

Major Review – Reduction of the Council’s Carbon Footprint - Witness Session

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REASON FOR ITEM

To hear from witnesses who will provide evidence for this Committee’s review on How to reduce this Council’s Carbon Footprint.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

1. **To question the witnesses who are providing the Committee with evidence for the Committee’s review.**
2. **To agree the draft scoping report for the review (Appendix A).**

INFORMATION

3. At the last meeting of the Committee the Council’s Energy Manager, David Haygarth provided Members with a presentation on the background to this Committee’s major review on How to reduce this Council’s Carbon Footprint. Details of the information from the presentation are contained in the Minutes of the last meeting which are on the agenda for this meeting.
4. As way of background reading for Members, Cabinet at its last meeting on 26 September 2013 were provided with a report which provided details on the final cost of allowances purchased from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to cover this Council’s energy emissions. **(Appendix B).**
5. In addition Members may also like to take a look at the Local Government Associations information pack which has been produced for local authorities on Climate Local **(Appendix C)** Climate Local succeeds the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change and offers a framework that can reflect local priorities and opportunities for action. It supports Councils’ efforts both to reduce carbon emissions and to improve their resilience to the anticipated changes in the climate.
6. Climate Local will help Councils across the country to capture the opportunities and benefits of action on a changing climate, through saving on their energy bills, generating income from renewable energy, attracting new jobs etc.

WITNESSES

7. At the Committee’s last meeting, Members were made aware of different initiatives and schemes which various parts of the Council were carrying out in relation to reducing carbon emissions and the work which has been carried out in relation to carbon off-setting. For this meeting the following

Council officers have been invited to the meeting to help Members with this aspect of the review:-

- Tim Edwards – Street Lighting – To provide information on the potential for LED and energy saving in street lighting)
- Paul Richards – Green / Open Spaces – To provide information on the tree planting off-set work and on the potential for energy from bio-waste)
- Jo Gill – Housing Energy Efficiency – To provide information on how the Council is reducing the Housing Footprint.
- Ina Thynne – Principal Sustainability Office – To provide information on new developments and district heating.

PAPERS WITH REPORT

Appendix A – Draft Scoping Report

Appendix B – Cabinet report of CRC allowances

Appendix C – LGA – Information Pack about Climate Local