

**COUNCIL'S PROGRESS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH  
EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS**

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**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the achievements towards reducing Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions against agreed Climate Change reduction targets.

**2 Recommendations/for decision**

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| 2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the position and ask Officers to continue to work towards seeking reductions in the Council's carbon footprint in order to continue to address climate change and assist the Council to achieve significant financial savings to help sustain its operations. |
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**3 Supporting information**

- 3.1 The attached report was submitted to the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee on 13 June 2017 and provides an update on the Council's progress made towards the achievement of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions against our target (see appendix 2). It also refers to reductions made against all green house gases for which the Council does not have a target (see appendix 3) but for which the Council is obligated to report to Government upon.
- 3.2 The Council committed to tackling Climate Change in 2008 following the production and publication of its first Carbon Management Plan. This proposed and committed the Council to a target of 22% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2013. The Council also formally adopted the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change in 2009.
- 3.3 Since then, the Council has made large strides towards the addressing of achievement of these targets through energy and fuel reductions across our estate and fleet.
- 3.4 The attached report and appendixes were considered by the Scrutiny Committee who were supportive of the work being done to reduce the Council's carbon footprint.
- 3.5 Members also discussed the need to improve air quality in some areas in Aylesbury, including the bus drop off / pick up area at the Grange School.
- 3.6 Cabinet is asked to note the position and ask Officers to continue to work towards seeking reductions in the Council's carbon footprint in order to continue to address climate change and assist the Council to achieve significant financial savings to help sustain its operations.

**4 Options considered**

- 4.1 Not to continue to work towards reducing the Council's carbon footprint. However, continuing to do so demonstrates the Council's commitment to providing environmental leadership and will also assist the Council to achieve significant financial savings to help sustain its operations.

## **5 Resource implications**

- 5.1 There are no direct additional resource implications relating to this report other than those already funded. All in house energy efficiency measures are funded through the Salix ring fenced energy fund which is a 0% loan from Government matched by the Council. This fund has already recycled four (4) times and continues to deliver proven savings of over £240,000 per annum.

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Background Papers: None.