

**Wiltshire Council**

**Full Council**

**15 February 2022**

**Item 21 – Members’ Questions**

**From Cllr Nick Murry, Chippenham Monkton**

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

**Statement**

Congratulations to all involved in preparing the Climate Strategy, although it is regretful it has taken almost three years since the Climate Emergency was declared to produce it. What happens next (in terms of delivery) is of course crucially important, given that it is actions and outcomes that matter, and there are only a few years left between now and 2030. The Strategy states that “the council will produce evidence-led delivery plans, identifying targets to deliver this strategy.” In view of this:

**Question (22-08)**

Could Cllr Botterill please list these delivery plans, share the timetable for their publication and implementation, and provide a sense of the extent of decarbonisation/ sequestration that each will bring by 2027 (end of the strategy) and 2030 (the target year), including the comparative scale of emissions reduction that will be achieved via the Local Plan and the Local Transport Plan?

**Response**

We will be producing delivery plans during 2022. These plans will outline measures to help achieve carbon neutrality, identifying targets to deliver the strategy. The plans will need to be informed by the independent research that is currently being carried out to understand the pathways to net zero for the council, as well as for the county as a whole. The pathways studies will provide more information as to the necessary interventions and interim targets.

It will be important to allow time for all parts of the council to fully consider the information being provided by the studies and to develop an appropriate response. This will be a period of focussed discussion across many council service areas, as well as external partners, in order to continue our ongoing delivery in partnership and focus our efforts going forward. An update on the production of delivery plans will be

presented to Cabinet and Full Council later this year as part of our regular progress update on tackling the climate emergency.