

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
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PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY, 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and the Environment	Deadline date: Full Council - 3 March 2021
<p>It is recommended that Cabinet note the intention to bring forward a paper, detailing Peterborough City Council's response to the climate emergency, to Cabinet for its consideration at its meeting on 23 February 2021.</p> <p>This paper will be finalised following a meeting of the Cross Party Climate Change Working Group on Tuesday 16 February 2021 and shared with Cabinet ahead of its meeting on 23 February 2021.</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet ahead of a meeting of the Climate Change Cross Party Working Group on Tuesday 16 February 2021. At that meeting all members of the Working Group will have the opportunity to review the progress of work undertaken and share their views and advice in order that they are represented in the papers presented at Cabinet.

The full papers will be published following this meeting and ahead of the meeting of Cabinet on the 23 February 2021.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to ensure Cabinet are aware of the intention to share additional papers detailing the Council's response to the Climate Emergency at its meeting on the 23 February 2021.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.9, '... [To make] recommendations to Council about proposed changes to the Council's major policy and budget framework.'

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	YES	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	23 FEB 2021
Date for relevant Council meeting	3 MARCH 2021	Date for submission to Government Dept. (Please specify which Government Dept.)	N/A

4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 The Council is in the process of developing an update to the Council's Carbon Management Action Plan, a draft citywide Carbon Management Action Plan and a revised tree planting target. A meeting of the Cross Party Working Group is to be held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 to share these documents with the Working Group and ensure their views are reflected in the associated report to Cabinet. The documents are explained briefly below:

4.2 Council's Carbon Management Action Plan (CMAP)

The Council-CMAP (2021) is an update to the first Council-CMAP approved and adopted in March 2020. It details the Council's emissions produced in the financial year 2019-2020 and discusses projects which aim to achieve further decarbonisation. The CMAP introduces commitments to undertake in 2021.

4.3 Draft City Carbon Management Action Plan

The Draft City-CMAP discusses Peterborough's carbon footprint and identifies areas of significant emissions. The document suggests a number of activities individuals can do to reduce their own carbon footprint as well as providing information on existing projects being delivered by the Council and ideas for potential city-wide projects.

4.4 Tree Planting Target

At a meeting of Full Council in October 2020, Council instructed the cross-party Climate Change working group and relevant officers to:

- "1. Carry out an audit of council owned land in the city to identify possible planting opportunities*
- 2. Research and recommend much more ambitious tree planting targets for planting on Council land and to submit to Full Council not later than March 2021 amendments to the Trees and Woodland Strategy and the Carbon Management Plan to include the proposed new targets."*

The paper discusses options for a tree planting target on Council owned and maintained land.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Ongoing with the Cross Party Working Group.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 It is anticipated that papers will be prepared and shared with Cabinet ahead of its meeting on 23 February 2021.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 This paper intends to provide time for members of the Cross Party Working Group to ensure their views are captured and presented to Cabinet.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 N/A

Legal Implications

9.2 N/A

Equalities Implications

9.3 N/A

Carbon Impact Assessment

9.4 N/A

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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10.1 None.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None.

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