

Part I

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All Wards

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CLIMATE BIODIVERSITY CABINET PANEL – 15 JANUARY 2025
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.

14. Equalities and Diversity

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

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