

COUNCIL 30th November 2022

Cabinet 14th November 2022

59 REVISION OF THE COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Councillor Patient, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Climate Change and Resilience, presented a written report of the Directors, Public Health and Regeneration and Strategy which updated and revised the Council's Environmental Policy Statement to align with the Council's Net Zero Target by 2038. Tackling the climate emergency was a key Council priority and the Council's Environmental Policy Statement alongside the development of a Climate Action Plan would support the delivery of this ambition.

Calderdale Council's Environmental Policy established the environmental and sustainability principles that the Council must lead on and deliver against. The Environmental Policy Statement was last updated and agreed by Council in January 2019 and signed by the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive. The report set out recommended changes to the Environmental Policy Statement at Appendix 1.

The recommended amendments to the Environmental Policy Statement were to ensure it was up to date with Council ambitions and targets. The Environmental Policy underpinned the Council's organisational responsibility and role in protecting, managing, and improving the environment which demonstrated the Council's internal commitment to tackling environmental issues. The Environmental Policy Statement was not intended to be a strategy document, however, Officers continued to work on a borough wide Climate Action Plan establishing the difference we wanted to see, with actions, benefits and resource implications.

The report provided background information and outlined options considered, consultation, and financial, legal, environmental, health, economic, equality, and diversity implications.

***RESOLVED that:**

- (a) the revised Environmental Policy Statement be endorsed; and
- (b) it be recommended to Council that the revised Environmental Policy Statement be approved.**

(Part 59 (b) only)