

**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

09 SEPTEMBER 2024

The following question was received from Mr M. Hunt CC:

1. In light of the new Government statements on environment in recent weeks, as well as the Council's unprecedented financial challenges, what consideration is being given to revising the Council's NetZero Strategy and Action Plan and provide a credible plan which will deliver savings to the Council from reduced greenhouse gases, such as we have found from street lighting and changed workplace practices?

Response:

Recent Government statements regarding the environment have not yet transferred into a new Government policy or Local Government support (such as funding) which would assist with the delivery of local net zero policies and initiatives. As such, the ongoing financial challenges faced by the Council continue to make delivery of net zero ambitions challenging. As planned, the Net Zero Strategy and Action Plan will be reviewed and updated as part of the Annual Environmental Performance Report which will be presented to the Environment and Climate Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2025.

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