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77 GREEN AND HEALTHY STREETS CORPORATE POLICY

Councillor Patient, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Change and Resilience presented a written report of the Director, Regeneration and Strategy that set out the Green and Healthy Streets Corporate Policy. It was proposed as a new policy for all Calderdale Council projects that impact the street scene. The policy methodology ensured that schemes and interventions were compliant with National Government Policy and the Prime Minister's Gear Change Strategy, aligning with LTN 1/20 and Manual for Streets, ahead of future Active Travel England inspections. The Green and Healthy Streets Corporate Policy was an evidence-based and implementation-focused policy that aimed to ensure the long-term quality of the built environment at the street level to unlock the social, economic, and environmental benefits of an increase in walking, cycling, wheeling, and dwelling in Calderdale's public spaces, including the benefits which would be seen from the incorporation of good green infrastructure.

The Policy was being proposed at this moment in time so that regeneration projects and programmes in development incorporated these principles, and so that the Council had sufficient time to incorporate the principles further across the Borough. This would enable the Council to deliver on its commitment to create stronger towns, reduce inequalities, and act on the climate emergency in time to reach Net Zero by 2038.

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

Members discussed the benefits of the Policy and were supportive of its adoption.

***RESOLVED that the Green and Healthy Streets Corporate Policy be recommended to Council for adoption.**