



East Herts Council

Scrutiny Task & Finish Group – Climate Change

Scoping the Review

| Parent Scrutiny Committee | Environment Scrutiny |
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| Enquiry name | Climate Change: To make informed policy recommendations for the development of a climate change strategy and action plan for East Herts Council |
| Start date | May 2008 |
| Proposed completion date | February 2009 |
| Report date to parent committee and to Executive | June 2008: Environment Scrutiny Committee: report on scoping and terms of reference. Sept 2008: Environment Scrutiny Committee: progress report and possible interim recommendations (Exec: Oct 2008) March 2009: Environment Scrutiny Committee: outcome report (Exec: April 2009) |
| Terms of reference | To gather evidence from research and if appropriate expert witnesses as well as the views of local stakeholders, to make informed policy recommendations. To review and extend the earlier work of members and officers. |
| Summary of enquiry | To bring together the wider policy, legislative and environmental drivers impacting on climate change to inform local policy recommendations. These recommendations to include/cover <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation and adaption measures • The Council as an estate manager • The Council as a service provider |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council as a community leader |
| Reason for enquiry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To meet the Council's own objectives around environmental sustainability. • To meet forthcoming legislative targets. • To meet the undertaking and commitment made by East Herts Council as a signatory to the "Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change" (made in March 2007). |
| Potential outcome/s | <p>To make a set of practical recommendations which will provide the council with a basis for <u>action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to inform the development of a local, practical, proportional and pragmatic Climate Change strategy for East Herts Council • which are within the Council's remit to influence • which will underpin the Council's corporate and community leadership response on this issue. <p>To deliver a <u>challenging but realistic action plan</u> that will lead the way by providing an example that others can follow.</p> |
| What will not be included: | <p>This group will work with the assumption that human activity is linked to climate change – and will not review the evidence for and accepted scientific consensus of, the reality of climate change.</p> <p>The Council's Recycling Policy which has recently been the subject of a separate review.</p> |
| Relevant corporate and/or community strategy/ies | <p>Caring about what's built and where <i>Care for and improve our natural and built environment.</i></p> <p>Leading the way, working together <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p> |
| Portfolio holder | Cllr Terence Milner – Environment and |

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| Members conducting the scrutiny | <p>a Climate Change Task and Finish Group of Members should be set up including: Councillor D.A.A. Peek as Chairman with nominated Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.H. Goldspink • R Cheswright • D Andrews • J Mayes • R N Copping • D Clark |
| Key stakeholders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Members and Officers • All partners where EHC is the estate manager • All partners where EHC is the service provider or responsible for service provision • Residents • Youth Council • Business community • LSP agencies (including all RSLs) |
| Officer involvement | Cliff Cardoza David Thorogood |
| Potential witnesses | tbc |
| Research data | <p>There is a wealth of information on this subject in the public domain as well as scientific/academic material: some of which may be considered during the work of this group.</p> <p>In particular locally, we have the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Herts Environmental Policy Statement • East Herts Energy Policy and Action Plan • Building Futures Guidance • Hertfordshire Environmental Forum Quality of Life Report 2007 |