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REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	21 MARCH 2019
REPORT OF THE:	DELIVERY AND FRONTLINE SERVICES LEAD
TITLE OF REPORT:	SCRUTINY REVIEW – FINAL REPORT CLIMATE CHANGE: RECOMMENDATIONS INTO HOW RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL CAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE REDUCTION IN GLOBAL TEMPERATURE RISE
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the Task Group report and recommendations for the Scrutiny Climate Change review and finalise these. The report and recommendations will then be referred to Council for adoption and implementation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Members note the final Scrutiny Task Group report attached as Appendix 1
- 2.2 That Members agree to the Scrutiny Task Group recommendations and actions:

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2.2.1 (i) Recommendation 1 Leadership and influence

Ryedale District Council (RDC) will take a leadership role to promote the reduction of carbon emissions in Ryedale. It will take the following actions:

- a) Update, revise and deliver the 2010 Climate Change Action Plan.
- b) Include a specific priority concerning Climate Change reduction aspirations in the Council Plan and Priorities at the next available opportunity.
- c) Include 'Impact on Climate Change' in all reports presented to all committees of the Council.
- d) Encourage all Members to read and complete the LGA Workbook - "A Councillor's workbook on acting on Climate Change".
- e) Include a Member briefing on Climate Change as part of next cycle of Member training.

- f) Continue to develop Council policy to influence others by working with partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors and with residents to influence and encourage Climate Change reduction and adaptation policy and practice throughout Ryedale.
- g) Facilitate the Ryedale Environment Forum to encourage wider participation of the Ryedale community in the aspirations to reduce Climate Change amongst other issues.

2.2.2 (ii) Recommendation 2 Operations: Assets and Estates.

RDC will take opportunities to reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency and use of alternatives to fossil fuels in relation to management of its Estate and Assets. It should take the following actions:

- a) RDC HQ (Ryedale House refurbishment or alternative location) and Operations Depot – to consider and implement renewable energy purchasing, energy efficiency in building management, water use efficiency, use of solar panels.
- b) Streetlights - Implement a programme of LED replacement and part night lighting for RDC owned streetlights, utilising the NYCC criteria for such.
- c) Financial Assets - Promote divestment from fossil fuels through Treasury Management and North Yorkshire Pension Fund, where it can be demonstrated this does not have a detrimental impact on return on investment.

2.2.3 (iii) Recommendation 3 Operations: Service Delivery.

RDC will take opportunities to reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency and use of alternatives to fossil fuels in relation to its service delivery. It should take the following actions:

- a) Develop and implement a policy to reduce Officer and Member mileage.
- b) Undertake a feasibility study into the use of Electric Vehicle Pool cars
- c) Planning
 - i. Revise the CIL Section 123 listing to support low carbon initiatives at the next opportunity such as EV Charging Points and renewable energy projects.
 - ii. Review renewable energy infrastructure policies in the Ryedale Plan revision
 - iii. Preliminary work on these documents will commence in 2019.
 - iv. Evidence the promotion and implementation of Ryedale Plan sustainability policies in all new development opportunities including sustainable buildings, wind turbines, solar panels, EV infrastructure, heat pumps, water harvesting and minimisation, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and battery storage.
- d) Foster the use of alternatives to fossil fuels for travel through promotion of public transport, walking and cycling.
- e) Support the development of a low carbon economy – work with the LEP to support the provision of a pathway towards a low carbon economy in the review of Ryedale’s Economic Strategy, including provision of advice for local businesses on opportunities to improve environmental performance.
- f) Share information, knowledge and project implementation arising from this review with partners in public, private and voluntary sectors on specific Climate Change reduction knowledge. For example ‘Single Use Plastic’ alternatives, recycled / FSC paper use, public education campaigns (e.g. reduce, reuse, recycle).
- g) Develop the RDC response to the DEFRA Resources and Waste Strategy.
- h) Service Delivery Plans should contain reference to actions and activities specifically to contribute to Climate Change reduction. Training for Officers should be provided in this respect.

- i) Procurement and commissioning - influence suppliers and build into new service specifications the requirement to contribute to Climate Change reduction.
- j) Promote community based schemes which contribute to reduction in Climate Change through the Council's grants and capital programme budgets.

2.2.4 (iv) Recommendation 4 Monitoring and Review

RDC will closely monitor and review progress towards implementation of recommendations 1, 2 and 3 above. It will take the following actions:

- a) Allocate responsibility for implementation of the Scrutiny recommendations
 - i. Appoint a Member Champion for Climate Change
 - ii. Assign an appropriate senior Officer of the Council to lead on Climate Change and support the Member Champion
 - iii. Establish a Corporate Climate Change Group to drive and monitor delivery
- b) Develop and update a series of performance indicators to evidence progress on the Pentana Performance Management System.
- c) Report performance bi annually on the implementation of recommendations to Scrutiny

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2.3 That Overview and Scrutiny recommends Council to adopt and implement the recommendations.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To ensure that RDC contributes effectively to the IPCC target global temperature rise.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

4.1 There are no significant risks

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

5.1 Consultation: The Task Group has gathered evidence from public sector partners and from the local community at the Ryedale Environment Forum.

5.2 Corporate Priority:

- i. Sustainable Growth
 - Managing the environment of Ryedale with partners
- ii. Customer and Communities
 - Making the best use of resources to ensure maximum benefit for all customers and communities across the district, particularly the most vulnerable
 - Helping our partners keep our communities safe and healthy.

5.3 The Council should support, celebrate and recognise the value and contribution of the voluntary and community sector (Scrutiny 2012 recommendations).

REPORT

6.0 REPORT DETAILS

6.1 The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is a United Nations body for assessing the science related to Climate Change. In October 2018 it produced a special report which identified the risks for natural and human systems of a rise of global temperature of 1.5 °C

above pre-industrial levels and 'mitigation pathways' to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5 °C principally due to lowering emission of greenhouse gases. <https://www.ipcc.ch/>. Council agreed that it wished to play a part in delivery of this objective and therefore instructed Scrutiny to review how Ryedale District Council can contribute to this. [[Council 11.10.18 Minute 42](#)]

- 6.2 The final report of the review undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee into how Ryedale District Council can contribute towards the reduction in global temperature rise is attached at Appendix 1.
- 6.3 The Terms of Reference were agreed on 22.11.2018 are in Annex A of the Report. 'Priority 1 – reviewing how RDC can contribute towards the reduction in Global Temperature Rise' has been achieved. However, the Task Group identified at an early stage that 'Priority 2 – Identification of changes and impacts across Ryedale' would not be achievable in the timescale and this should be postponed for future consideration.
- 6.4 The report contains 4 key recommendations, each with actions identified for implementation of the recommendations. The recommendations are:
- 1) RDC should take a leadership role to promote the reduction of carbon emissions in Ryedale.
 - 2) RDC will take opportunities to reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency and use of alternatives to fossil fuels in relation to its management of its Estate and Assets.
 - 3) RDC will take opportunities to reduce carbon emissions through energy efficiency and use of alternatives to fossil fuels in relation to its service delivery.
 - 4) RDC will closely monitor and review progress towards implementation of recommendations 1, 2 and 3 above.
- 6.5 The Task Group identified the requirement for the recommendations to be actioned in the near future and over a short timescale in order to contribute effectively to the reduction in Global Temperature Rise.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial
There are no budgetary implications at this stage. Implementation of the recommendations may require additional resources and this will be considered through the normal committee process on a project by project basis.
- b) Legal
None
- c) Other
There are no significant other issues in considering this report.

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Background Papers:

As detailed in the scrutiny review report.