

Part I  
Item No.  
Main author: Kelly Murphy  
Executive Member: Cllr Max Holloway  
All Wards

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CLIMATE BIODIVERSITY CABINET PANEL – 6 NOVEMBER 2024  
REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RESIDENT SERVICES AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE)

## **WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL – CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE REPORT**

### **1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report outlines progress being made regarding WHC’s corporate priority on ‘Action on Climate’.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members note the progress of specific projects/actions within the Climate Action Plan, which is the main tool used to monitor our pathway to net zero as an organisation (2030) and as a borough (2050) and note the wider co-benefits of such actions.

### **3.0 Explanation**

- 3.1 It is important to monitor progress as we transition to net zero. Key updates against the Councils’ action plan are provided in the Climate Change update report as shown in appendix A.

## **Implications**

### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

### **5. Financial Implication(s)**

- 5.1 There will be no immediate financial implications associated with providing this climate update report.

### **6. Risk Management Implications**

- 6.1 There are no immediate risk management implications associated with providing this climate update report.

**7. Communication implications**

7.1 There are no communication implications associated with providing this climate update report.

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

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

**9. Procurement Implication(s)**

9.1 There are likely to be no procurement implications associated with providing this climate update 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 HR implications associated with providing this climate update report.

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

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

**13. Link to Corporate Priorities**

13.1 Outlining progress in relation to projects/action from the climate action plan 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
  - Increase and promote biodiversity

Projects being delivered are in support of our net zero targets and address climate mitigation and/or adaptation.

A number of the projects mentioned relate to improving biodiversity and community engagement to encourage others to make positive behavioural change.

**14. Equalities and Diversity**

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

**Name of author:** Kelly Murphy  
**Title:** Climate Change Officer

**Date:** 19.10.24