

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S  
REPORT TO**

**Health Wellbeing and Environment Scrutiny Committee**  
**23 June 2022**

**Report Title:** Newcastle under Lyme Sustainable Environment Strategy – Annual Report

**Submitted by:** Executive Director – Sustainable Environment

**Portfolios:** Environment & Recycling

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide the committee with the opportunity to scrutinise and comment upon the Sustainable Environment Strategy Annual Report and Action Plan.

**Recommendation**

That

1. **The committee comments on the Sustainable Environment Strategy Annual Report and Action Plan and identifies whether there are any areas for further scrutiny work.**

**Reasons**

To enable the committee to scrutinise the council's Sustainable Environment Strategy in accordance with its remit.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 The council adopted its Sustainable Environment Strategy in December 2020. Cabinet on 23 March 2022 considered the attached Annual Report and referred the report together with the Action Plan to scrutiny for comment and review.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 The council is committed to the sustainable environmental future of the borough. The adopted Sustainable Environment Strategy sets out four Priority Outcomes. The Action Plan sets out progress against the Strategy and each Priority Outcome.

3. **Proposal**

- 3.1 That the committee comments on the Sustainable Environment Strategy Annual Report and Action Plan and identifies whether there are any areas for further scrutiny work.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

- 4.1 . To enable the committee to scrutinise the council's Sustainable Environment Strategy in accordance with its remit.

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 None

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 See attached report.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 See attached report.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 See attached report

9. **Major Risks**

9.1 See attached report.

10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**

10.1 See attached report

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 The Strategy was a key decision and included on the Forward Plan prior to its adoption.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 There are several previous Council, Cabinet and Scrutiny Committee reports. This is the first report to this committee with its new remit.

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 See attached report.

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 See attached report.