

Area Board Briefing Note – Climate Strategy Delivery Plans

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1. Purpose

1.1. To update Area Boards on the publication of new delivery plans to support the council's adopted Climate Strategy.

2. Background

2.1. The Wiltshire Council Climate Strategy was adopted by full Council in February 2022 and is available [here](#).

2.2. The strategy was deliberately kept succinct and at a high level to encourage a wide readership. A commitment was made to develop more detailed delivery plans which would set out how the council would deliver against the objectives in the strategy.

2.3. In May 2022, two [Pathways](#) studies by consultants Anthesis set out what would be required for the council and the wider county to become carbon neutral.

3. Update

3.1. Two climate strategy delivery plans have been developed using evidence from the Pathways studies as well as input from officers across the council and councillors, in particular Cabinet and the Climate Emergency Task Group. Both plans cover the period 2022-24.

3.2. These delivery plans were [published](#) on the council's webpages on 21 September 2022. The Carbon Neutral Council Plan sets out the council's actions towards achieving our goal of becoming carbon neutral as an organisation by 2030. The Climate Strategy Delivery Plan for Wiltshire focuses on the outward facing actions the council can do to lead the transition to a carbon neutral county.

3.3. The [Delivery plan](#) for the whole county recognises that '*Delivery will require working with organisations, residents, businesses and the entire community of Wiltshire. Many of the*

actions will need to be delivered in partnership with stakeholders in a delivery or an advisory capacity and these will include the (Councillor) Climate Emergency Task Group, Wiltshire Climate Alliance and its member groups, town and parish councils and community area boards, businesses, community organisations as well as individual residents.'

3.4. The following actions will rely on working with Area Boards: X1.3 (p 5), X17.3 (p 18), B5.3 (p 23), B9.8 (p 25), NE2.1 (p 29), R3.3 (p 44) and R4.4 (p 45).

4. Next steps

4.1. The plans will provide a valuable framework to progress and monitor action across the climate strategy's seven delivery themes of:

- 4.1.1. Transport
- 4.1.2. Homes and the Built Environment
- 4.1.3. Natural Environment, Food and Farming
- 4.1.4. Energy
- 4.1.5. Green Economy
- 4.1.6. Resources and Waste
- 4.1.7. Carbon Neutral Council

4.2. Relevant teams will be engaging with Area Boards, in particular through the Area Board Environment Leads, to progress the actions listed above over the period 2022-24.

5. Further information

5.1. Cabinet and full Council regularly receive updates on progress in tackling the climate emergency. An update is being provided to October 2022 [Cabinet](#) and Council. A summary of the latest position is available [here](#).