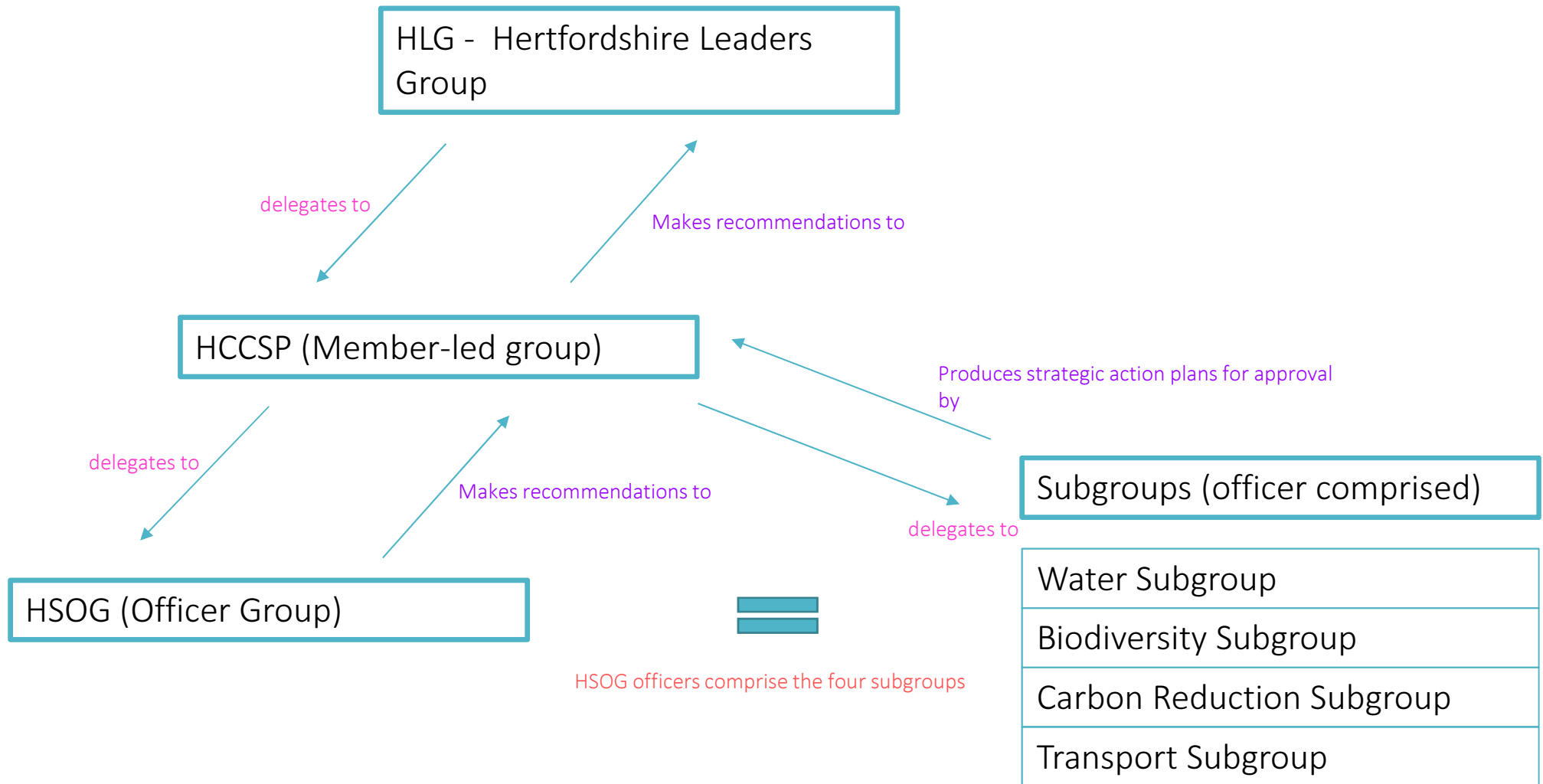
Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP)

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- Partnership of the 10 Hertfordshire District Councils, Herts County Council, Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
- Purpose: To work collaboratively to tackle and deliver action on climate and environmental issues in Hertfordshire
- 4 key priorities and respective subgroups:
Water; Biodiversity; Carbon Reduction; Transport
- Subgroups produce Strategic Action Plans (SAPs)
 - Focus on actions that local authorities can either deliver directly or influence
- Stakeholder Engagement to aid development of SAPs before they are adopted

Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability (HCCSP) Structure

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HCCSP and Behaviour Change

Subgroup Strategic Action Plans (SAPs) focus on actions which local authorities either have capacity to deliver themselves or which they have ability to influence



HCCSP and its Action Plans therefore seek to engage with community groups, the voluntary sector, residents, and businesses, to achieve shared goals around climate change and the environment



Stimulating and facilitating behaviour change is recognised as a key part of achieving this goal

Behaviour Change in the Strategic Action Plans (SAPs)

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Biodiversity SAP

- Develop a communication plan around how to best engage the community
 - No Mow Campaigns
 - Making gardens more wildlife-friendly (bird boxes; planting for bees; ponds)
 - Encourage district allotmenters to grow peat-free and pesticide free

Behaviour Change in the Strategic Action Plans (SAPs)

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Transport SAP

- Work with large employers and schools, to encourage and facilitate low carbon travel plans to be developed and adopted by organisations across the county
- Develop increased dialogue with health sector to develop comms campaign around the health benefits of active travel in order to promote personal travel behaviour change and modal shift
- Develop information and behavioural change campaigns to inform residents over the risks of poor air quality and what can be done to deliver meaningful improvements at a personal level

Behaviour Change in the Strategic Action Plans (SAPs)

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Carbon Reduction SAP

- HCCSP to look to launch a county wide information and behaviour change campaign to encourage citizens to reduce energy consumption in their everyday life
- To deliver a carbon reduction pledge that businesses and organisations can sign up to, committing themselves to take 3 strong actions

Water SAP

- Educate the next generation on the need to save water and protect our chalk streams
- Devise a county wide education campaign on saving water and sorting out leaks

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Cambridge Climate Change Charter

Anni Sander - Cambridge Carbon Footprint



Cambridge Climate Change Charter

Objectives

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i. build on the awareness raised by the Climate Emergency petition, the motion to Council and the protests by schoolchildren, to **increase understanding** in Cambridge of the **seriousness** of the climate crisis and the **need for action** by all sections of our community;

ii. to **encourage businesses, organisations and individuals** to demonstrate their commitment to mitigating climate change by signing the new CCCC and secure **commitments to take action to reduce their carbon emissions** to contribute to the city's aspiration to be net zero carbon by 2050;



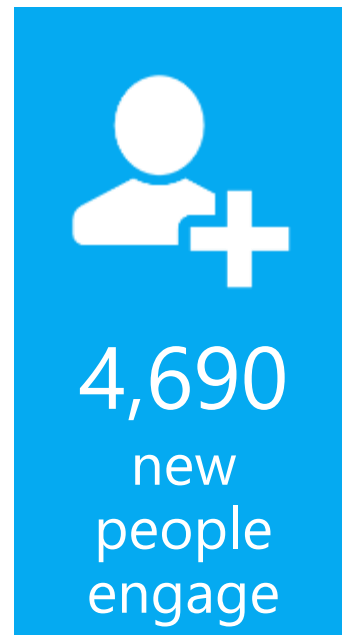
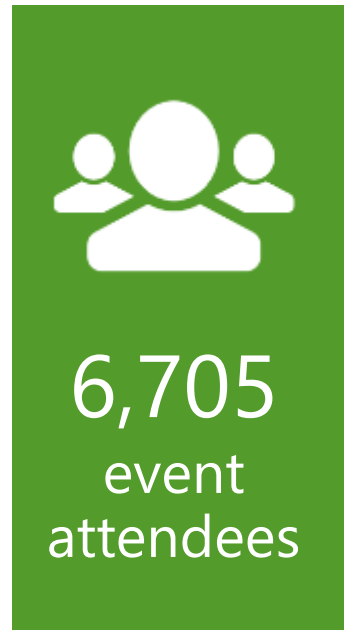
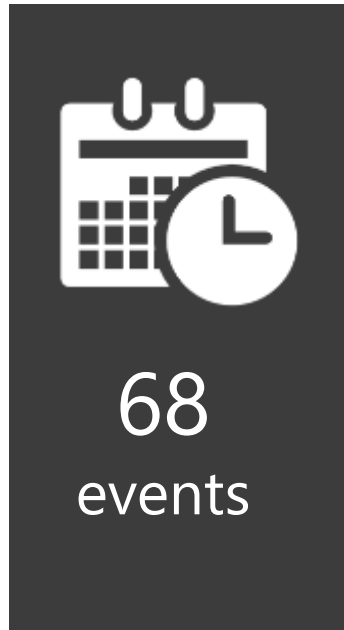
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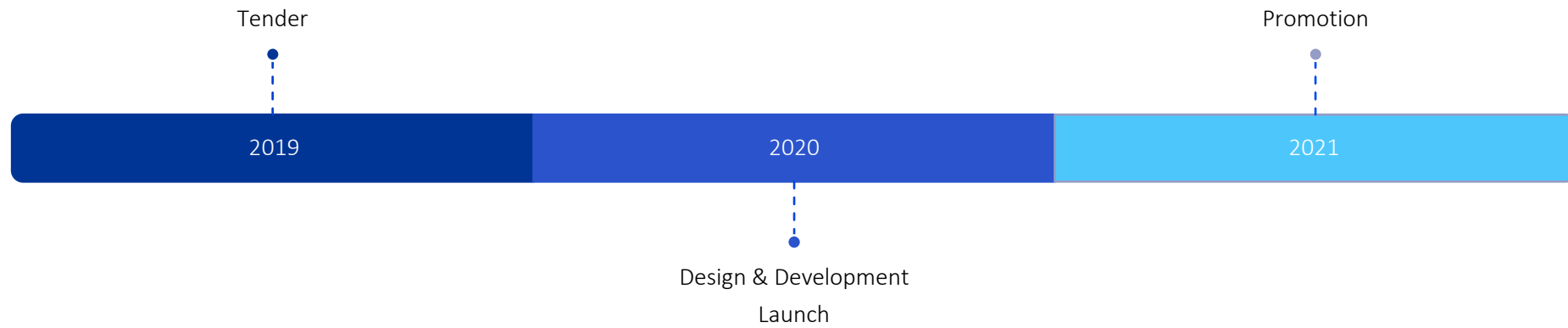
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Carbon reduction, through positive action and climate leadership



Timeline



Scope

Deliverables

- Online Climate Change Charter for businesses, organisations and individuals actions to pledge
- Web-based information about the charter and the actions
- Communications campaign
- Public event/s to launch the charter
- Events to assist to deliver pledged actions
- Demonstrate progress using quantitative and qualitative means including number of signatories and an assessment of the estimated carbon savings





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Sign the charter to become part of the solution



The Cambridge Climate Change Charter gives everyone the opportunity to find out more about their carbon emissions and how to reduce them, and to make a pledge to take action.

Sign up now to become part of the solution to the climate emergency.

Continue as an Individual or Household

Continue as Business or Organisation





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Individuals and households



Every one of us can take steps to reduce our carbon emissions and make net-zero possible. 31% of emissions in Cambridge are from heating and powering homes and 20% are from transport, so any steps that you take to reduce your carbon footprint will make a contribution. You can use the carbon footprint calculator to better understand your emissions and then pledge to take actions, or you can go straight to the pledge itself.

Calculate your personal carbon footprint

Pledge action & sign the Charter



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Businesses and organisations



Signal your desire to be part of a community pushing together to meet net zero by signing the Cambridge Climate Change Charter for Businesses and Organisations. Industry accounts for 49% of carbon emissions in Cambridge, businesses therefore have a crucial role to play in responding to the climate emergency.

Sign the Charter and pledge to take action



Carbon Footprint Calculator



Almost everything we do creates carbon* which, in excess, can damage our climate and environment. The following calculator helps you to find out how much carbon your habits produce.

[Calculate your footprint](#)



*More on why and how we calculate carbon emissions can be found [here](#).

We'd like to credit the [Carbon Conversations Calculator](#), developed by Andy Brown and Peter Harper, for some of the methods and materials behind this calculator, along with the team of expert CCF volunteers who built on this and other sources to create it.

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Your Carbon Footprint



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Your footprint is

3.19

tonnes CO₂e
per year!



That's about the weight of
1 Rhino!

Your breakdown

Your personal goals

Your personal goals show your pathway to a carbon neutral future

These goals are based on the Committee for Climate Change recommendations.. You can find more information [here](#)



In order to fight the climate crisis we need to significantly reduce our carbon emissions - starting now!
Sign the [Cambridge Climate Change Charter](#):

[Share](#)

[Join others in taking action!](#)

[Download](#)

Select at least one action to reduce your emissions and at least one to demonstrate climate leadership:

Measure and reduce my emissions:

Demonstrate climate leadership:

Home Energy

(2) selected

- Switch to a 100% renewable electricity tariff ★★★★★
- Install solar panels ★★
- Upgrade my windows to improve insulation ★★
- Install wall insulation ★★
- Insulate my loft ★★
- Eliminate draughts ★
- Review my household energy use regularly
- Heat my house to a lower temperature and only when I need it ★★
- Take fewer baths and shorter showers ★
- Replace unrepairable white goods with extra efficient models ★★

Transport

(2) selected

- Walk or cycle instead of taking the car for one journey a week ★
- Switch as many car journeys as possible to walking, cycling or public transport ★
- Join or start a car pool for regular journeys like commutes ★
- Make my next car an electric or hybrid ★★★★★
- Join an electric car club ★
- Sell my car(s) ★★★★★
- Work from home more often or at a local co-working space ★
- Don't fly for leisure in the next 12 months ★★★★★
- Replace one holiday abroad with a UK destination ★★
- Replace a long-distance flight with a shorter one ★★★★★

Food

(1) selected

Shopping

(0) selected



Home Energy



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Food



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Businesses & Organisations



Climate

Eat more plant-based food

Dairy and other animal products have a higher environmental footprint than many plant-based foods. Reducing them can have both environmental and health benefits.



Why?

Livestock are a significant contributor to food-related emissions. Meat, cheese and animal products generally have a higher carbon footprint than plant-based foods, with products from ruminant animals such as cows, sheep and goats having a particularly high climate impact. This is mainly due to the methane these animals release from digestion, a greenhouse gas which is 25 times more powerful than carbon dioxide in terms of global warming.

Cattle also require large amounts of land for grazing or to grow their feed. This is driving deforestation in many areas, which releases more greenhouse gas emissions, as well as leading to biodiversity loss.

From Ambition to Action seminars

Three expert led seminars for businesses and organisations interested in implementing a carbon reduction action plan.

[Cambridge Carbon Footprint](#), in partnership with [Investors in the Environment](#) (iIE) hosted three, *free* expert led sessions for businesses and organisations looking for advice on how to get started on systematically addressing their carbon footprint. The series of online seminars was designed to introduce participants to the three key areas of an Environmental Management System (EMS).

You can now watch all three sessions free of charge, and download the slides.

49% of Cambridge's greenhouse gas emissions come from industry and commercial sources. We know there's a huge appetite from people within businesses and organisations to play a part in moving towards net zero, but many find it difficult to know where to begin. The 'From Ambition to Action' seminars should provide you with the confidence you need to start implementing a system that suits the scale and unique requirements of the organisation you represent and will signpost you to further support and expertise if needed.

Videos and slides



Understanding your organisation's carbon footprint

How to understand your organisation's environmental impact and calculate your carbon footprint.

Featuring:

- Simon Alsbury – Managing Director of Energise Ltd
- Clare Watters – Consultant with Investors in the Environment



Setting targets and monitoring progress

How to create an action plan and/or environmental management system (EMS) and track your progress.

Featuring:

- Jane Varley – Manager of the Green Business Network
- Warren Pope – Retrofit Project Manager at RetrofitWorks



Communication and engagement

How to effectively communicate your commitments and progress to internal and external stakeholders.

Featuring:

- Dr Jan Maskell – Occupational Psychologist at Training and Development Solutions
- Peter Gilheany – Director of



So far

These individuals and organisations have signed the Charter and pledged to reduce their carbon footprint:

Simon Saggars



With the pledges in the Charter, Cambridge is set to save

25.01t of CO2

over the next 12 months!

Thank you.

