

**PAPER NO. 1**

**REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 6 NOVEMBER 2017**

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**Meeting:** Executive

**Date:** 6 November 2017

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

**Report of:** Regulatory Services Manager

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Bateman – Portfolio Holder Environment and Regulatory Services

**Status:** For Information

**Relevant Ward(s):** All

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1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 For the Executive to be informed about the contents of the second 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 second 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 Second Annual Report on Climate Local.

4 Key Facts

4.1 The Council 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. The first Annual Progress Report was approved by the Executive at the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Councils are also asked to report annually on progress against the action plan.

- 4.2 The attached report (Appendix A) forms the second Annual Climate Local Report on progress against the actions identified in the Action Plan. The report covers all progress up to the end of 2016.
- 4.3 The carbon emissions from corporate assets are monitored and is showing a downward trend from the 2008 base year data. Direct emissions (heating and travel) from Council services have reduced by 4% from the base year data and indirect (electricity usage) has reduced by 22%. The installation of solar photovoltaic panels and LED lighting in the Market Hall has made an impact. However it should be noted that there have been significant changes to the way both the Market Hall and The Symington Building are used since the based line data was collated so a direct comparison can be difficult.
- 4.4 Across the district the carbon emission have dropped but are still above the Leicestershire and national average. This is partly due to the number of older properties without direct access to gas central heating and the rural nature of the district means there is more reliance on car use rather than public transport.
- 4.5 During the year the Council has been working with Flourish Partnership to signpost residents to appropriate funding for energy efficiency improvements. In 2106 170 homes have received additional energy efficiency improvements which could equate to a reduction of over 6600 tonnes of carbon over a 20 year lifetime.

## 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 energy usage of Council assets 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 priorities including:

- To work with communities to develop places in which to live and be happy
- To enable public services which are effective and deliver value for money

8.2 The action plan includes a number of projects where the Council works with Sustainable Harborough. Sustainable Harborough comes to an end in December 2017 and whilst this will not affect the 2016 annual progress report, we will review the impact as part of the 2017 progress report.

## 9 Consultation

9.1 The portfolio holder has been consulted on the contents of the annual progress 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 [First Annual Climate Local Progress report](#)

11.2 [Annual Carbon Inventory reports 2013-14 to 2015-16](#)

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### **Previous report(s):**

**Executive meeting 15 June 2015 – Climate Local Report**

**Executive meeting 10 October 2016 – First Annual Report on the Progress of Climate Local Action Plan**

**Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: Y/N**

**Ward Members Notified: Y/N**

### **Appendices:**

**A. Second Annual Climate Local Progress report**