

To: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING
DATE: 02 February 2016

SCHOOLS ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2014/15
Director, Children Young People & Learning

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

1.1 To approve the Schools Annual Environmental Management Report 2014/15.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Executive Member approves the Schools Annual Environmental Management Report 2014/15.

2.2 That Environmental Management is promoted to headteachers and school governors.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The environmental performance of schools is a high profile issue, and one in which many schools are seeking to become accredited under the Eco-Schools programme.

3.2 Schools performance also forms part of the Council's overall performance which is managed under the terms of Climate Local.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

5.1 This is the twelfth Annual Environmental Management Report for schools, which began as a CYPL initiative in 2003/04.

5.2 The Report is based on consumption/cost data for the previous financial year, and is produced with input from different parts of the Environment Culture & Communities department.

Report Summary

5.3 The energy performance of Bracknell Forest Schools compares well against national performance indicators with the majority of schools showing improvement in energy performance.

5.4 A more detailed Executive Summary appears on Page 3 of the Report.

Responsibility for Environmental Management

- 5.5 The Executive Member will be aware that while the Council can report on, and provide training and advice on Environmental Management, we cannot control performance. It is schools themselves that ultimately control and manage their resources under local management.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This report has been drawn up in consultation with officers in ECC:
- Colin Griffin, Team Leader, Climate Change
 - Steven Milne, Energy Manager
 - Eric Redford, Refuse Contract Management Officer
 - Phillip Burke, Travel Plan Co-ordinator
- 6.2 This Report will also be reported to:
- Children, Young People & Learning Planned Works Programme Board
 - Copies will be circulated to Headteachers and Chairs of Governors.
- 6.3 The report will also be posted on the Council's website

7. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Treasurer

- 7.1 The cost to schools of environmental management is fully funded by government grant and therefore has no direct impact on the Council's financial responsibilities. However, governors have a duty to "seek to achieve efficiencies and value for money" and this report provides advice to help meet that duty.

Borough Solicitor

- 7.2 The contents of this report are noted.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 7.3 The Report highlights the need to address Climate Change by reducing carbon emissions, and the Council's need to respond to national and local performance targets. The trend for greater regulation, compliance measures and increased costs associated with Environmental Management issues is likely to be sustained over the foreseeable future.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 7.4 Not applicable, as this is not a Policy or a Project.

Background Papers

Schools Annual Environmental Management Report 2014/15

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