

MINUTES OF CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

16 MARCH 2022

PRESENT:

Members of the Working Group: Councillors Mrs Crane (Chair), Brader, Mrs O'Rourke, Picker, Rabin and Roodhouse

Officers: Dan Green (Deputy Executive Director) and Linn Ashmore (Democratic Services Officer)

25. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2022 were approved.

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Picker (Part 1 – agenda item 4) by virtue of being a ward councillor for Hillmorton.

27. PRESENTATION FROM URBAN AND CIVIC

The Working Group received a detailed presentation from Urban and Civic concerning the company's developing strategy for climate change, biodiversity and health and wellbeing including the action areas for implementation of its evolving Sustainability Framework.

The benefits of working together on the future journey was recognised and supported by the Working Group.

27. SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN SPD

The Chief Officer – Growth and Investment gave the Working Group an update on the current progress of creating the SPD including aspirations for its style and content.

A draft SPD would be brought back to the Working Group for consideration. The draft SPD would be subject to a six-week public consultation period.

28. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY UPDATE

The Deputy Executive Director shared a presentation with the Working Group providing an update on the delivery of the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan including work completed since the last meeting and planned work for March/April.

Examples of work included:

- Carbon literacy training
- Introduction of Climate Change and Environmental Impact Assessments for all Council and Cabinet reports.
- Engagement with local businesses and not for profit groups on aspirations for the town centre.
- Further consideration of ways the Council can reduce carbon emissions including decarbonisation of its housing developments and vehicle fleet.
- Explore opportunities for Green Financing.
- Creation of a consultation document and plan.

Due to restrictions of the pre-election period, it was agreed that the public consultation for the climate change strategy would follow the elections.

CHAIR