

Climate Change Strategy (Climate Change – Dr Marcel Steward)

Synopsis of report: The Draft Climate Change Strategy has been subject to wide internal consultation among Members and Officers. The final Draft is attached to this report for recommendation to Full Council.

**Recommend to the Full Council meeting which considers the Corporate Plan:
The approval of the Draft Climate Change Strategy for Runnymede Borough Council.**

1. Context of report

- 1.1 The Draft Climate Change Strategy has been the subject of wide consultation within Runnymede Borough Council, the Corporate Leadership Team, Corporate Heads and the Senior Leadership Team.

2. Report and, where applicable, options considered

- 2.1 The final draft of the Runnymede Borough Council Climate Change Strategy document (at Appendix '1' attached) incorporates the comments and feedback received apart from the exceptions set out in paragraph 2.3 below.
- 2.2 The draft has been the subject of extensive consultation among Members and Officers of the Council.
- 2.3 The draft Strategy document attached at Appendix '1' incorporates the feedback received with the exception of the following:
- Illustrations and graphics: this requirement is noted and will be incorporated within the desktop publishing of the document once the content has been finalised
 - Comparison to national statistics: the current status quo is that current, relevant national statistics are not widely available. However, the Strategy is a 'living document' which it is intended to be added to as data becomes available
 - The Citizens Panel will be convened so that the community is informed and can contribute to the decision making process. The Citizens Panel will be subject to evaluation and consultation to ensure that it is representative of Runnymede residents, businesses and communities. This comprises an individual action under the Strategy and will be the subject of a report to Council for resolution, including the timescale for its implementation
 - Identified individual actions which have a short gestation time can be delivered quickly: as a living document, further actions will be added as required subject to Member resolution
 - Members will be fully involved and updated throughout the delivery of the Strategy and its ensuing actions

3. Policy framework implications

- 3.1 The Runnymede Borough Council Climate Change Strategy is one of the strategies which are integral to the Council's Corporate Business Plan.

4. **Resource implications**

- 4.1 The Climate Change Strategy is the overarching framework for the Council's response to the challenge of Climate Change.
- 4.2 Some of the actions arising from the Strategy will have significant resource implications for almost all areas of the Council's operations and services.
- 4.3 Individual actions identified within the Strategy, and others which evolve as the Strategy is taken forward will be the subject of individual evaluation of resources and implications prior to presentation to Members for resolution.

5. **Legal implications**

- 5.1 None.

6. **Equality implications**

- 6.1 An equality screening will be undertaken for the Strategy.

7. **Environmental/Sustainability/Biodiversity implications**

- 7.1 The actions laid out in the draft Climate Change Strategy seek to enhance the environment and to promote sustainability and biodiversity.

(To recommend)

Background papers

Draft Runnymede Borough Council Climate Change Strategy attached at Appendix '1'.