

INTERNAL MEMBER ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

To: Economy and Environment Committee
Meeting Date: 11 July 2019
From: Steve Cox, Executive Director – Place and Economy
Electoral division(s): ALL

Forward Plan ref: **Key decision:** **No**

Purpose: To appoint Members to a cross party Internal Advisory Group for the development of the Council’s Climate Change and Environment Strategy.

Recommendation: Committee is asked to:

- a) Note and comment on Appendix A: the Draft Terms of Reference for the Internal Advisory Group**
- b) Note and comment on Appendix B: the draft Vision and Objectives of the Strategy**
- c) Nominate 5 Members to the Climate Change and Environment Strategy Internal Advisory Group.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In May 2019, Full Council supported Cllr Count's environment motion. This recognised that man-made climate change poses significant risk to our health, our economy, our environment, and endangers the wellbeing of future generations. As a result, Full Council declared a climate emergency and supported the bringing together of existing work on the environment to form a Climate Change and Environment Strategy (CCES).

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 As part of the governance process for the development of the CCES, it is recommended that a cross party, internal Advisory Group is set up to guide the Officer Steering Group in the development of the CCES. A draft terms of reference is attached as Appendix A identifying the potential purpose and role of the Group and where this sits in the internal governance for the Strategy. The details of the Terms of Reference can be finalised with the Advisory Group when it is appointed and first meets. Appendix B highlights the draft strategy vision and objectives.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

Paragraph 1.1 describes the risk of climate change and the development of the CCES to support future quality of life for our communities.

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

As above.

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

Of particular concern for young people is the impact of air pollution on children's developing lungs. An action plan to mitigate air pollution on young people was agreed as part of Cllr Hudson's motion to Full Council in May 2019. This work can be included in the CCES.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

The cross- party, internal Member Advisory group will need to dedicate time to meetings and talking to key stakeholders to advise the Officer Steering Group.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

There are no significant implications

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

There are no significant implications for this report but more broadly, the development of the CCES will look to engage with partners, the community and young people.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications

4.7 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications for this report but more broadly, the development of the CCES will look to address paragraph 3.3 above.

| Implications | Officer Clearance |
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| Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance? | Yes Name of Financial Officer: Sarah Heywood |
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| Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement? | Yes Name of Officer: Gus de Silva |
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| Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by LGSS Law? | Yes Name of Legal Officer: Debbie Carter-Hughes |
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| Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact? | Yes Name of Officer: Elsa Evans |
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| Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications? | Yes Name of Officer: Sarah Silk |
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| Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact? | Yes Name of Officer: Emma Fitch |
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| Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health | Yes Name of Officer: Stuart Keeble |

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| Source Documents | Location |
| Agenda, papers and minutes from 14 th May2019, Full Council meeting including Cllr Steve Count's environment motion and Cllr Hudson's air pollution motion. | www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk |

Appendix A: Draft Terms of Reference

Internal Advisory Board for the development of a Climate Change and Environment Strategy- Terms of reference V 0.1 DRAFT

1.0 Purpose of the Group

The group will advise on the development of the Climate Change and Environment Strategy (CCES) recognising the challenging financial pressures the Council faces and the potential of the strategy to help shape societal change through setting a roadmap to net zero carbon emissions by 2050. It will advise on the setting of targets to reduce carbon emissions, pollution and the protection of bio-diversity and the mechanisms for engaging with partners, the community and our young people.

2.0 Role of Group Members:

To advise on the vision, strategic objectives and engagement processes to deliver the Strategy, Members will need to consult and take soundings from the following stakeholders: County Council Members, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Greater Cambridge Partnership, Local Authorities, Local Government Association and other relevant bodies to be identified.

3.0 Frequency of meetings:

Monthly, or as determined by the Board to deliver the Strategy.

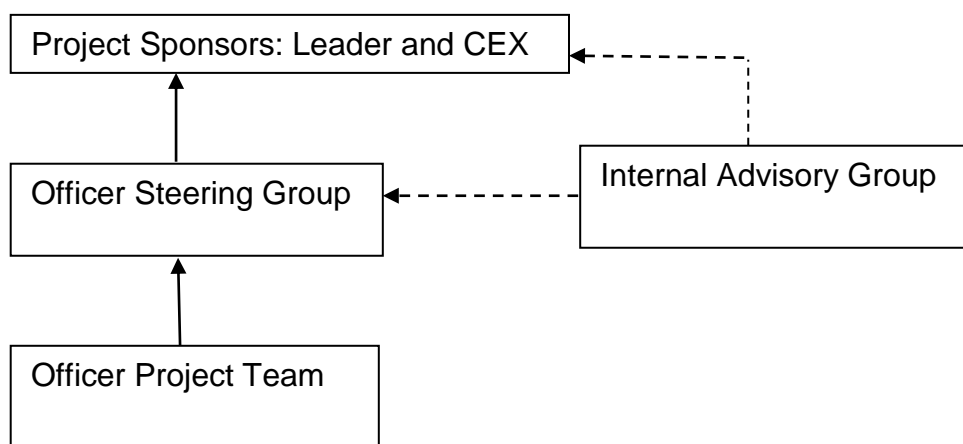
4.0 Timeline for developing the Strategy

It is hoped to approve the Strategy by March 2020. An interim target will be to approve a draft Strategy for engagement with the community by November 2019.

5.0 Details of the Advisory Group Members

It is proposed 5 members are appointed to the Advisory Group reflecting the political makeup of the Council.

6.0 Governance of the CCES



Appendix B: The draft Vision and Objectives for the Strategy (subject to discussion and agreement)

1.0 Draft Strategy Vision

To deliver net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire (and Peterborough) by 2050 in partnership with all stakeholders, whilst supporting our communities and Cambridgeshire's biodiversity to adapt and flourish as our climate changes.

2.0 Draft Objectives

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the impacts of man-made climate change
- Support our communities and biodiversity to adapt to a changing climate
- Improve Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's Natural Capital for future generations
- Empower Cambridgeshire communities and businesses to buy-into and deliver the Strategy vision
- To agree the carbon footprint for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and an action plan to track carbon emissions reductions

3.0 Key mechanisms for the development of the strategy

- 3.1 Engagement of partners and the community in the development of the strategy is important and can include:
- Setting up a representative group of partners, stakeholders and the community to engage in the strategy as it develops.
 - Engaging with Eco-School Councils across Cambridgeshire to involve young people
 - Identifying local community groups to consult on the detail in the strategy and engage in the strategy development
 - Working with Cambridgeshire Cleantech and its membership to mobilise business innovation
- 3.2 Cambridge University Science and Policy Exchange (CUSPE) is developing a carbon footprint for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough which will form an evidence base for the strategy. The carbon footprint can then be analysed to determine what elements are under the direct control of the County Council and which can be influenced. This will lead to the setting of a baseline and key performance indicators for the strategy.
- 3.3 An action plan will be developed reflecting existing commitments already agreed by the Council such as the energy, flood and water management and plastics strategies, plus cover additional actions that support the delivery of the strategy.