

Minute extract from the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 5 March 2020.

Leicestershire County Council's Revised Strategic Plan 2018-22.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive concerning the revised Strategic Plan 2018-22. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 8', is filed with these minutes.

In introducing the report, the Head of Communities, Policy and Resilience advised changes had been made to the Strategic Plan following a light touch review to strengthen the environmental and equalities strands within the Plan. A full review would be undertaken the following financial year.

Arising from the discussion the following points were noted:

- i) The Committee were pleased the changes reflected that the Council was taking Climate Change seriously and recognised the actions that needed to be taken.
- ii) Members were assured that partners had been involved in developing the Plan and it was recognised that working together in key partnerships was essential to delivery joint strategy outcomes.
- iii) The Director assured Members that the County Council had not stopped the Master Composter scheme across the county which supported volunteers through environmental courses. Officers would advise Members would look into the concerns now raised regarding the Master Gardner scheme operated by some district councils and would feedback to members.
- iv) With regard to the strategic outcome relating to 'Affordable and Quality Homes' Members were reminded that it was for the districts, as planning authorities, to ensure and encourage developers to build above the minimum housing regulation specification set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.
- v) Related to the strategic outcome 'Strong Economy' it was recognised that there was a need to have in place the right infrastructure for sustainable clean growth'. Looking ahead consideration would be given measuring and reporting on Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5.

RESOLVED:

That the comments of the Committee be forwarded to the Scrutiny Commission for consideration at its meeting on 8 April 2020.

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