

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 10 JUNE 2008

REPORT BY CLIMATE CHANGE TASK AND FINISH GROUP

6. CLIMATE CHANGE – SCOPE OF THE REVIEW

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

'D' RECOMMENDATION - that the scope of the review be approved.

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1.0 Purpose/Summary of Report

1.1 To give the Environment Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to review and approve the scoping document for the Climate Change Task and Finish group.

2.0 Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/Objectives

2.1 Effective use of the scrutiny process in general contributes to the Council's ability to meet two core objectives:

**Fit for purpose, services fit for you**

*Deliver customer focused services by maintaining and developing a well managed and publicly accountable organisation.*

**Leading the way, working together**

*Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.*

2.2 The Climate Change review will contribute to:

**Caring about what's built and where**

*Care for and improve our natural and built environment.*

**Leading the way, working together**

*Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.*

### 3.0 Background

3.1 The Climate Change Task and Finish group was set up by the Environment Scrutiny Committee at the February 2008 meeting to review evidence and then make informed policy recommendations for the development of a climate change strategy and action plan for East Herts Council.

### 4.0 Report

4.1 The draft scoping document follows as Appendix A on page 15.

4.2 Two officer working groups are being set up to support the Task and Finish Group.

4.3 The first will bring together officers involved in strategy and policy development. This group will bring together information on how the Council and its partners are seeking to influence climate change and advise on the policy issues for consideration in developing a Climate Change Strategy.

4.4 The second group will consist of officers from operational disciplines, who will work on implementing the systems and processes to collect data on the Council's impact upon carbon production and identify opportunities for carbon reduction and inform the development of a Climate Change Action Plan.

### 5.0 Consultation

5.1 The scope of this review has been discussed by the members of the Task and Finish group with the Executive member (Environment and Conservation) and the lead officers.

5.2 A draft copy of the scoping document has been shared with Chairman of Environment Scrutiny Committee and Director of Customer and Community Services.

### 6.0 Legal Implications

6.1 None.

### 7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8.0 Human Resource Implications

8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management Implications

9.1 None.

Background Papers:

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