

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP (HPBC)

Meeting: Thursday, 2 February 2023 at 6.30 pm in Virtual Meeting

Present: Councillor A McKeown (Chair)

Councillors A Barrow, J Collins, C Farrell, L Grooby, D Lomax, E Thrane and J Todd

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Ashton and G Oakley

23/2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda Item 2)

None.

23/3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

23/4 UPDATE ON SUSTAINABLE WARMTH COMPETITION

(Agenda Item 4)

It was reported that there had been some Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme Phase 2 underspend. It had not been possible to find enough suitable Council housing properties within the timescale.

The Sustainable Warmth Competition was in two parts. The Local Authority Delivery (LAD 3) of £439,334.05 had been overwhelmed with applications and the deadline to complete had been extended. The Home Upgrade Grant (HUG1) off gas was for £169,272.02. Clarification was being sought on projects in Conservation Areas. Information was awaited about potential HUG2 funding.

There were also several routes to ECO funding for Council Tax banding A to D. Simple funding could require householder contribution. Processes would need to be set up to target and manage proxies.

Discussion took place on giving advance notice of schemes.

23/5 DERBYSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST - WILDER PROJECT INITIATIVE

(Agenda Item 5)

It was reported that the Wilder Project Initiative would work and support nature groups across the Borough. A workshop was planned in March to come up with actions and tools for groups to share. Details of nature groups were invited.

23/6 CLIMATE CHANGE PRIORITIES 2023/24
(Agenda Item 6)

Consideration was given to priority activities for 2023 to 2024 for the Council's Climate Change Strategy. Discussion took place on competing demands, plans to appoint a biodiversity officer, improving website links, currently unsuitable public transport, key actions and priorities including green jobs, services, emissions and relevancy in Committee reports.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and the priority activities for 2023/24 recommended to the Executive.

23/7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 7)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as there may be disclosure of exempt information as set out in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

23/8 LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLAN
(Agenda Item 8)

There was a presentation on the Local Area Energy Plan.

The meeting concluded at 7.17 pm

CHAIRMAN