

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25th August 2010

REPORT TITLE

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Brandon Clayton
Relevant Head of Service	Hugh Bennett, Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision - Not a key decision at this stage.	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

The report contains further information about the Joint Climate Change Strategy for Bromsgrove District and Redditch Borough Councils.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that

Council adopt the Joint Climate Change Strategy; and

to RESOLVE that

the report be noted.

3. BACKGROUND

The issues of Climate Change are not geographically specific. Therefore a joint strategy for reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change is proposed.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Council needs to bring down its own carbon emissions and influence the reduction of emissions arising from residents' homes, local businesses and transport.
- 4.2 The Council needs to prepare itself for increasing occurrences of severe weather which may put service delivery at risk.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is currently no specific budget for climate change activity. This strategy does not ask for additional funding, however, it does require acceptance of potential spend to save activity. Should funding be required,

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separate capital bids would be submitted. In addition, external funding will be sought wherever possible. A key proposal for funding activity is to identify efficiency savings, and then receive a proportion of those savings for climate change work, with the remainder returning to the Council's overall funding.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Climate Change Act 2008 places the Secretary of State under a duty to ensure that the net UK carbon account for the year 2050 is at least 80% lower than the 1990 baseline.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This strategy will set out the strategic framework in which the Council will tackle one of its corporate priorities of climate change.

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

As above, Climate Change is a corporate priority.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

There is a risk that without a strategy the Council will not hit relevant National Indicator nor Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets.

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications for the Council's customers.

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The strategy has implications for reducing fuel poverty and health inequality.

12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

A large section of this strategy describes how we need to manage our assets in a more efficient way, saving both money and carbon emissions.

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13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY

This strategy has significant implications to improve the Council's performance in the areas of climate change, carbon management and biodiversity.

14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

One of the strategy's actions is to review the mileage reimbursement rate as part of the Harmonisation of Terms and Conditions, with a view to reducing overall business mileage.

15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Climate Change action plan will be monitored quarterly.

16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

There are no community safety implications.

17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The strategy aims to consider how it can reduce health inequality.

18. LESSONS LEARNT

No lessons have been learnt in the production of this report.

19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

A consultation on this strategy will be carried out with key stakeholders across the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).

20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	No

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Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	Yes
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	Yes
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	Yes
Head of Service	All
Head of Resources	
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	
Corporate Procurement Team	No

21. WARDS AFFECTED

All wards

22. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Draft Climate Change Strategy

23. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Climate Change Act 2008.

24. KEY

LAA - Local Area Agreement
LSP - Local Strategic Partnership

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