

**Wiltshire Council**

**Full Council**

**15 February 2022**

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

**From Bill Jarvis**

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

### **Statement**

#### **Immediate actions in the Climate Strategy**

The excellent report on the recent consultation by the Council Climate team and the subsequent revised Climate Strategy demonstrates that the Council have listened to and taken account of community views from around the county. The conclusions reached on the public consultation are both accurate and a powerful message to Council Members. That is much appreciated by all that spent the time to respond so comprehensively.

Cabinet has now confirmed that “By approving the Climate Strategy, Cabinet will be confirming its full support and commitment to the strategy’s goals”.

I hope this full Council meeting will similarly endorse this Strategy.

The revised Climate Strategy commits to some 36 immediate actions. These actions will require resources, both management and financial, to deliver.

#### **Question (P22-06)**

- a) As Cabinet has confirmed its commitment to the goals can it also confirm that all necessary management and financial support will be given to enable timely progress of these immediate actions.

#### **Response**

The ‘Financing our ambitions’ section on page 12 of the Climate Strategy sets out the council’s position regarding financial support to deliver the strategy.

The council has put in place a Climate team with 6 staff including a head of service and a team leader to support the delivery of the strategy, who are tasked with working across the council and with partners. The council is currently recruiting a new Assistant Director for Environment who will provide further management support for this area.

b) How does the Climate Team intend to report on the progress of these actions?

**Response**

Progress will be reported through the six-monthly reports to Cabinet and Council.