

Appendix B

Proposed Revised Terms of Reference for Climate and Environment Advisory Committee

<p>7 councillors, appointments to be subject to the requirements of political proportionality.</p>	<p>To advise <u>Cabinet on policies, actions and resources required to deliver on Council's the Portfolio Holder responsible for climate change and environmental ambitions, and to provide updates on progress towards achieving agreed targets and outcomes.</u></p> <p>sustainability and for matters more specifically related to services or corporate direction, the relevant service Portfolio Holder or Cabinet, as appropriate, on matters relating to climate change and environmental sustainability including, but <u>This will include but not be limited to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Considering, taking account of available evidence and best practice, innovations and best practice for zero carbon, climate resilience and environmental sustainability, recommending appropriate actions.</u>• <u>Investigating specific climate and environment issues and, where appropriate, organising informal Member workshops to review evidence and recommendations.</u>• Understanding how climate change could affect the District Council's services and developing and recommending appropriate mitigating actions.• <u>Reviewing the development of Council strategies and roadmaps/action plans for carbon reductions, climate resilience, biodiversity and environmental internal operations of the Council with a view to promoting sustainability; making</u>	<p>Acts as an Advisory Committee with no delegated decision making.</p> <p>Decisions will be taken by the Portfolio Holder responsible for climate change and environmental sustainability or Cabinet, as appropriate, after consultation with the Advisory Committee.</p>
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recommendations for their adoption; updating Cabinet on progress with implementation and recommending any mitigating actions necessary.., adopting best practice and strengthening the Council's environmental performance.

- Reviewing relevant strategic policies, decisions, future plans, corporate budgets and green investments to ensure that they are in line with a shift to zero carbon and environmental sustainability taking account also of fairness and cost implications.
- Reviewing development of the new Greater Cambridge Local Plan to ensure it fulfils its role in bringing forward net zero carbon development together with biodiversity and green spaces, particularly in new housing and infrastructure, as well as ensuring that new development can adapt to our changing climate.
- Providing community leadership on climate change and sustainability, working with partners, as appropriate, to deliver the Council's targets, including facilitating and engaging public sector, academia, communities, farming and partners, businesses, community groups and the public.
- Influencing and interpreting county, regional and national policy for the benefit of South Cambridgeshire.
- Promoting and facilitating the Zero Carbon communities network, sharing information, guidance and best practice for Parish Councils and local community groups wanting to help shift towards zero carbon lifestyle.
- Reviewing the internal operations of the Council with a view to promoting zero

	<p><u>carbon and sustainability, adopting best practice and strengthening the Council's environmental performance, with a view to being an 'exemplar council'.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Influencing and interpreting county, regional and national policy for the benefit of South Cambridgeshire.</u>• Making recommendations on bids for funding relating to climate change, <u>tree planting and the protection and enhancement of nature.</u>	
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