

Part I

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WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CLIMATE BIODIVERSITY CABINET PANEL – 10 JULY 2024  
REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RESIDENT SERVICES AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE)

**WEWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL – CLIMATE CHANGE OVERVIEW –  
PROGRESS TO DATE**

**1 Executive Summary**

1.1 The Climate Biodiversity Cabinet Panel has been created following approval at Full Council. This item provides a presentation that gives an overview and progress to date in terms of WHBC's Climate agenda.

**2 Recommendations**

2.1 Members note the internal governance and progress made to date in relation to our climate change aspirations.

**3.0 Explanation**

3.1 We declared a climate emergency in 2019.

3.2 We have new corporate priorities which identifies 'Action on Climate' as a key priority, with specific objectives;

- Renew our commitments to be a net zero Council by 2030 (and as a borough by 2050)
- Step up climate change adaptation and mitigation measures
- Lead by Example and encourage others to make positive change
- Increase and promote biodiversity

3.3 We have established internal processes to achieve these targets.

3.4 A presentation and report (appendix A) will be provided by officers to give an overview of the progress to date and the governance framework for the delivery of the Climate Change strategy and action plan.

**Implications**

**4. Legal Implications**

4.1 There will be no legal implications associated with providing this overview report.

**5. Financial Implication(s)**

5.1 There will be no immediate financial implications associated with providing this overview report.

**6. Risk Management Implications**

6.1 There are no risk management implications associated with providing this overview report.

**7. Communication**

7.1 There will be no communication implications associated with providing this overview report.

**8. Security & Terrorism Implication(s)**

8.1 There are likely to be no security and terrorism implications associated with providing this overview report.

**9. Procurement Implication(s)**

9.1 There are likely to be no procurement implications associated with providing this overview report.

**10 Climate Change Implication(s)**

10.1 As per above in section 3.

**11. Human Resources Implication(s)**

11.1 There are likely to be no implications to HR associated with providing this overview report.

**12. Health and Wellbeing Implication(s)**

12.1 There are likely to be no implications to health and wellbeing associated with providing this overview report.

**13. Link to Corporate Priorities**

13.1 The launch of the new TTNZS relates to the corporate priorities in the following ways;

- Action on climate change
  - Renew our commitments to be a net zero Council by 2030 (and as a borough by 2050)
  - Step up climate change adaptation and mitigation measures
  - Lead by Example and encourage others to make positive change
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**14. Equalities and Diversity**

14.1 There are likely to be no implications to equalities and diversity associated with providing this overview report.

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Appendix A Presentation and overview report