

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Report or Presentation	Committee Resolution	Committee Comments	Accepted (Y/N)	Action taken
12-Jul-23	Retrofit Housing Programme.	Presentation	1. That the council had set a challenging target to be carbon neutral by 2030.	1. Clarification was sought regarding the council's statutory obligations and expected deliverables and the methodology for determining the number of properties in the programme.	Y	There are no current legal obligations for local authorities to retrofit council homes but there are statutory powers for the council to improve energy efficiency standards. We are still progressing the development of strategies, through pilots. Our methodologies rely heavily on stock data together with pilot projects that help inform different strategies for differing property archetypes.
			2. That the presented program demonstrated the council's dedication to achieving this target.	2. What is the funding source beyond the initial two years of the programme?	Y	Provision of Retrofit funding is set within the HRA Business Plan.
			3. That communication with residents was crucial for their understanding of the program and its impact on their properties and lives	3. The impact of resident demand for window retrofits on project planning and bidding structure.	Y	Noted.
				4. The possibility of involving private homes and landlords in the project.	N	The Retrofit work is funded through the HRA Budget. Lessons learnt and best practice can be shared in due course. Government funding schemes are available for private households assessed as low income households.
			4. That there was a need for careful project management, including considering potential mitigations and contingencies.	7. The importance of tenant engagement and finding effective ways to communicate the proposition.	Y	A Retrofit Tenant Liaison Officer has since joined the team.
				8. Engaging with energy providers during bill distribution as a means of resident communication.	N	Unsure what this comment means.
				5. Comparing savings between gas and electric systems and ensuring consistent baseline calculations.	Y	Compared as part of the retrofit strategy.
			5. That in general terms, members of the committee expressed support for the programme.	6. The potential for multiple visits and coordination among contractors once work commences.	Y	A Retrofit Coordinator and Retrofit Clerk of Works has since joined the team.
				9. Managing expectations and staging of the retrofit program if it became successful.	Y	Noted. The development of a retrofit strategy will support.
			6. That the contents of the presentation were noted.		Y	Noted
			7. That the Cabinet Member and officers note the comments of the committee as outlined above.		Y	Noted
12-Jul-23	Carbon Credit Trading	Report (Ref BHP43)	1. There was an opportunity presented by the retrofit program and the potential for trading and generating credits and it was acknowledged there was a need to explore the option and	1. Clarification regarding the option of retaining carbon credits rather than selling them and the forecasted impact on the council's position.	Y	See comment at point 6
			2. That some concerns had been expressed about the process and the scheme and that a degree of caution was suggested.	7. Questioning the time and effort involved in the scheme compared to other priorities.	Y	It is accepted that there would be capacity issues attached to the project and that the retrofit team generally requires additional staffing resources.
			3. That further discussion was required to consider how the credits generated would be utilised.	5. Understanding the history and reliability of the proposed organisation and reassurance that other authorities had already joined the scheme.	Y	See comment at point 6
				3. Concern was raised regarding the potential difficulty of becoming carbon neutral if credits were sold and the risk of double counting.	Y	See comment at point 6
			4. There should be an emphasis on maintaining the good reputation of Winchester City Council.	6. Clarification regarding the option to reinvest the money generated from credits back into the retrofit scheme.	Y	During further investigation into other Local Authorities using the scheme and whilst trying to obtain an estimated income the credits could generate from retrofit work completed between 2023 and 2030 and the potential to retain these credits, the team were asked to pause investigations due to the lack of appetite for the scheme as debated at committee.
			5. There was recognition of the value and incremental benefits that could be generated from such a scheme.	4. The ethical concerns about the concept of credits, urging careful consideration of the council's values and integrity in pursuing this approach.	Y	Noted.
			6. That the contents of the report were noted.	2. Further information was requested concerning existing case studies and experiences of other councils regarding carbon credit trading.	Y	See comment at point 6
			7. That the Cabinet Member and officers note the comments of the committee as outlined above.		Y	Noted.