

Board/Committee:	Climate Change Board
Date of meeting:	12/11/2020
Title:	Progress on Climate Change Motion
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Status:	For Noting

Purpose

This report sets out the progress that has been achieved against the Climate Change Motion that was passed at Community Board on 4th March 2020.

Recommendation

That the Board notes this progress update.

1.0	Background
1.1	The Community Board passed a Climate Change Motion on 4 th March 2020.
1.2	The Climate Change Board has since been established which provides the governance arrangements for the Council's approach on Climate Change.
2.0	Report
2.1	Progress on the Climate Change Motion has been reviewed and is shown in Appendix 1.
2.2	Overall progress has been good with the majority of the elements of the motion achieved or in progress.
2.3	<p>There are only two outstanding elements of the motion.</p> <p>The first element is 'Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask our MP to do likewise'. This could be achieved by the Board Chairman sending a letter to our MP and to make the necessary representations to Government as when appropriate. The Board Chairman, before progressing this action and including it in the Climate Change Action Plan, wanted to make Members aware of this proposed approach.</p> <p>The second element is 'review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio.' The Council's investment strategy review is due March 2021 so the Climate Change Action plan will be updated to include this action.</p>
2.4	A Community Engagement Framework Report is being presented to this Board which will provide a more detailed update on motion elements 5, 6 and 7.

3.0	Conclusion
3.1	Progress against the Climate Change motion is outlined which the Board is asked to note.

Financial Services comments:	
Legal Services comments:	Contained within the report.
Equality and Diversity:	N/A
Climate Change implications:	<i>Progressing the Climate Change Motion has a positive impact on the Council's Climate Change Activity.</i>
Crime and Disorder:	N/A
Service Improvement Plan implications:	<i>Actions required are already integrated into Service Plans.</i>
Corporate Plan:	
Risk Assessment:	<i>Failure to achieve the motion could generate a risk in delivery of the Council's strategic approach towards Climate Change.</i>
Background Papers:	No
Appendices:	<i>Appendix 1</i>
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Climate Change Motion Update

The table below details the Climate Change Motion (by individual statement) how this is achieved and progress status.

	Statement	How achieved	Status
1.	Declare that 'Climate Change is real' and requires urgent action	Approval of this motion underpins this ethos	Complete
2.	Prioritise the work of the Climate Change Working Group	The establishment of the Climate Change Service Board, within the Council's formal reporting structure achieves this	Complete
3.	Incorporate the CCWG Strategy in its approaches to planning decisions	Work on the revised Local Plan is ongoing but Members are reminded that planning decisions must be in accordance with the Development Plan (incorporating the Local Plan) as a matter of law.	In progress
4.	Ensure that political and chief officer/section head leadership teams embed this work in all areas and take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities	The Climate Change Action Plan is reviewed by Chief Officer/Section Head Leadership Team and forms part of the Council's work for review by the Climate Change Board, which provides political leadership. An integrated Impact Assessment is also being developed to ensure due consideration is given to this issue on every Board report.	In progress
5.	Take steps to proactively include young people in the process, ensuring that they have a voice in shaping the future	This is being developed as part of the Climate Change Community Engagement Strategy	In progress
6.	Develop a Citizens' Assembly in order to involve the wider population in this process. This group would help develop their own role, consider the latest climate science and expert	This is being developed as part of the Climate Change Community Engagement Strategy	In progress

	advice on solutions and to consider systematically the climate change impact of each area of the Council's activities		
7.	Establish a Climate Change Partnership group, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens, relevant experts, businesses, Citizens Assembly representatives and other relevant parties. It will also recommend ways to maximise local benefits of these actions in other sectors such as employment, health, transport and the local economy	Concept included in the Climate Change Engagement Strategy	In progress
8.	Report on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan and other investments have, and review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio	HCC to provide information with regard to pension investment. GBC will review its investment strategy. ¹	In progress regarding pension plan. Action required: GBC review the Council's investment strategy to give due consideration to climate change impacts in the investment portfolio

¹ GBC short term investments are deposited with financial institutions and it has no investments backed by ownership in a company

9.	Work with, influence and inspire partners across the Borough, County and region to help deliver this goal	This is an aspirational statement and will be delivered through the Climate Change Action Plan	N/A
10.	Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask our MP to do likewise	Chairman of the Board to write to MP/relevant Government Department	Action required: suggested approach - Chairman of the Board to write to MP/relevant Government Department