

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S
REPORT TO**

Economy Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee
30 September 2020

Report Title: Scrutiny Working Party's Findings on Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability

Submitted by: EEP Scrutiny Working Party

Portfolios: Environment and Recycling

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To provide the Committee with the outcome and recommendations of the Scrutiny Working Party's Review on Climate Change and Sustainability.

Recommendation

That the Committee endorses the recommendations of the Working Party and makes recommendations to Council.

Reasons

To complete the task set by the Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee.

1. **Report**

1.1 On 17th December 2019 the Committee, in response to a request made by full Council on 3rd April 2019, considered a report on climate change mitigation. It resolved to set up a Working Party with the following remit and scope:

- To review the Council's record on mitigation and adaption on climate change and to make recommendations to Cabinet with regard to future action;
- To establish a baseline in respect of the Council's current carbon footprint;
- To consider work to date to mitigate the adverse effects of the Council's services;
- To review options and timelines to achieve the target of the Council as an organisation being carbon neutral by 2030.

1.2 The membership of the Working Party was as follows – Councillors Gary White (Chair), Andrew Fear, David Grocott, Mark Holland, Marion Reddish and Amelia Rout.

1.3 The Group met via Zoom on Tuesday 1st September and considered a detailed report presented by the Head of Housing, Regeneration and Assets, along with the Council's Draft Sustainable Environment Plan.

1.4 The Task and Finish Group came up with a series of recommendations which the Committee is asked to endorse and recommend to Council as part of the response to Climate Change.

2. **Appendix**

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

