



<b>Report to:</b>	Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 23 November 2021
<b>Lead Cabinet Member:</b>	Cllr Bridget Smith
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# Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Action Plan

## Executive Summary

1. This report presents the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee with a progress review on the Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Action Plan 2020-25 at end of Q2 of the 2021-22 financial year for review and comment.

## Recommendations

2. It is recommended that CEAC notes the progress review of the Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Action Plan 2020-25 at end of Q2 of the 2021-22 financial year.

## Reasons for Recommendations

3. The progress update has been brought to CEAC to allow the committee to fulfil its role advising Cabinet on policies, actions and resources required to deliver on the Council's climate change and environmental ambitions and providing updates on progress towards achieving agreed targets and outcomes.

## Details

4. A progress update on the Zero Carbon Action Plan at the end of the 2020-21 financial year was presented to CEAC on 13 July along with a revised plan for 2021-22, incorporating doubling nature actions and renamed accordingly the Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Action Plan 2020-25 (ZCDNAP). The document at Appendix 1 provides an update of progress of the ZCDNAP (2021-22 revision) at the end of Q2.

The ZCDNAP is in three sections.

5. Section 1 lists actions intended to reduce GHG emissions from the Council's own estate and operations. The Council's Zero Carbon Strategy includes a target of a 45% reduction in GHG emissions on our own estate and operations by 2025 relative to a 2018-19 baseline. Progress towards this target will be reported with the annual GHG Emissions accounts at the end of the financial year.
6. Section 2 lists actions intended to contribute to the aspiration of halving GHG emissions in the wider district relative to a 2018-19 baseline, further divided into sub-sections:
  - Housing
  - Commercial Sector
  - Travel
  - Waste and Recycling and
  - Cross-cutting
7. Section 3 lists actions intended to contribute to the aspiration to double nature in the district.
8. A RAG rating is provided for each action, with the action marked green where progress is on track for completion by the expected date; amber where progress is continuing but a delay to the expected completion date has been agreed; and red where progress has stalled.

## **Implications**

9. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

### **Financial**

10. Financial resources for the actions in the Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Action Plan have been assigned through the Council's usual budgetary processes.

### **Staffing**

11. Staffing for the actions in the Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Action Plan have been assigned through the Council's usual processes.

### **Climate Change**

12. The action plan sets out the actions the Council is taking to mitigate climate change.

## **Consultation responses**

13. The action plan has been the subject of internal consultation.

## **Alignment with Council Priority Areas**

### **Being green to our core**

14. The action plan sets out the actions the Council is taking to mitigate climate change and double nature.

## **Background Papers**

Zero Carbon Strategy report to Full Council, 21 May 2020

<https://scambsmoderngov.co.uk/documents/s116330/200521%20Zero%20Carbon%20Strategy%20Report%20to%20Council%20FINAL.pdf>

Doubling Nature Strategy report to Cabinet, 03 February 2021

[https://scambsmoderngov.co.uk/documents/s120629/210203%20Cabinet%20Doubling%20Nature%20Strategy\\_.pdf](https://scambsmoderngov.co.uk/documents/s120629/210203%20Cabinet%20Doubling%20Nature%20Strategy_.pdf)

Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Action Plan report to CEAC, 13 July 2021

<https://scambsmoderngov.co.uk/documents/s122603/210713%20ZC%20and%20DN%20Action%20Plan%20report%20to%20CEAC.pdf>

## **Appendix**

Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Action Plan 2020-25 Progress Update at 30 September 2021

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