

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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25 th Jan 2023	Climate Change Programme Overview and Progress	To receive an update from the Programme Manager – Climate Change & Carbon Reduction	Alex Ellis – Programme Manager	
	Motion – Carbon Footprint of Homeworking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recommend that Cabinet reviewed the Home Working Policy, establishing a coherent and climate-informed framework for the council. 2. To recommend to Cabinet that a study was commissioned in respect of total net emissions from homeworking, in the form of a survey of Flintshire staff as per Welsh Government guidance 3. To recommend that as an interim measure pending the completion of a review of the climate evidence, the council should allow anyone who wished to work from the office in Winter to do so, particularly considering rising heating costs, and 4. To instruct the Chair to write to the Welsh Government’s Climate Change Minister requesting that a mechanism that accurately reflected seasonal variation in net homeworking emissions was included in the guidance for assessing emissions, such that the council was not penalised for 	Cllr Ibbotson	Recommendations to be forwarded to Cabinet.

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		<p>taking steps to reduce total emissions at the expense of those that show on its own figures.</p>		
	<p>Motion – Print free Council</p>	<p>The Committee recommended to Cabinet that a policy be implemented across all departments setting out that printing should only be considered where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There is a statutory requirement to provide information in printed form. ● A disabled staff member or service user requires material in printed form because they are disabled. ● A staff member or service user required material in printed form because they are digitally excluded. ● The relevant Chief Officer had directed that a paper backup of the document was necessary for service resilience, or ● For the purposes of advertising a service or change in service to the public; and ● That all paper, toners, inks and consumables procured be made of recycled materials and recycled after use. 	<p>Cllr Rose</p>	<p>Recommendations to be forwarded to Cabinet.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee also called on the Cabinet to initiate an efficiency review of the current stock of printers owned or operated by the council with a view to rationalising these to the minimum strictly necessary. 		
	Motion – Columbaria in Flintshire Managed Cemeteries – Environmentally Friendly Bereavement Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recommend to Cabinet and the Environment & Economy Scrutiny Committee that Flintshire County Council offer Columbaria as an option for residents as part of its suite of bereavement and burial services. 2. To recommend to Cabinet and the Environment & Economy Scrutiny Committee that Flintshire County Council explore the viability of offering other environmentally friendly burial options, such as Resomation, in the longer term 	Cllr Swash	Recommendations to be forwarded to Cabinet.
	Motion – Flood Resilience and Adaptation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the inquiry be established by the Committee on the basis set out as outlined in the motion 2. That provision is made for an oral evidence session, including a venue, in either April or May. 	Cllr Ibbotson	That the Chair of the Committee progress the recommendations above.

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	Motion – Clwyd Pension Fund Divestment - 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Committee commissions an inquiry into the climate performance and targets of the Clwyd Pension Fund. 2. That this inquiry shall take written and oral evidence as set out in section 3. 3. That the inquiry will report back to the committee at the July meeting. 	Cllr Ibbotson	That the Chair of the Committee progress the recommendations above.
Tues 28th March	Climate Change Programme Review	To review and approve the areas of focus within the programme for the coming year.	Alex Ellis, Programme Manager	
	Policy on EV charging infrastructure for off street parking	That the Cabinet Member for Streetscene be asked to report to this Committee and the Environment & Economy Committee on the feasibility of offering the installation of cable ducts between houses and the street to enable owners of electric vehicles without off street parking to safely run cables across pavements, with the cost of these to be met by the resident in	Cllr Ibbotson	Recommendations to be forwarded to Cabinet

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		the same way as dropped kerb installations. To ask the Cabinet to adopt a policy of enabling all council tenants to have install, or have installed on request, electric vehicle charging points at home.		
	Hydro power and Milwr Tunnel	Cllrs Healey & Bithell to lead discussion on Milwr tunnel and the potential of hydro power within Flintshire.	Cllr Eastwood	
Tues 23rd May	Thermal energy utilising former coal mines	Cllr Allan Marshall to lead discussion on thermal energy and potential within Flintshire. Recommend to Cabinet and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee to take note of the above report and widen scope on what represents renewable energy capture systems in Flintshire.	Cllr Marshall	Recommendations to be forwarded to Cabinet.
	Reaching out to wider community on Climate Change	To discuss content of Communication & Engagement Plan for Programme and agree approach for Committee engagement with young people.	Cllr Healey	Programme Manager to implement feedback into Plan
Tues 18th July	Climate Change Programme Communication & Engagement Plan	To adopt the Communication & Engagement Plan for the Climate Change Programme	Programme Manager Climate Change	

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	Local Area Energy Plan update	To receive an update on the development of the Flintshire County Energy Plan and contribute to stakeholder engagement.	Programme Manager Climate Change	Programme Manager to collate feedback and forward to ARUP
	Feasibility of bioreactors for grass arisings/food waste	To receive a report on the opportunities and constraints with the use of anaerobic digestion for grass arisings.	Cllr Rose	
	Planning changes to incorporate requirements for Passivhaus/solar/EV charging	<p>To receive a report on the opportunities and constraints present in current planning policy in relation to incorporation of carbon reduction methods.</p> <p>That Members note the content of this report and the planning framework available to facilitate renewable energy development and carbon reduction via the planning system.</p> <p>That a letter be sent to the Minister for Climate Change to outline the Committee's frustrations in terms of Planning legislation around how far this could be pushed as far as solar panels and minimum standard of energy security.</p>	Cllr Rose & Cllr Mansell	Committee to prepare a letter to the Minister for Climate Change.
	Hydrogen provision and hydrogen fuelled vehicles	To receive an update on the development of the 'Hydrogen Hub' in providing a source of hydrogen for Flintshire's future energy needs.	Cllr Eastwood	

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Sept	Welsh Government Heat Strategy Consultation	To discuss the Welsh Government's Heat Strategy and record comments to include in the coordinated response.	Programme Manager Climate Change	
	Review of catering facilities – mandatory plant based meals	To receive a report on the current school provision and ongoing work by Welsh Local Government Association to revise existing statutory guidance on healthy eating in maintained schools.	Cllr Rose & Cllr Preece	
	Carbon offsetting – tree planting	To receive a report on the current status of carbon offsetting within Flintshire's land assets, and support the development of a land use analysis decision flow chart for the management of its land assets.	Cllr Mansell & Cllr Ibbotson	
Nov	Flintshire Council Carbon Footprint 2022-23	To receive a report on the updated carbon footprint for the Council.	Programme Manager Climate Change	
	Decarbonisation of supply chain	To receive an introduction from the new Joint Procurement Low Carbon Business Partner.	Programme Manager Climate Change	
	Contingency Planning for extreme heat	To discuss contingency planning for extreme heat with North Wales Councils' Regional Emergency Planning Service	Cllr Ibbotson	
	Climate Adaptation – identifying risks and mitigation	To discuss the risks of a changing climate to Flintshire county, and consideration of mitigation in adapting to the changes in the climate.	Programme Manager Climate Change	