



MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE: COUNCIL SECTOR MEETING

Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 7.30pm - Teams

- 1.0 Welcome from the Chair:** Mary Temperton welcomed all present.
- In attendance:**
Adrian Haffegge, Caroline Egglestone, Damian James, Helen Purnell, Jodie Watts, Kevin Gibbs, Mary Temperton, Megan Wright, Nicholas Robertson, Sheila Collings, Tony Virgo. (Claire Rock - recording and minutes)
- 2.0 Apologies for absence:**
Cherise Welch, Patrick Smith, Tina Eberle
- 3.0 Approval of previous minutes and review of actions outstanding:**
- 3.1 Approval of previous minutes:**
The minutes were approved as a correct record with one modification: Cllr Megan Wright was present at the last meeting.
- 3.2 Actions outstanding:**
- CCCS261023.01 MW** to speak to other housing providers about insulation. **UPDATE 12.12.23** – MW is waiting for a list of providers.
- 3.3 Actions closed:**
- CCCS261023.02 TV** talk to Octopus Energy. **UPDATE 12.12.23** discussion took place as there was some confusion. Damian advised that there was a competitive tender process, and it would be up to each company to decide if they would submit a bid. Kevin advised that it would be Octopus Capital for the funding of green initiatives. The London Rd site is currently at year 2 of a 5-year programme. See Actions Arising CCCS121223.01.
- CCCS261023.03** Not legally able to reduce CIL payments – information from PS circulated to group by MT.
- CCCS261023.04** Information circulated to group by MT. There are solar panels on the roof of the sports centre. See Actions Arising CCCS121223.02
- CCCS261023.05** PS has shared scorecard information with MT. This will be circulated by Claire and the group needs to look at what we can implement at the next meeting.
- CCCS261023.06** MT has spoken to Cllr Gillbe. This action is on-going and does sit within the Transport Working Group. See Actions Arising CCCS121223.03.
- 3.4 Actions arising:**
- CCCS121223.01 Kevin** to present at the next meeting of this group on the status of the plan for London Rd.

CCCS121223.02 **Damian** to check if there is room for any more solar panels on the sports centre.

CCCS121223.03 **SC** to liaise with Cllr Gillbe on what might be possible with regards to transport/planners.

4.0 **Terms of Reference:**

Discussion: The ToR were reviewed and agreed with one addition: Quorum = 5 members.

Decision:

CCCS121223.04 **Claire** to check other groups are aware that quorum is missing from the ToR template.

Discussion: One of the objectives on the ToR is to review the base level of biodiversity on council-maintained areas and improve where necessary, including KPIs. The biodiversity 10% bill is due to come in very soon. How will we monitor this?

Decision:

CCCS121223.05 **MT** to ask Rosie Lear to present at the next meeting.

5.0 **Climate change strategies:**

Discussion: The group looked at the strategies for BFC and RBWM via the links previously sent: Bracknell Forest Climate Change Strategy: [Climate change strategy | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/Climate-change-strategy) and Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead Environment and Climate Strategy: [Environment and climate strategy | Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead \(rbwm.gov.uk\)](https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/Environment-and-climate-strategy)

Decision: MT is the lead on climate change for the Berkshire Leaders and it was agreed that all the Berkshire unitaries should be compared and contrasted with BFC so that good and bad can be identified. The climate action scorecards would provide a template for each group to work from: <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/> Suggestion to look at areas that scored high for each authority to pick out best practice.

Kevin also suggested using Nearest Neighbour Model:

<https://www.cipfa.org/services/cipfastats/nearest-neighbour-model> and put some charts in the chat area of Teams.

The group could also use the UK100 network: <https://www.uk100.org/>

Reading – MW and JW

RBWM – AH and CE

West Berkshire – TV and HP

Slough – SC and MT

Wokingham – TV, JW and NR

CCCS121223.06 Research each authority's climate strategy and scores against BFC and report findings at next meeting.

Discussion: Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead sustainability SPD: [Sustainable Design and Construction SPD | Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead \(rbwm.gov.uk\)](https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/Sustainable-Design-and-Construction-SPD)

Andrew Hunter advised BFC are not doing this as all is incorporated within the Local Plan. Cllr Gillbe will be reviewing to see what's not included – will be guidance.

6.0 **AOB:**
None

7.0 **Date of next meeting:**
22.01.24 @ 7.30pm - Teams