

AVDC ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

Councillor Irwin

Cabinet Member for Environment

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To highlight the work that AVDC has undertaken to improve the environment of the Vale, together with a proposal to continue to build on that work through AVDC's environmental initiative programme.

2. For Decision

Council is asked to:-

- 2.1 Note the work already undertaken on environmental issues across the Vale, and the proposal to continue this work through the AVDC environmental initiatives programme, as set out in the attached Cabinet report.
- 2.2 Approve the release of up to £60,000 from general funds / unallocated balances for this next phase of environmental initiatives.

3. Supporting Information

- 3.1 At the Council meeting of 17 July 2019, the Leader announced that Officers had been asked to facilitate a debate at the next full meeting of the Council on the actions that AVDC was taking, and might be able to take in the future, to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- 3.2 Attached is a report that was submitted to the Cabinet meeting on 11 September 2019 and which highlighted the work that AVDC has undertaken to improve the environment of the Vale.
- 3.3 Building on this success, the Cabinet report proposed that funding be made available to employ a technical consultant to draft and implement the next stage of the Council's environmental initiative programme. The report highlighted some examples of what could be achieved locally that would continue to drive cultural change and improve focus environmental issues in the Vale.
- 3.4 This new phase of the environmental initiative would require the creation of a budget of up to £60,000 to provide administrative and technical resource required to develop the action plan and deliver the initiative. As no monies had currently been specified for this use, the budget would need to be funded through the use of general funds, unallocated balances.
- 3.5 It is anticipated that Cabinet will make the above recommendations to Council having regard to the proposed recommendations to be considered at that meeting. However, should this not be the case, a copy of Cabinet's final recommendations will be circulated at the Council meeting.

4. Options Considered/Reasons for Recommendations/Resource Implications

4.1 These are all detailed in the attached Cabinet report.

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Background documents: As detailed