

## Environment & Green Investment (E&GI) Committee feedback on Business and Financial Plan 2024-29

Meeting held 18 January 2024

The Committee noted the excellent work to date on delivering the Council's Net Zero carbon ambitions. Clarity was sought on ensuring that the CCC (Cambridgeshire County Council) proposals around office rationalisation and investment will account for this ambition. It was confirmed that it does and officers will update via the Asset and Procurement Committee but ask they note any issues and forward to this Committee.

Clarity was also sought on the position of Household Recycling Centre (HRC) fees and charges. Officers clarified it is a 2025/26 proposal and they will be looking at potential fees and charges for trade waste but confirmed the first step is to review and if there were any firm proposals then these would be taken forward including consultation as part of that process.

It was also recommended that Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee on 30 January look further at the investment in Emergency planning and the need for more prioritisation of funds for continued improvements in forward planning and response capacity. Officers did note that there was other investment in other proposals within the remit of the Highways and Transport Committee, including drainage and gullies within the £3 million Highways and footways investment as well as the Just Transition Fund (JFT) proposal for developing the evidence base for climate risk and impacts on our services. This will include flood risk, drought, overheating for example and will complement and inform service planning and emergency planning support.

It was noted in clarity the progress with the delivery of our energy projects, including the development of a Local Area Energy Planning, this will be brought back to this Committee.

Tributes were made towards Connecting Cambridgeshire and the Energy Projects foresight, and members welcomed the continued prioritised investment.