

**Wiltshire Council**

**Council**

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**Item 14 – Senior Leadership Structure**

**From Chris Caswill**

**To Councillor Philip Whitehead, Leader of the Council**

**Question (20-01)**

Given that the Council has recognised the Climate Emergency, and the seriousness of the crisis we face, why do none of the officers listed in the Senior Leadership Structure have any identified responsibilities for prioritising and addressing the climate emergency in Wiltshire?

**Response**

The structure chart circulated outlines roles with designated statutory responsibilities and Council are being asked to approve where changes to the designation are now proposed. The responsibility for the Climate Emergency is not a statutory responsibility but is one the Council are committed to. We are currently taking steps to recruit a Head of Carbon Reduction and this role will report to the Director of Economic Development & Planning. The Head of Carbon Reduction will lead the Council's approach to meeting the challenges of transitioning to carbon neutrality.