

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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DECISION

meeting date: THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2024  
title: APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN 2024/2025  
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### 1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Committee with the Climate Change Action Plan 2024/2025 for approval and formal adoption.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives - To be a well-managed Council providing effective services.
- Corporate Priorities - To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area: to help make people's lives healthier and safe.
- Other Considerations - To work in partnership with other bodies in pursuit of the Council's aims and objectives

### 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 At the Economic Development Committee meeting on Thursday, 15 June 2023. It was agreed that a working group should be formed to develop a Climate Change Action Plan for 2024/25

2.3 The working group has met three times and developed the attached plan at Appendix 1.

### 3. RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – There is no specific ringfenced budget for the Climate Change action plan. However, budgets are in place for a variety of revenue and capital scheme initiatives that have already been considered and approved. Reports and feasibility studies with costings for any further initiatives will be taken to relevant committees for discussion and consideration. If approved at service committee level, budget approval will then be considered by Policy and Finance Committee prior to any schemes being progressed further.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – This report sets out initiatives that will have a tangible impact on reducing the Council's Carbon emissions.
- Political – None identified.
- Reputation – It is important that the Council is seen as a leader in the community regarding climate change.
- Equality and Diversity – For all RVBC Policies and Strategies and in line with the Council's approach to equalities, an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) checklist will be completed to determine whether a full EIA is required. This will identify the potential impact of the organisation's policies, services and functions on its residents and staff, and will actively look for negative or adverse impacts of policies, services, and functions on any of the nine protected characteristics.

#### 4. RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

4.1 Consider and approve the Climate Change Action Plan 2024/25 for formal adoption.

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Appendix 1 Climate Change Action Plan 2024/25

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