

REPORT TO: OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 24 JANUARY 2019

REPORT OF THE: DELIVERY & FRONTLINE SERVICES LEAD

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TITLE OF REPORT: SCRUTINY REVIEW OF IMPACT OF RYEDALE DISTRICT

COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE - PROGRESS UPDATE

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update Members of the Committee with progress on the Climate Change Scrutiny Review.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That members of the Committee note the update report and endorse timetable.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To enable the final Climate Change Task Group to complete the review.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

4.1 There are no significant risks associated with this report.

REPORT

5.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

5.1 The previous update report identified the Terms of Reference and priorities for the review (minute 63 refers). The interim report was presented at the reconvened meeting of Council on 10 December. (Minute 52 refers).

6.0 POLICY CONTEXT

6.1 Sustainable Growth: Managing the environment of Ryedale with Partners.

Customers and Communities: Supporting communities to identify their needs, plan and develop local solutions and resilience.

One Ryedale: Utilising assets in supporting the delivery of priorities.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 No further consultation has been undertaken since the last report.

8.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 8.1 Further Climate Change Task Group meetings were held on 11 December 2018 and 10 January 2019 to progress the review at which the 2007 Climate Change Action Plan progress was noted and potential new or revised actions with associated evidence collection and research was discussed.
- 8.2 Discussions were held regarding:
 - Electricity Fuel Mix and renewable energy tariffs.
 - Use of National Policy Planning Framework and CIL to support reduced Climate Change aspirations.
 - Divestment from fossil fuels.
 - Woodland planting schemes.
 - Low Carbon Economy.
 - Potential to reduce carbon emissions at Ryedale House.
 - Potential to reduce carbon emissions through staff / Member mileage reductions and use of Electric Vehicles.
 - Part Night Lighting of streetlights.
 - Procurement Strategy for contracts and shared services.
 - Potential to (re)establish the Environment Forum / Working Party to improve communication on environmental matters with the community.
- 8.3 The next (and anticipated to be last) Task Group, to which external advisors will be invited, is Thursday 28th February. It is anticipated that the draft recommendations will be discussed at this Task Group, for approval by Scrutiny Committee on 21.3.19 and subsequently to Council on 11.4.19.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The following implications have been identified:
 - a) Financial

None currently beyond existing budget provision

b) Legal

None currently

c) Other (Equalities, Staffing, Planning, Health & Safety, Environmental, Crime & Disorder)

None identified at this stage though it is acknowledged that there is the potential for the outcomes of the review to impact.

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Background Papers:

None

Background Papers are available for inspection at:

N/A