

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER “C”

On-going work of the Council to tackle Climate Change

- This covers a range of activities already undertaken by the council which have been considered and scrutinised by the Task and Finish Group.
- The Task and Finish Group recommends that work already underway in these areas is recognised and the continuation of these activities is endorsed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Activity
Carbon reduction
C1) The Group welcomes the work of the District on behalf of other Hertfordshire authorities in developing a tri-LEP area (Herts LEP, New Anglia LEP, Cambridge and Peterborough LEP) regional energy strategy, investigating local energy grid constraints through constraint mapping
Clean growth, carbon efficiency and energy generation
C2) Continue to work with partners and Herts LEP to establish 3-year Local Energy East ERDF scheme in East Herts providing energy efficiency advice and wider carbon reduction measures to local SMEs
C3) Continue to host energy efficiency seminars to inform local SMEs on energy efficiency advice/opportunities and look to develop new funding schemes with partners to facilitate further such schemes.
Community development and communication
C4) The Council, as a trusted local information source, should continue to promote information on renewable energy technologies to local residents
C5) Continue to work to promote reduction in the use of plastic both within the Council and across the District, building upon the position and principles statement on single use plastics adopted by the Council on 25 th July 2018.
C6) Continue to recognise the importance of 'joined-up thinking' across local government tiers, council departments and local community organisations to aid action on climate change
Cleaner Transport
C7) Continue to promote clear internal guidance on staff business transport “hierarchy” i.e. avoiding need to travel (though use of e-communication) > public transport>pool vehicle/e-car >private car
Energy Affordability and home energy efficiency
C8) Continue the successful joint partnership approach with other Herts authorities in relation to Hertfordshire Warmer Homes, to provide advice and practical assistance on energy efficiency to vulnerable local householders.