

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

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Item 12 – Climate Strategy and Council’s response to the Climate Emergency

From Keith Freegard

To Cllr Nick Botterill Cabinet Member for Development Management, Strategic Planning and Climate Change

Question (P22-04)

How does Wiltshire council plan to tackle the environmental impacts of business organisations operating within the county in a manner that will deliver measurable carbon reductions to reach quantified objectives within a set timescale?

Response

The Green Economy section on page 30 of the Climate Strategy (agenda item 12, appendix 2) sets out how the council will work with businesses in the county – for example working with local networks, promoting ‘shop local’ initiatives and showcasing what leading business in Wiltshire are doing on this agenda.

Agenda item 12 paragraph 70 sets out the successes of the Target 2030 programme in supporting SMEs to reduce their carbon footprints to date.

Question (P22-05)

Furthermore, would the council’s appointed climate strategy delivery team be interested in collaborating with WCA on engaging with local companies to promote a faster transition to net-zero business in Wiltshire?’

Response

The council met with the WCA on this topic approximately a year ago. Our understanding was that the WCA were setting up a business engagement campaign following that meeting.