



**Prosperous Communities
Committee**

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Subject: To Establish an Environment and Sustainability Working Group

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

Following a Motion to Full Council on 4 November 2019, this report seeks to Establish a Sustainability and Climate Change Working Group. The report further asks the Committee agrees the Working Group's Terms of Reference and appoints Members to serve there upon.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1) That Members agree to establish an Environment and Sustainability working group and approve its draft Terms of Reference as detailed at Appendix A; and**
- 2) That the Committee appoints 6 Members (including the Member Champion for Environment and Climate Change) to serve on the Environment and Sustainability Working Group.**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

(N.B.) Where there are legal implications the report **MUST** be seen by the MO

Financial : FIN/ 141 / 20 / SL

No financial implications arising from the report.

(N.B.) All committee reports **MUST** have a Fin Ref

Staffing :

(N.B.) Where there are staffing implications the report **MUST** have a HR Ref

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

NB: Please explain how you have considered the policy's impact on different groups (for example: young people, elderly, ethnic minorities, LGBT community, rural residents, disabled, others).

Data Protection Implications :

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations :

Health Implications:

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

*Wherever possible please provide a hyperlink to the background paper/s
If a document is confidential and not for public viewing it should not be listed.*

Risk Assessment :

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

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No

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Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

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No

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1 Introduction

1.1 Full Council at its meeting on 4 November received and accepted the following cross party motion: -

“Chairman

Council notes:

- that the impacts of climate change are a cause of serious environmental issues both locally and around the world
- that the [‘Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C’](#), published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in October 2018
 - (a) describes the enormous harm that a 2°C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compared with a 1.5°C rise, and
 - (b) Confirms that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society and the private sector
- that policies to reduce environmental damage caused by human activity can also have associated health, wellbeing and economic benefits

Council resolves to:

- Make the Council’s activities net-zero carbon by 2050, in line with the UK Government’s target
- to ask the Prosperous Communities Committee to Develop a new strategy on sustainability, climate change, and the environment for the Council, with an initial outline being presented to the next Annual Council, looking toward achieving the above target.

Such a strategy will also consider:

- o Achieving 100% clean energy across the Council’s full range of functions by 2040;
- o How to ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2050, working to ensure that the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan review embraces this approach;
- o How to support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale;
- o Suggestions for budget actions and a measured baseline;
- o How the Prosperous Communities Committee can consider the impact of climate change and the environment when reviewing Council policies and strategies;
- o Any available research (that is expected to be forthcoming) from APSE relevant to this work
- o Report on the level of investment in the fossil fuel industry that our pensions plan has.
- o Ensure that all reports in preparation for the 2021/22 budget cycle and investment strategy will take into account the actions the council will take to address this agenda;

- o Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and help with funding to make this possible, and ask local MPs to do likewise

We so move

Cllr. Giles McNeill | Leader of the Council
Cllr Trevor Young | Leader of the Opposition”

- 1.2 The Minute arising from the debate can be viewed here.
<https://democracy.west-lindsey.gov.uk/documents/g2325/Printed%20minutes%2004th-Nov-2019%2019.00%20Council.pdf?T=1>
- 1.3 As a result of the motion, the Prosperous Communities Committee have been tasked with developing a new strategy on sustainability, climate change, and the environment for the Council, Furthermore it has been requested that an initial outline of the Strategy be presented to the next Annual Council Meeting.
- 1.4 To assist the Committee in developing such a Strategy it is recommended that an Environment and Sustainability Working Group is established.
- 1.5 This report therefore seeks to:-
 - Establish such a Working Group
 - Agree Terms of Reference for the Working Group (as drafted at Appendix A); and
 - Appoint Members to serve on the Working Group.
- 1.6 The draft Terms of Reference for the Group, which includes details on: -
 - proposed membership
 - Scope
 - Reporting lines
 - Meeting Frequency

Are attached at Appendix A for Members’ consideration.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that:
 - (a) Members agree to establish an Environment and Sustainability and Working Group and approve its draft Terms of Reference as detailed at Appendix A; and

- (b) That the Committee appoints 6 Members (including the Member Champion for Environment and Climate Change) to serve on the Sustainability and Climate Change Working Group.