

# ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2021

Present: Councillor H E Skinner, Chair

Councillors: D K Watts (Vice-Chair)  
M Brown  
S Dannheimer  
S Easom  
L Fletcher  
T Hallam  
R I Jackson  
R D MacRae  
G Marshall  
S Paterson  
R D Willimott

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L A Ball BEM

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

26 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2021 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

27 CHRISTMAS CAR PARKING CHARGES 2021

The Committee consider the cessation of parking charges in the majority of Council owned car parks over the Christmas period related to the aim of increasing footfall in Broxtowe's town centres. The total cost to the Council would be approximately £13,200.

**RESOLVED that appropriate arrangements regarding the cessation of charges in car parks over the Christmas period are delegated to the Head of Governance to enact as detailed in the report.**

28 GARDEN WASTE SUBSCRIPTION CHARGES FOR 2022/23

Members considered the 2022/23 garden waste subscription fees.

An income target of £750,000 was set for the 2021/22 subscription period. As of 1 October 2021, 22,100 properties had subscribed to the service generating an income of £859,203.

The number of subscribers in 2021/22 had increased from those in 2020/21 suggesting that the service represents good value for money.

**RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee that:**

**1. The price for the first bin for 2022/23 be increased by £1.00**

**2. The price for additional bins for 2022/23 be increased by £1.00**

29 UPDATE ON CARBON EMISSIONS AND PROGRESS TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2027

Members were updated on the Council's current carbon footprint and progress towards becoming Carbon neutral by 2027.

In July 2019, the Council declared a 'Climate Change Emergency' and committed to become Carbon neutral by 2027. The commitment was based on a baseline for the Council's own operations that included Carbon Scope's 1 and 2, plus Business Mileage (Scope 3).

In 2009, the Council worked with the Carbon Trust to create a Carbon Management Plan that looked to reduce the Council's CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions by 34% (as a minimum) by 2020.

In February 2020, the exercise was repeated. The review established that carbon emissions for the Council had significantly reduced by 45%.

**RESOLVED that the new carbon reporting baseline be approved.**

30 CLEAN AND GREEN

Members noted the progress of the 'Clean and Green' initiative. The Clean and Green Initiative supports the Councils corporate vision of 'a greener, safer, healthier Broxtowe where everyone prospers' and to 'protect the environment for the future'

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1) A revenue growth bid is submitted to the Finance and Resources Committee for the approval of £4,000 in the 2022/23 budgets to finance four green themed community engagement events.**
- 2) An annual litter audit is undertaken.**

31 FUNDING STREAM AVAILABILITY FOR HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee were updated with the latest updates on funding stream availability for housing energy efficiency improvements. The government published the Heat and Buildings Strategy on 19 October. This includes £3.9 billion of new funding for decarbonising heat and buildings, including £450m for a Boiler Upgrade Scheme that will fund 90,000 heat pumps over the next three years.

In the case of successful bids for funding it is permitted to charge capital fees as a proportion of them. This allows cost recovery of detailed design work and site supervision.

32 TREE PLANTING

Members were updated on the initiative to provide 500 native trees suitable for domestic gardens free to Broxtowe Residents and a recent funding success for planting new trees on Parks and Open Spaces.

The Council has a target to plant 2,500 trees each year across the borough as part of the tree planting strand in the Climate Change Strategy and Green Futures programme.

33 CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME UPDATE

Members were updated on the progress made with the Council's Climate Change and Green Futures programme and the Communications Campaign Plan supporting the programme.

34 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Committee received a report on the progress against outcome targets identified in the Environment and Climate Change Business Plan, linked to Corporate Plan priorities and objectives.

35 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered Work Programme.

**RESOLVED the Work Programme be approved with the additional items of Review of Waste Days, Options for Tree Planting, Dog Control Policy and Fees and Charges be added.**