

COUNCIL 14TH FEBRUARY 2024

Cabinet 11th December 2023

79 ENDORSEMENT OF CALDERDALE'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Councillor Patient, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Action, Active Travel and Housing submitted a report of the Director, Public Health which sought endorsement of Calderdale's Climate Action Plan (the Plan) and recommended that it be endorsed by full Council for the Council to consider how it could contribute to the success of the Plan. The Plan focused on the actions that needed to be taken over the next three years (2023 – 2026) to meet the Borough's net zero target by 2038. Climate action was one of the Council's corporate priorities in line with the declaration of a climate emergency in 2019.

The Plan had been developed by the multi-agency Climate Action Partnership (the Partnership); a group made up of cross-party councillors; partners including Together Housing and the NHS; and activist groups such as Calderdale Green New Deal. Council Officers had supported the Partnership through administration of meetings and in writing the Plan, based on their input. There were six themes within the Plan: Influencing, Community Climate Action, Green Economy, Warm and Resilient Buildings, Transport and Getting Around, and Land and Nature. Each theme contained actions which required work from multiple stakeholders across the Borough. The delivery and success of the Plan would be based on forming partnerships and undertaking a multi-agency approach.

The report outlined background information, options considered, financial, legal, human resources and organisational development, environmental, health and economic implications.

During discussions Members welcomed the report and supported the Climate Action Plan. Members were pleased that Calderdale was showing leadership in what was one of the most important issues of our lifetime, and noted the cross over in other aspects of work that the Council was working towards. For example, working with Housing Associations in respect of retrofitting properties to help with Climate Change, that in turn would also have an impact on reducing energy costs and support the Council's Anti-Poverty Action Plan.

***RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that Calderdale's Climate Action Plan be endorsed in line with the Council's declaration of a climate emergency in 2019; the 2023 Environmental Policy Statement and the Council's target to reach net zero by 2038.**

Original reports considered can be found on the Council's website as follows:

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