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WELWYN HATFIELD

*Report to Cabinet

Please ask for:
Brad Taylor

12 July 2022

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-GROUP to be held on Wednesday 20 July 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 22 March 2022 (previously circulated).
4. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 11
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. ICHOOSR - SOLAR TOGETHER SCHEME
A Presentation from IChoosr Business Manager on the Solar Together Scheme.
7. HCCSP INTRODUCTION AND PROGRESS SO FAR
A presentation from Helen Burridge from HCCSP
8. WHBC PROJECTS ACTION PLAN UPDATE (Pages 5 - 8)
Report and verbal update from Officers on the Council's own Action Plan.
9. HERTFORDSHIRE CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP (HCCSP)
Verbal update on the work of the Partnership from Cllr S. Kasumu, Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change.

10. 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 11 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

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

<u>Circulation:</u>	Councillors	D.Richardson (Chairman)	G.Moore
		A.Hellyer	J.Quinton
		J.Lake	J.Weston
		R.Lass	

Executive Member (Environment & Climate Change (S. Kasumu)

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

	Project	Responsible Officer	CC Member Group Funding Agreed	Action	Deadline	July 2022 Update
1	Deliver the Eastern New Energy Project & council grant scheme for low energy works at commercial premises	Lisa Devayya	£50,000.00	Carry out 30 energy audits at SME premises and process grants of up to £5,000 to carry out recommended low carbon works.	31/12/22	27 registered businesses 22 energy audits carried out Just under £30,000 paid out in grants
2	Install additional electric car charging points in the Borough.	Kirsten Roberts	None to date	Increase the number of electric charging points in council owned car parks and within the borough to benefit residents	31/03/23	All new homes being built will include an EV charging point.
3	Support delivery of the Hertfordshire Biodiversity Baseline study	Oliver Waring	£2,600.00			The Baseline will be shared with Districts by Friday 15 July. The dataset will be shared via ArcGIS Online (AGOL), all Districts are set up with access to AGOL but access requires a license. WelHat officers may already have licences for AGOL but as part of the offer from HCC they will fund one 1-year license to AGOL per District.

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		Hatfield Swim Centre scheme completed in January, energy monitoring is now in place. Campus East scheme was completed end of June, monitoring will now commence. Campus West is all complete awaiting the delivery of the ASHP in September which will then be commissioned.
6	Deliver a Walking & Cycling Improvement Plan for Welwyn Garden City	Matt Pyecroft	£10,000.00	Work with HCC to deliver the project.		Hertfordshire County Council, with support from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, will begin consultation on the draft document in July. Following this, it is intended to take it to the County Council's Environment and Transport Panel in the Autumn for adoption. It will also be reported to Welwyn Hatfield's CPPP
7	Support delivery of the LAD 2 Green Homes Grant	Lisa Devayya	None required	32 owner occupiers supported to install low carbon works.	01/03/22	The scheme closed for referrals on the 31 March 22 and the Managing Agent Warm Works is in the process of contacting residents to carry out a survey. Sustainable Warmth (LAD 3) will launch in September 22, the only difference in this scheme is that only 30% of residents with an EPC rating of band D will be eligible instead of 70% through LAD 2. The council has an allocation of around £12,000 to support promotional activity, 50% of this will support the recruitment of
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	This scheme will be launched on the 22 August and residents will have until 27 September to register their

10	Work with HCCSP to enable residents to download the Energy Saving Trust	Lisa Devayya	£555 set up fee 0.15p per download	Promote the scheme to all residents throughout the borough.	01/03/24	This has been promoted in 'One' magazine which goes out to all residents and to date 50 residents have downloaded the App.
11	Reduce emissions related to business travel by operating a fully electric pool car fleet	Andy Cremer		Promote the membership to scheme to all staff.	31/03/23	A new contract has been set up with Enterprise and the 'go-live' date is set for July 8th. Comms to staff are ready in draft and will be going out WC 4th June. The scheme will run in a similar manner to the previous ECar contract, with slightly extended staff hours and the latest vehicles.

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