

PAPER NO. 1

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 10 OCTOBER 2016

Meeting: Executive

Date: 10 October 2016

Subject: First Annual Report on the progress against the Climate Local Action Plan

Report of: Head of Planning and Regeneration

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Bannister

Status: For Information

Relevant Ward(s): All

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 For the Executive to be informed about the contents of the First Annual report of progress against the Climate Local Action Plan adopted by Council in July 2015.

2 **Recommendations:**

2.1 **That the Executive note the content of the First Annual Report on Climate Local which is attached as Appendix A**

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

3.1 For the Executive to be informed about the completion and content of the First Annual Report on Climate Local.

4 Key Facts

4.1 The Council has agreed to become a signatory of the Local Government Association initiative for addressing climate change, known as Climate Local in April 2013. Climate Local requires all signatories to produce an action plan detailing their planned activity to mitigate and adapt to climate change. This was completed and accepted by Council in July 2015. Councils are also asked to report annually on progress against the action plan.

4.2 The attached report (Appendix A) forms the first Annual Climate Local Report on progress against the actions identified in the Action Plan. The report covers all progress up to the end of 2015.

5 Legal Issues

5.1 As set out in the body of this report.

6 Resource Issues

6.1 None as far as this report is concerned.

7 Equality Analysis Implications/Outcomes

7.1 None as far as this report is concerned.

8. Risk Management Implications

8.1 Monitoring of existing commitments helps to inform on progress and identify potential savings for the council and improvements for the communities it serves. It helps to avoid possible reputational risk, if the council was suspected of being unprepared for the challenges of climate change. The report covers many cross cutting business and operational matters including:

- CR 12 - Lack of a co-ordinated approach to Emergency Planning could result in a failure to effectively respond to the situation.
- AM TPR 03 - Increased asset management/property running costs.

9 Consultation

9.1 The portfolioholder has been consulted on the contents of this report.

10. Options

10.1 The main alternative option would be not to publish a Climate Local Progress Report. This option is not recommended as it would reduce the opportunities for the council to highlight the good progress made in this area.

11 Background Papers

11.1 None

Previous report(s):

Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: Y/N

Ward Members Notified: Y/N

Appendices:

A. First Annual Climate Local Progress report