

## **FOLLOW-UP: MATTERS FOR CLARIFICATION FROM THE LAST MEETING**

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### **REASON FOR REPORT**

To follow-up any clarifications and information requests agreed by the Committee undertaking their role scrutinising the decisions and reports from the last Cabinet meeting. These matters are for noting only and not for call-in. If a particular Member wishes for further clarification on the information provided below, this will be for the Committee to determine.

### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

**That the Committee note the information provided.**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN – Cabinet 18 March 2021**

**The Committee agreed to seek out further details on the proposed consultation.**

**Note: the consultation is now live.**

#### **Officer response:**

Officers advise that this consultation will be far-reaching in terms of stakeholders. Primarily it will be a consultation via an online survey which is live now for general views. However, known stakeholders are also being contacted using the comprehensive contacts database held by community engagement for greater targeting and relate to the different sectors mentioned in the Cabinet report.

The consultation and survey is published on the Council website with a dedicated webpage and a number of social media postings are being used to keep awareness high. Corporate Communications have also advised they will also include an item in the May edition of Hillingdon People which is delivered to every household. More targeted webinar and consultation events are to reach residents associations across the Borough - dates TBC.

Additionally, direct emails will be sent to key organisations and plans are afoot to undertake specific engagement with schools and young people. Furthermore, the Corporate Services, Commerce and Communities Policy Overview Committee considered the draft Action Plan at its meeting on 6 April. Councillors are welcome to also submit their views via the online consultation. Officers advise the clear intent is to hear as many views as possible on this subject and use them to shape the July Cabinet report.

Link here: [Climate change consultation - Hillingdon Council](#)

## **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – MONTH 10 – Cabinet 18 March 2021**

**The Committee agreed to request information from officers on any guidance that was issued to manage the high needs deficit in the Schools Budget following the rejection of the Council's disapplication request by the DfE.**

### **Officer response:**

Following the disapplication decision, officers have met with the representatives from the DfE to discuss the DSG deficit. We have been asked to produce a recovery plan identifying how a balanced in-year DSG can be set in the next 5 years. It should also be noted that several other local authorities with significant deficits have recently signed up to agreements where the cumulative DSG deficit is written off if they can demonstrate that the DSG will be in an in-year balanced position in future years.