

**A MEETING OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD
WAS HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2022**

Councillor Burgess

Councillors Mrs Huggins, Chegwyn, Hylands, Jessop, Johnston, Meenaghan and Mrs Morgan

PART II

68. REDUCTION OF PAPER USE BY COUNCIL BOARDS

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety regarding the setting up of a Task & Finish Group to consider opportunities to reduce paper use by Council Boards.

In answer to a Members question, Officers advised that they were still collating data on paper use within the Town Hall and were liaising with other departments to obtain the figures.

A Member advised that there would need to be a cultural shift, and the technical infrastructure and such considerations as licenses for online provision of reports would need to be taken into account.

A Member advised that Hampshire County Council had been paperless for some years, with Councillors having no option.

Members recognised that some Councilors may struggle with long screen times due to sight/eye issues.

Members felt that all Councillors and Officers own and use some form of device, but recognised that IT issues were frequent and may need specialist support.

RESOLVED: That the Board approved the establishment of a Task & Finish Group to consider opportunities to reduce paper use by Council Boards and report back to the Climate Change Board within 6 months with its findings.

CHAIRMAN

Concluded at 7.02 pm