

Warwickshire Waste Partnership

25 September 2019

Action on Climate Change

Recommendation(s)

1. The Warwickshire Waste Partnership is asked to note the report and the possible links with the work of the Partnership.

1.0 National commitment to address climate change

- 1.1 In May 2019 the Government announced that the national net zero carbon reduction target would be moved from 80% by 2050 to zero by 2050.
- 1.2 County, Unitary, Metropolitan, District, Borough and Town councils across the country have been declaring a climate emergency. Many have also committed to targets for new zero carbon that are more ambitious than the national target. A target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 appears to be the typical target so far.

2.0 Commitments to address climate change in Warwickshire

- 2.1 Warwick District Council declared a climate emergency on 26th June at Full Council. The council has set a target of carbon neutral by 2025 for all council activities and services; becoming a net-zero carbon organisation, including contracted out services, by 2025 in terms of scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.
- 2.2 Stratford District Council declared a climate emergency on 15th July at Full Council. Councillors have pledged to take local action to contribute to national carbon neutral targets through the development of practices and policies, with an aim to being carbon neutral in Stratford-on-Avon district by 2030.
- 2.3 Rugby Borough council declared a climate emergency on 18th July. The council committed to establish a cross party working group to advise the council's cabinet on the actions and timescales needed to move towards carbon neutrality by 2030. The working group will present its initial recommendations within six months.
- 2.4 On 25th July, Warwickshire County Council full council declared a climate emergency. The council have committed to set up a task and finish cross party joint working group to respond to the challenge and report to cabinet in

six months. The group will carry out preparatory baseline data research and come back to cabinet and full council in the new year with a set of targets, with costs and actions. The council also committed to working with Districts and Boroughs Councils to develop targeted and resourced proposals.

3.0 Next steps for WCC

- 3.1 The first meeting of the cross party joint working group is scheduled for 18th September. At this meeting the scope of the work of the task and finish group will be defined.
- 3.2 Further verbal updates from each partner authority can be provided at the meeting.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The resources required to fulfil this commitment are as yet undetermined.

Background papers

- 1. [WDC press release](#)
- 2. [SDC press release](#)
- 3. [RBC press release](#)
- 4. [WCC press release](#)

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