

DECISION TAKER: Councillor Kelsie Learney – Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency Decision Day

REPORT TITLE: CARBON NEUTRALITY ROADMAP AND REPORT OF THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT CLIMATE ASSEMBLY 2022

16 JANUARY 2023

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WARD(S): ALL

DECISION:

1. That the Carbon Neutrality Roadmap (October 2022), used as the evidence base from which to develop future carbon reduction strategy, is adopted.
2. That the Winchester District Climate Assembly 2022 report of WinACC/Winchester Together for our Planet, is received and noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This report provides the background and supporting information to support the decision to adopt the Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality for Winchester District by 2030 (referred to as Carbon Neutrality Roadmap) that has been developed by consultants WSP. The final Carbon Neutrality Roadmap is an extensive and comprehensive piece of work that advises the council, its partners and stakeholders on the nature and scale of interventions that would be required to help the district reach carbon neutrality. It shows the need to go greener faster and to priorities high impact actions, scale up actions and increase the pace of delivery. The Carbon Neutrality Roadmap is provided in Appendix 1

In addition, the report of the Winchester District Climate Assembly 2022 has been presented to the council by WinACC and Winchester Together for our Planet. The Assembly seeks to have the report findings and recommendation taken into account by the council, businesses and residents when planning the action needed to become a carbon neutral district. Therefore is asking the council to accept the report.

The Assembly saw around 70 people come together on 22nd October 2022 to debate “*what changes would they support to enable a fair transition to a cleaner, greener, more affordable District?*” Topics discussed included energy, transport,

reversing our throwaway culture and food. The Assembly concluded with six prioritised calls for action:

1. Increasing local supply of renewable energy
2. Enabling active travel: less vehicle traffic
3. Encouraging a circular economy
4. Eating local seasonal food and cutting food waste
5. Greener homes and buildings
6. Enabling active travel: better buses

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

1. Not to adopt the Roadmap. This is rejected as without the identification and quantification of the interventions required to become a carbon neutral district this will not be achieved.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

None

APPROVED BY: Kelsie Learney

DATE: 16.01.2023

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: A Carbon Neutrality Roadmap for the Winchester District by 2030

Appendix 2: The report of the Winchester District Climate Assembly 2022
(WinACC/Winchester Together for our Planet, October 2022)

Appendix 3: Implementation Process for Carbon Neutrality Roadmap