

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S  
REPORT TO**

**Economy Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee**  
**11 March 2021**

**Report Title:** Sustainable Environment Strategy

**Submitted by:** Executive Management Team

**Portfolios:** Environment and Recycling

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Purpose of the Report**

To consider the Sustainable Environment Strategy which sets out the Council's ambition to be an exemplar local authority in both caring for, and enhancing our local environment for the quality of life of residents now and in the future.

To seek the Committees views on and endorsement of the Sustainable Environment Strategy and Action Plan.

**Recommendation**

**That the Committee considers, comments on and endorses the Sustainable Environment Strategy.**

**Reasons**

To enable the Committee to undertake its remit of scrutinising environmental sustainability and climate change and issues.

1. **Report**

On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Cabinet considered a report on a Sustainable Environment Strategy and Action Plan for the Council and the Borough. Councillor Johnson referred to the Council's resolution in 2019 declaring a climate emergency and the commitment of Cabinet to deliver a sustainable environment strategy.

The Leader reported how the work would be ongoing and would involve partners including Keele University and Staffordshire County Council. He particularly highlighted works to progress the carbon capture agenda especially in urban areas. Cabinet Members endorsed the work to tackle environmental issues facing the Borough.

Cabinet agreed the Sustainable Environment Strategy and Action Plan for the Council and Borough be approved and resolved to seek views and support for the Strategy and Action Plan from key local partners and the Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee.

1.1 The views of the Committee are therefore sought on this important strategic document.

2. **Appendix**

2.1 Cabinet Report 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and Sustainable Environment Strategy document.