

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP – 16 August 2021 at 2pm

PRESENT:

Cllr J Clark (Chair)	Marshal Scott – Chief Executive
Cllr S Bibby	John Heap – Director of Community Services
Cllr D Berryman	Michelle Haworth – Principal Policy & Performance Officer
Cllr S Fletcher	
Cllr S Atkinson	
Cllr R Thompson	

APOLOGIES

Received from Cllr J Hill and Mair Hill.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2021 were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The actions from the meeting not covered on the agenda were considered.

Capital Evaluation forms – Marshal Scott had asked Resources to ensure that all future capital evaluation forms had a section to include climate change impact.

Electric Vehicles

- no quantitative evaluation on usage or revenue was available as a statement from Eon had not yet been received. The spaces currently used for charging were not exclusive to charging and were therefore still being charged for parking. This would be reviewed when fees and charges were considered in the autumn.
- A report on a policy possibly being introduced for taxis was still awaited.

CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

The Leader referred to the new tone of LCC regarding climate change issues and the document 'Greater Lancashire Plan'. He felt it important that the Council is proactive in working with LCC in getting infrastructure to the districts and bringing in measures for climate change. LCC had commissioned consultants.

Of particular interest was the installation of charging points in the Borough and the commitment to providing them. John Heap reminded the group that Community Services committee had approved the installations on Railway View and Chester Ave, Clitheroe car parks and a feasibility study for provision on other car parks in the Borough. More information was required on the demand from both residents and tourists for these points, so this needed to be left open ended in the report to P&F. Developers should also be encouraged to install charging points on all new housing developments built in the Borough.

John Heap sought opinion on providing staff facilities for charging. Following investigation, confirmation had been received that there was adequate power supply for 18 charging points in the undercroft and around the perimeter of the council offices. Staff would pay for the energy and would need to have a parking space. However, he was aware that this might cause negative comment from members of the public. Councillors were supportive of the provision for staff. It would encourage them to be 'green' and also create more overall capacity of charging points.

Michelle Haworth outlined to the working group where in the Strategy she had made amendments and filled in some blanks. Work was still required to outcomes in the community; targets; wording in actions; officer responsibility. An addition would be made about 'working with LCC' and having an annual review of the document.

She suggested including questions on electric/hybrid charging points in the next resident Perception Survey in order to engage with residents. Councillors were supportive of this action.

The Strategy needed to be kept concise so that as policies change it can be kept up to date easily.

ACTION:

- 1. Michelle Haworth to prepare a report on the Draft Strategy for Policy and Finance committee following the inclusion of points referred to in the meeting.**
- 2. Michelle Haworth to include questions in the next resident Perception Survey relating the electric charging points/vehicles.**
- 3. John Heap to proceed with drawing up a scheme for the provision of electric charging point facilities for staff at the Council Offices.**
- 4. Mair Hill to prepare a report to Licensing committee on changing the policy for taxis to use electric/hybrid vehicles.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged in due course.

The meeting closed at 3.15pm.