

Appendix 1: Climate Emergency – Progress Update on Executive Recommendations

Recommendations from November 2019	Actions / Progress and Responsibilities
2.1 The Executive agrees the high level steps to develop and implement the Climate Change Action Plan.	The proposed Action Programme is attached to this Executive report.
2.2 The Executive agrees to include as an addition to the Council vision "Making Warwick District a Great place to live, work and visit" the words "carbon neutral by 2030" when recommending the final version of Business Strategy to Council.	<p>The draft Business Strategy is reported for Executive approval at the February 2020 committee. Once approved, arrangements have been had to progress the communication of the new vision and Strategy accordingly.</p> <p>The Climate Emergency logo has been amended to include 'carbon neutral by 2030'</p>
2.3 The Executive notes the identified carbon footprint of the Council and of the District area as set out and agrees that the measures identified be used to prioritise actions and provide the baseline against which to monitor progress in reaching carbon neutrality by the intended dates on an annual basis.	<p>No further action required.</p> <p>The District baseline data has been further ratified by ATI Projects Ltd and is outlined in the attached report.</p>
2.4 The Executive agrees the strategic direction for addressing the Climate Change Emergency declaration as set out.	No further action required as was agreed at Executive November 2019
2.5 The Executive notes the planned next steps to complete a detailed Climate Change Action Plan with specific costed and measured actions to reduce to zero, the Council's carbon footprint by 2025 and the District's carbon footprint by 2030 with the aim of reporting in February 2020 along with the Council's Business Strategy and Budget proposals. This is to be accompanied by a specific risk register for the action plan.	<p>The proposed Action Programme is attached to this Executive report.</p> <p>The risk register will be developed once a decision has been made. *</p>

<p>2.6 The Executive notes and supports the work that has and is currently being undertaken by the Council currently to address the impacts of Climate Change, to improve air quality and to encourage sustainable measures and behaviours.</p>	<p>No further action required. Noted at Executive November 2019.</p>
<p>2.7 The Executive tasks the Climate Change Emergency Working Party (CCEWP) to report on the most appropriate approaches to engaging the wider resident, business, public and voluntary communities and organisations in the District to support the adoption of measures that will respond to the Climate Change Emergency and lead to the District being close to net zero carbo by 2030, and to report back with its conclusions and recommendations by February 2020. This work on engagement will also relate to recommendation 2.11.</p>	<p>Current progress contained within the Executive report papers. Further work is required. *</p>
<p>2.8 The Executive asks the County Council Pension Fund (and the other Council Member organisations of the Pension Fund for their support) to provide annual impact reports on the tonnes of carbon dioxide generated by its investments funds and that in addition it be requested to adopt a strategy for disinvesting from fossil fuel investments by a stated date.</p>	<p>Decisions are to be taken by the relevant pension committee based upon the need to meet pension fund objectives and having regard to the broad employer base and membership of the fund.</p> <p>The fund has an approach to ESG set out in its investment strategy statement and this statement is being reviewed in March 2020. The fund is also looking at setting a climate change strategy at the same time or incorporating regard to climate change explicitly into the ESG statement. The fund has also adopted the Responsible Investment Polices of Border to Coast - who now manage all of our actively managed listed equities and some of our alternatives funds. *</p>
<p>2.9 The Executive requests that a report be commissioned and provided to it no later than March 2020, which:</p> <p>a) reviews all investments held by Warwick District Council, identifying funds which invest</p>	<p>The Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement will be reported to March Executive. This will consider where the Council's investments are in relation to fossil fuel.</p> <p>The 2020/21 Treasury Strategy will propose an approach to the Council divesting from direct ownership of fossil fuels companies or commingled</p>

<p>in direct ownership of fossil fuel companies or commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds and to report its findings;</p> <p>b) evaluates a potential approach for the Council's Investment Strategy for 2020/21 and beyond, of divesting from direct ownership of fossil fuels companies or commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds by no later than 2025.</p>	<p>funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds by no later than 2025. *</p>
<p>2.10 The Executive asks partner agencies (e.g. the other Councils in the sub region and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust) to consider how the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Bio-Diversity Action Plan may be usefully updated to reflect the Climate Change Emergency Declarations.</p>	<p>The Bio Diversity Action Plan is likely to be overtaken by the proposed Environment Act. The WWT has commented that the climate crisis is something that will be considering as part of the future development and implementation of the BAP. The situation goes further than that though as the climate and ecological crisis affects a much broader set of species that are prioritised by BAP species and habitat plans. The climate crisis has the potential to impact all species in our region. Therefore, WDC will continue to explore collaborations with key partners (e.g. the other Councils in the sub region and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust) through the Local Nature Partnership and other strategic partnerships to identify opportunities that address the climate and ecological crisis in a holistic way (e.g. natural flood management, tree planting and wildlife habitat creation). *</p>
<p>2.11 The Executive engages with the principal public agencies and largest employers, within the District, as listed in Paragraph 3.25 of the report, to support the Climate Change Emergency by them declaring an Emergency. The CCEWP to advise on the engagement process to be deployed as part of its work within recommendation 2.7.</p>	<p>Conversations are being had to engage and work with the districts largest employers to support climate change emergency. The activities required to implement this recommendation is ongoing.</p> <p>Meetings held to date with: WCC; Warwickshire Police; Warwick University; South Warwickshire General Foundation Hospital Trust; South Warwickshire CCG and Warwickshire College. They are at different stages pf progress but all indicate a willingness to travel in the same direction and some feel that working together will help. *</p>