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WELWYN HATFIELD

*Report to Cabinet

Please ask for:
Brad Taylor

14 March 2022

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-GROUP to be held on Tuesday 22 March 2022 virtually via Zoom (Meeting ID and Password to be circulated).

Yours faithfully

Governance Services Manager

AGENDA PART 1

1. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

To note any substitution of Members made in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

2. APOLOGIES

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2022 (previously circulated).

4. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 13

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

To note declarations of Members' disclosable pecuniary interests, non-disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests in respect of items on the Agenda.

6. WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CLIMATE ACHIEVEMENTS

A verbal update on the Council's Climate achievements.

7. AIR QUALITY PRESENTATION

A Presentation provided by the Environmental Health Team on Air Quality in the Borough.

8. CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

A verbal update provided by the Communications Team

9. GRASS CUTTING LENGTH POLICY UPDATE

Verbal update from the Head of Environment

10. WHBC PROJECTS ACTION PLAN UPDATE (Pages 5 - 8)

Report and verbal update from Officers on the Council's own Action Plan.

11. HERTFORDSHIRE CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP (HCCSP)

Verbal update on the work of the Partnership from Cllr F. Thomson, Executive Member for Housing and Climate Change.

12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee is asked to resolve:

That under Section 100(A)(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for Item 13 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100(A)(3) and Paragraphs 2 (Information likely to reveal the identity of an individual), and 6 (Statutory notice or order) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

In resolving to exclude the public in respect of the exempt information, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART II

13. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIRMAN, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Circulation: Councillors D.Richardson (Chairman)
G.Ganney
T.Jackson-Mynott

R.Lass
J.Quinton
J.Weston

J.Lake

Executive Member (Housing and Climate Change (F. Thomson)

Head of Public Health and Protection (J.Harding)

Head of Planning (C. Dale)

Head of Environment (D. Reyner)

Tree Officer (O. Waring)

Energy Efficiency Officer (V. Appasawmy)

Economic Development Officer (L. Devayya)

If you require any further information about this Agenda please contact Brad Taylor, Governance Services Unit on 01707 357467 or email – democracy@welhat.gov.uk

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	Project	Responsible Officer	CC Member Group Funding Agreed	Action	Deadline	January 2022 Update	March 2022 Update
1	Deliver the Eastern New Energy Project	Lisa Devayya	£50,000.00	Support 30 SME businesses to identify energy saving measures and with grants for low carbon works.	31/12/22	21 businesses have registered to take part in the scheme. 16 energy audits have been carried out Six grants have been paid	17 Energy Audits carried out and 5 more programmed until June 2022
2	Increase the number of electric charging points in council owned car parks	Durk Reyner	None to date	16 new car charge points to be installed	31/01/22	All charge points are planned to be operational and available to the public	All charge points are operational
3	Support delivery of the Hertfordshire Biodiversity Baseline study	Oliver Waring	£2,600.00	To carry out a study of the Biodiversity baseline in Hertfordshire to support biodiversity in the Borough	31/03/22	HCCSP have asked all districts to contribute £2,500. for a bio-diversity baseline study. We are in the process of raising a works order for this	Baseline survey is underway. Feedback will available early in the new financial year.
4	Decarbonisation Scheme at Campus East, Campus West and Hatfield Swim Centre	Mark Croft	None required	Decarbonise public buildings 1.2M awarded in January 2021	31/03/22	HSC is due to be completed end of Jan and is on target to do so. CE and CW have now both received planning approval with pre start meetings planned after	Works at Hatfield Swim Centre is complete. Works is under way at Campus East and Campus West, due to complete in June.
5	Identify locations around the borough to install electric charging points	Durk Reyner	Will explore external funding options.	Increase the number of electric vehicle charging points in the borough.		New locations for EV chargers identified. A bid for Government funding being prepared.	EV Phase 2 Funding bid now submitted for installation at various locations across the borough

6	Delivery a Walking & Cycling Improvement Plan for Welwyn Garden City	Matt Pyecroft	£10,000.00	Work with HCC to deliver the project.		Initial data analysis undertaken and draft primary and secondary routes proposed. These have been shared with two workshops including members and other stakeholders, and all members were sent a question to enable them to feed into the process. Responses from workshops to be analysed and primary routes to be audited in January 2022. Follow up workshops to be arranged.	Following initial workshops before Christmas and detailed audits of the walking and cycling network across the borough in January, a second set of workshops will take place in March 2022 in order to share draft proposals for improvements to the network and capture comments from key stakeholders. The follow up workshops are to be held on the 15th and 16th March.
7	Support delivery of the LAD 2 Green Homes Grant	Vin Appasawmy	None required	32 owner occupiers supported to install low carbon works.	01/03/22	£323,000 allocated for Welwyn Hatfield. Warm Works have been appointed by the Greater South East Energy Hub as the Managing Agent. Marketing materials are being produced to promote the scheme to the councils residents.	The scheme has been promoted through the council web site and twitter accounts. The managing agent have received enquiries from residents and these are in progress.

8	Support delivery of a Solar Panel Bulk Buy Scheme	Lisa Devayya	None required	Promote the scheme to all owner occupiers within the borough.	01/08/22	The draft MOU produced by Dacorum Borough Council who are leading on this project has been reviewed by the council's Legal team and their comments fed back to the Legal team at Dacorum. This item will be presented at the HCCSP	Dacorum is in negotiation with iChoosr, the company running the Solar Bulk Buy scheme, and will bring the final agreement to HCCSP when ready.
9	Support delivery of the Warmer Homes grant scheme	Vin Appasawmy	None required	Support promotion of the scheme the borough's owner occupiers	Ongoing	An updated Statement of Intent which outlines eligibility criteria was agreed at Cabinet and the household income	The scheme is publicised on the Council web site, twitter and One magazine
10	Net Zero Carbon project	Collette Humphreys	£3,000.00	To assess new build design for net zero carbon		WH is working in collaboration with Hertfordshire University to deliver, in the first instance to compare the delivery of a New build net zero carbon home, retrofit against traditional build. The second part of the project is for the production of a document	This project is ongoing and there is another 4 months to received the completed project documentation
11	Hertfordshire Energy Saving Trust advice tool	Lisa Devayya		To provide advice to residents on reducing emissions		The App will be promoted to residents through the next 'One' Magazine.	The EST App is available to download and advertised through the One magazine. Other promotions of the app is being considered with our comms team

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