



**CABINET**

**14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM (13)**

**COMMITMENT TO CARBON REDUCTION**

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<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To highlight current actions and agree enhanced objectives to deliver future carbon reduction.
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	<b>That Cabinet agrees to reaffirm its commitment to carbon reduction by agreeing to undertake the tasks set out within paragraph 7 of this report.</b>
<b>Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)</b>	To ensure that the Council continues to take positive steps to reduce its carbon usage and perform a key community leadership role in reducing emissions.

<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Recommendation to Council</b>	No

<b>Financial Implications</b>	Further reports will be submitted to Cabinet/Council as appropriate to seek funding for individual projects to deliver carbon reduction initiatives.
<b>Legal and Human Rights Implications</b>	At present, there is no legislative requirement to meet carbon reduction targets.
<b>Environmental and Sustainability Implications</b>	Covered within the main body of the report.
<b>Human Resource Implications</b>	To be set out in future reports on individual projects. The overall objective to reduce carbon usage will be overseen by the Councils Energy Projects and Resources Officer.
<b>Key Risks</b>	None associated with this report.
<b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b>	Not relevant

<b>Related Decisions</b>	Cabinet - 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Electric Vehicle Charging Point Framework Minute CAB.33 refers
<b>Background Documents</b>	None
<b>Appendices</b>	None

<b>Performance Management Follow Up</b>	(i) Implement Cabinet decision(s). (ii) Carbon performance is already reported and any individual projects that are subsequently agreed will be reported in the quarterly performance update.
<b>Options for Joint Working</b>	Not relevant

### Background Information

1. The Council has previously invested in a number of measures to reduce its carbon usage including introducing LED lighting, gas boiler replacement and swimming pool covers. The Council is committed to reducing its carbon usage and to supporting residents in doing so.
2. In July 2018, the Council agreed funding to allow legal documents to be prepared for the procurement of a framework to allow electric vehicle charging points to be installed in the District now and into the future as demand continues to increase - supplementing the two charging points it installed in 2014, which have seen increased usage year on year. Unfortunately, the complexity of these legal agreements has meant it has taken longer than anticipated to finalise the technical legal documents but procurement will be starting this month, so installation of new EVCPs should be completed in the spring or summer.
3. EVCPs will enable the Council to introduce electric vehicles both for Ubico operational fleet and pool cars for staff to undertake visits across the District. This will make a very positive contribution to carbon reduction, as the Council's fleet is a major contributor to the amount of carbon used.
4. In December 2018, the Council agreed changes to its future Waste and Recycling collection service. The changes to fleet and a move to fortnightly garden waste collections will result in a reduction in carbon emissions.
5. In July 2018, the Government published guidance for public and higher education sector organisations in England that want to support and report against a voluntary emissions reduction target. In the Clean Growth Strategy, the government introduced a voluntary target of a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions across these sectors by 30% by 2020/21, compared to a 2009/10 baseline.
6. The Emissions Reduction Pledge (ERP) enables organisations to make a public declaration of their intention to reduce emissions and helps ensure that carbon reporting and energy saving become routine activities.
7. Having considered the ERP, it is suggested that, at this stage, the Council reaffirms its commitment to carbon reduction by agreeing to undertake the following tasks:-
  - (i) Review the Council's Carbon Management Plan, update with actions which work towards becoming a Carbon Neutral Council and align with emerging County plans, e.g. Gloucestershire Energy Strategy.
  - (ii) Develop business cases for initiatives to reduce the Council's carbon emissions and, subject to funding being available, implement these plans and measure the energy reduction.

(iii) Review energy use and carbon emissions to inform management action.

(iv) Report annual energy use to Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and publish carbon emissions performance every year.

(v) Share best practice in the local area and within and across sectors.

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