

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 13 MARCH, 2012

REPORT BY HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

EAST HERTS CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN REVIEW OF PROGRESS

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To update the Committee on progress achieved during the first two years of implementation of the East Herts Climate Change Action Plan.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR : Environment Scrutiny</u>	
(A)	To scrutinise the progress achieved in implementing the East Herts Climate Change Action Plan, since its adoption by the Council in December 2010.

1.0 Background

Members will recall that the Council adopted the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan in December 2009. The Environment Scrutiny Committee asked at the time that progress with the Action Plan would be reported to the committee on a regular basis. This report provides an update with progress to date.

1.1 It should be noted that all agreed initiatives within the Action Plan that have cost implications were/are subject to a business case analysis before implementation to ensure value for money.

1.2 The document appended as **Essential Reference Paper B** to this report summarises the work achieved to date (December 2009-

March 2012) in implementing the Action Plan. It also includes the additional actions recommended for inclusion in the Action Plan by this Committee at its meeting on 15th March 2011.

2.0 Report

2.1. Officers are pleased to report that good progress has been made with implementation of the majority of actions within the Action Plan and that in general work is progressing to schedule, subject to thorough business case justification where appropriate.

2.2 The main area for activity this year along with the ongoing implementation of certain key projects, as outlined in the Action Plan update, is to increase staff awareness of energy efficiency and recycling opportunities. This will be chiefly implemented through regular ongoing communication via the intranet and the in-house magazine, together with poster campaigns.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

East Herts Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan – December 2009
Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee –
15th March 2011

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ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:</p>	<p>Pride in East Herts <i>Improve standards of the neighbourhood and environmental management in our towns and villages.</i></p> <p>Caring about what's built and where <i>Care for and improve our natural and built environment.</i></p> <p>Shaping now, shaping the future <i>Safeguard and enhance our unique mix of rural and urban communities, ensuring sustainable, economic and social opportunities including the continuation of effective development control and other measures.</i></p> <p>Leading the way, working together <i>Deliver responsible community leadership that engages with our partners and the public.</i></p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>There are believed to be no legal implications arising from this report</p>
<p>Financial:</p>	<p>There are believed to be no financial implications arising from this report, as all actions with financial implications for the Council are subject to a full business case analysis before implementation.</p>
<p>Human Resource:</p>	<p>There are no human resources implications arising from this report</p>
<p>Risk Management:</p>	<p>There are no risk management implications arising from this report</p>