

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: CLLR LIZ GREY

KEY DECISION: NO

PORTFOLIO AREA: ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: ALL

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT: A NEW CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY FOR WIRRAL

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Note the new strategy and the steps taken by the Cool Wirral Partnership to create an up to date framework that reflects the climate emergency.

Endorse the strategy in line with the recommendation of the March 2020 Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Note the issues raised by Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee concerning potential council actions to support the strategy for consideration as part of the emerging council climate emergency action plan.

2. REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Council endorsed the previous climate change strategy for Wirral, called Cool, in 2014. This covered the period 2014 to 2019. The Cool strategy indicated that a new strategy should be prepared during its final year to ensure a 'seamless transition' in work. Much has changed since the original Cool strategy was adopted. In the light of alarming new evidence presented in the wake of the UN Paris Agreement, the Council asked the Cool Wirral Partnership to take this into consideration when developing the new strategy. A new strategy, Cool 2, has now been agreed by the Cool Wirral Partnership. Partners have been asked to endorse the strategy and develop actions in support. The new strategy was considered by Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee in March 2020. The committee recommend that the strategy be endorsed and that others be encouraged to play their part by developing locally determined contributions in support of it. The Council has already committed to develop a climate emergency action plan and work is



underway on this which will set out the actions being taken in support of the strategy.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There are no conflicts of interest.

<p>Signed:</p>  <p>Executive Member: Cllr Liz Grey</p> <p>Date: 24 March 2020</p> <p>Also present:</p>	<p>Signed:</p>  <p>Chief Officer: Nicola Butterworth</p> <p>Date: 24 March 2020</p>
<p>Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):</p>	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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