

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

Revised Environment Strategy.

The Committee received a report of the Director of Environment and Transport outlining revisions to the Environment Strategy, Action Plan and Tranche 1 Carbon Reduction Roadmap. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 9', is filed with these minutes.

The Committee thanked officers for the work being undertaken and the progress being made in addressing the climate emergency as declared in May 2019 by the County Council. Arising from the discussion the following points were noted:-

- i) The Tranche 1 Carbon Reduction Roadmap focused on the County Council's own emissions under its control, as defined by Government, and reported annually in the Council's Greenhouse Gas Emissions report. This report did not include emissions from operations such as procurement, county farms, water and operational waste. Reporting on and reducing emission form such operations would be addressed as part of the Tranche 2 Carbon Reduction Roadmap and be brought to the Committee later in the year.
- ii) Leicestershire County Council had a statutory duty as waste disposal authority. As part of Tranche 2 officers would look at all disposal options and weigh up the negatives and benefits of different methods.
- iii) Work had commenced regarding biodiversity within the County Council's parks, sites of scientific interest and rights of way. This area was recognised as one requiring significant improvement.
- iv) It was noted that currently the Council, in its role as Highway Authority, could not take into account air pollution resulting from congestion and standing traffic but this would be looked into.

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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