# COUNCIL 25 FEBRUARY 2020

#### **PARTI**

# 8. SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE REVIEW (CED)

#### 1 Summary

- 1.1 Three Rivers District Council heard the climate change motion on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 at Council, which was put forward by the Leader, Cllr Sara Bedford and Councillors: Stephen Giles-Medhurst, Chris Lloyd, Alex Michaels, Sarah Nelmes, Andrew Scarth and Dominic Sokalski.
- 1.2 The motion asked for the details of the strategy and action plan to be brought for consideration by the Council. It requested the Council to work with partners in the public and private sectors, engage with residents and businesses to gain their input and support when developing the strategy.
- 1.3 It commits the Council to use all practical means to reduce the impact of council services on the environment, use a planning regulations and the Local Plan to cut carbon emissions and reduce the impact on the environment. It also calls for help from the Government to provide the support and resources needed to progress the action plan.
- 1.4 This report aims to assist in exploring organisational ambitions in relation to climate change, achievements so far, how a new strategy could be developed, and what areas could be explored further; including partnership working, resource implications and how we can enable individuals and businesses to change behaviours that have a positive impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

#### 2 Details

- 2.1 Local authorities play an important role in delivering national and international carbon targets and adaptation. They can drive and influence emissions reductions and improved resilience in their areas through the services they deliver, their role as community leaders and major employers, and their regulatory and strategic functions. For districts this can include more energy efficient buildings and assets; changes to vehicle fleet and travel arrangements; changes to procurement and contract management; embracing reduce/reuse/recycling; improved flood protection; planning; regeneration; community development; and educating and enabling our communities to be more aware.
- 2.2 Three Rivers District Council has been delivering a number of projects which contribute to tackling climate change.

#### 2.3 Achievements to date

- 2.4 Green Expectations: Three Rivers District Council's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy was written in March 2015 and outlines how the Council would improve in its own operations and how we would work with and assist residents and business to reduce their impact on the environment, improve sustainability and also adapt to a changing climate.
- 2.5 The Green Expectations action plan was updated in July 2019, a further update in December 2019 is attached at Appendix A. The Council has been working towards the aims and objectives in the strategy across 8 broad themes and cross cutting

themes of economic development, partnerships, inclusion, education and promotion and health. An outline of key work undertaken under each theme is given below.

#### 2.6 Energy and Climate Change

- 2.6.1 Three Rivers has made significant progress within council operations and buildings. For example:
  - A Ground Source Heat pump was installed which is a central heating and cooling system that transfers heat to or from the ground.
  - The energy provided to Three Rivers House is 100% green energy.
  - The majority of the lights in Three Rivers House have now been converted to LED panels. These are each individually controlled and all fitted with motion sensors so will turn off automatically.
  - All the Fan motors for the Air Handling Units (AHU) throughout the building are inverter driven thus reducing the amount of power required to run efficiently. In addition, the Air Conditioning Units only use modern gas which is more environmentally friendly.
- 2.6.2 These adaptations and more are detailed in the action plan update are helping to reduce energy use and emissions which contribute to climate change.

#### 2.6.3 Biodiversity

- **2.6.4** To maintain our natural habitats, green spaces and wildlife the Council has been working towards gaining a fourth Green Flag in 2020, managing the local nature reserve and woodlands. This is also a key objective in the new Corporate Framework.
  - The Council also encourages residents to help enhance biodiversity and also to interact more with the natural environment in conjunction with the Countryside Management Service, the Local Nature Partnership and other relevant organisations.
  - For example, new interpretation boards have been developed and will be installed across Leavesden County Park to raise awareness of habitats – including grasslands and woodlands.
  - Educational programes delivered by the Park Rangers and partner organisations also take place and we promote information sites such as Green Our Herts and ParkHerts to residents.
  - The Council also works with a number of friend of parks groups to support work in the community and raise awareness of biodiversity.

#### 2.6.5 Waste and Recycling

- 2.6.6 Recycling rates in Three Rivers are now at 63%, the highest in Hertfordshire and third highest in the country. Three Rivers House recycling rate is also high at 62%. Examples of how we've achieved this include:
  - Plastic cups were removed from the staff coffee machines and no single use plastics are provided.

- At Watersmeet a number of changes have been made to reduce waste and increase recycling such as all single use plastics replaced with alternatives.
- At Three Rivers leisure venues changes include the removal of single use plastics in the café and plastic overshoes, we are also working with suppliers to reduce plastic packaging.
- Three Rivers District council is taking part in the Hertfordshire Refill Scheme with Waste Aware aiming to help both visitors and residents reduce plastic pollution.

#### 2.6.7 Reducing Water Use

- At Watersmeet dressing room sinks refurbishment included replacing screw taps with push top taps so they can't be left on.
- We have promoted efficient water consumption in homes and businesses.

#### 2.6.8 Flooding

In addition to relevant Local Plan policies, Three Rivers continue to work with Hertfordshire County Council, the Lead Local Authority on mitigating risks from flooding, and aim to ensure new developments are not subject to unacceptable risk of flooding.

#### 2.6.9 Sustainable Travel

- Our Walking and Cycling Strategy has helped to create and develop the local Walking and Cycling Network, building new paths and upgrading existing paths, promoting routes to work, school and key local destinations, installing strategic infrastructure (including comprehensive cycle parking and other support facilities such as Cycle Hubs), and enabling joint promotional events with external partners.
- Three Rivers District Council in partnership with Watford Cycle Hub and One YMCA recently launched a brand new Cycle Hub in Leavesden; providing a new 'one-stop shop' for everything to do with bikes.
- Better Buses Programme this enables around 80,000 bus trips in and around the District each year, saving about 58% of carbon emissions for each trip, as well as providing essential travel links and social support to vulnerable people.
- Streetscape Improvement Programme this improves the walkability of local retail parades and local settlements including new Walking Wayfinding signage to encourage drivers to walk, new noticeboards, new pedestrian accessibility improvements on TRDC land;
- Smarter Choices (Sustainable travel enhancement) this is developing travel plans and soft initiatives to encourage mode shift (Intalink, lift share, route planning, site connectivity), development of electric vehicle charge points (which will introduce rapid charging points in every key settlement and business parks).

#### 2.6.10 Sustainable Procurement

2.6.11 Three Rivers District Council procure goods and services sustainably taking into account whole life costs, disposal costs and where appropriate Fair Trade. For example:

- Sustainable procurement is considered within all tender documentation and assessed as part of the overall scoring.
- The Pantomime tender at Watersmeet also included a bigger social value section in 2019.
- The Council will also only buy recycled, certified or sustainable and legal timber products.

#### 2.6.12 Climate Change Adaptation

- Three Rivers Leisure has achieved a very good BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) standard for the extension of the Centre (South Oxhey Leisure Centre).
- Development Management Officers also promote the policy at pre-application planning stage to ensure that sustainability principles are incorporated at an early design stage rather than retro-fitted.

#### 3 Options and Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1.1 265 of the 408 (65%) District, County, Unitary & Metropolitan Councils have declared a Climate Emergency to date. A number have moved to the next stage to produce a Climate Action Plan. The current strategy and action plan now need reviewing and new ideas implemented.
- 3.1.2 Appendix B provides an overview of the climate emergency, why we need to act now as well as research into what's happening locally in Hertfordshire and across the country with examples of innovative initiatives tackling climate change. Using this research and considering the achievements to date the scope of what could be included in the new strategy and options for Council to consider have been outlined below.

#### 3.1.3 Strategy Checklist

- 3.1.4 A new strategy could cover the following key themes, and identify the meaningful contributions we can make towards the following areas, Energy and Low Carbon, Natural Environment & Biodiversity, Water and Flooding, Waste and Recycling, Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Procurement, Education, Communication and Community.
- 3.1.5 Public attitudes will have a huge impact in terms of the behaviour change required, and the need for significant lifestyle change. The Council can play a large role in enabling and facilitating this across the district through promotional campaigns and working with communities and businesses.
- 3.1.6 Investment in renewable sources of energy and offsetting carbon through tree planting to balance out our carbon footprint remain the key areas which will make a substantial difference to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.
- 3.1.7 Options to consider including in a new climate change strategy include:

Energy and Low Carbon

- Continue to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions within the council buildings and increase sustainable behaviour by all council staff – including champions to ensure momentum.
- Support development of a new Herts Healthy Homes initiative to reduce fuel poverty and help homes be more energy efficient.
- Continue to develop planning policies that support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the district.
- Agree whether our target is to be a carbon neutral Council or across Three Rivers area by 2030.
- Invest in a large scale solar farm in order to cover all of the Councils own emissions approx. 1800 tonnes and also to offset the wider district emissions. Warrington DC were the first to build such a scheme and have invested £62m which will produce an income of £100m over 30 years. It will offset 31,000 tonnes of carbon per annum. Either 100 acres of land is required or warehouse roofs could be rented. This may be ambitious but it enables TRDC to make some huge inroads into the District carbon footprint at the same time as producing significant income streams for the future.
- Continue to work with and encourage local social housing providers to improve energy efficiency of homes.
- Enforce minimum energy standards in the private rental sector. Minimum energy
  efficiency standards that require all private rented homes to be EPC E which comes
  into force in April 2020.
- Hertfordshire County Council and districts may consider developing a cross district heating or non-profit green energy company.

# Natural Environment & Biodiversity

- Continue to improve the quality and connectivity of natural habitats
- Encourage local community groups and businesses to become more involved in the management of local green spaces and help enhance biodiversity.
- Extend and enhance the education programme surrounding the importance of the natural environment and biodiversity across schools, community groups and the rest of the district.
- Continue to use our powers to understand, maintain and improve biodiversity in the District.
- Use green spaces for carbon offsetting and an increase in tree planting. Hertfordshire
  and districts are considering a commitment to plant a new Hertfordshire-wide forest
  of 1.1million trees one per resident, to offset carbon.
- Increase the number of green flags in Three Rivers.
- Realise non carbon benefits, including a reduction in air and noise pollution. Work with Hertfordshire County Council and neighbouring districts to tackle air pollution.

#### Water and Flooding

- Reduce the carbon footprint of water supply and water heating.
- Reduce the risk of damage due to flooding.
- Promote water efficiency to homes and businesses in the district.

#### Waste and Recycling

Continue to encourage restaurants /cafés / garages to install water refill points.

- Engagement with the commercial centres to reduce their waste, use of plastics and non-recyclable materials and utilise sustainable transport options.
- Ensure all events running on council land have a waste strategy to reduce and then subsequently ban single use plastics and polystyrene takeaway containers for example.
- Encourage towns to develop plastic free strategies and obtain Surfers against Sewage Accreditation.
- Continue to work with leisure providers and Watersmeet to reduce single use plastics and packaging from other suppliers.
- Continue to increase recycling rates.
- Continue to be active members of the Herts Waste Partnership and be involved with creating and using the campaigns from the public facing group; WasteAware.
- Continue to work with local housing providers to reduce on-going contamination issues in some flats.
- Reduce waste by supporting the re-use and repair of products and materials.
- Work with Environmental Health to find alternatives for local food retailers to reduce their plastic consumption e.g. greaseproof paper for food wrap, enable them to work together to negotiate better prices for wrapping, and encourage consumers to take their own containers to shops.
- Replace waste fleet with low/zero-carbon fuelled vehicles as soon as these become available refuse freighter and street cleaning vehicles. Investigate hydrogen power.

#### Sustainable Travel

- Continue to develop a comprehensive transport infrastructure which supports more low carbon travel options for people in Three Rivers with external partners including the local and neighbouring Transport, Traffic and Highways Authorities, by publishing and delivering a local Integrated Travel Strategy:
- Three Rivers House and satellite sites
  - o Zero-emission staff car pool vehicles (to deliver public Car Club out of hours)
  - Low-emission car loans and bike loans (with contribution towards cycle scheme)
  - Reduced rate bus/rail season tickets
  - Contributions to offset loss of parking revenue to enable lift share bays/Electric Vehicle Charge Point (EVCPs) bays/increased cycle parking
  - o Renew dedicated secure cycle parking
  - Improve showers/changing facilities.
- School travel (noting this is a current statutory function of HCC)
- Subsidise pump priming of school buses
- Promote funding available for schools (where this is not available from HCC).
- Fund Electric bike share + Enhanced secure storage for electric bikes and high-value bikes (funding and land allocation, e.g. car park bay reallocation and a new Cycle Hub on TRDC land)
- Provide marginal top-up funding for a limited number of Electric Vehicle purchases, targeted at deprived wards, in conjunction with lobbying of Housing Providers to enable local EVCPs.
- Political lobbying, e.g. to enable electric bikes to be used on cycle paths.

- Investigate use of Low Emission Zone (LEZ) and Clear Air Zone (CAZ) designations to reduce local road traffic, in combination with other measures to promote exempt Ultra Low Emission Vehicles.
- Work with HCC to create realistic plans for HCC Highway improvement (e.g. reallocating road space to cycling and walking).
- Investigate possibilities of working with the on-demand bus service being launched by Watford Borough Council offering a flexible bus service that does not follow a fixed route but responds to demand from passengers.
- Develop a new local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan.
- Encourage non-car travel for all sectors of the population, through targeted advice, incentives and enforcement.
- Reduce the air pollution from vehicles through encouraging/planning for electric vehicles and installing appropriate charging points.

#### Sustainable Procurement

- Continue to procure goods and services sustainably taking into account whole life costs and disposal costs.
- Develop a sustainable choice for procurement and procurement contracts making informed decision based on quadruple bottom line considerations – environmental, social, financial and cultural benefits. Consider using Sustainable Choice <a href="https://lgp.org.au/sustainable-choice">https://lgp.org.au/sustainable-choice</a>.
- Encourage residents to group together and negotiate group deals from renewable providers.
- Sustainability training for local retailers to discourage them from using single use plastic bags, straws and coffee cups. Assist with a co-operative procurement option to buy sustainable alternatives less expensively.
- Run some training sessions for local retailers to encourage them to do adopt more sustainable strategies e.g. refillable milk <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-49839180">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-49839180</a>.
- Invite local farmers who are producing food sustainably e.g. <a href="www.native-beef.co.uk">www.native-beef.co.uk</a>
  to present to retailers and local restaurants to try and ensure local meat and
  vegetables are kept within the district thus reducing food miles and encouraging the
  growth of sustainable supplies.
- With local sustainable supplies packaged effectively our local shops could work together supported by TRDC on a sustainability message and bring customers back to the high street, supporting the local economy.
- Challenge the big supermarkets in our areas to be part of this movement and take action as well.

# Education, Communication and Community

- Continue to encourage and enable energy saving and sustainable behaviour by all council staff - including champions across the Council to ensure momentum is maintained.
- Further integrate sustainable behaviour promotion and practice throughout schools and workplaces.
- Share and spread initiatives started by community groups and individuals e.g.
   Shepherds School crisp packet recycling effort.
- Ensure that communication which is aimed at influencing climate change related behaviour is delivered in a consistent and targeted way.

- Engage organisations in the private sector, including residential and commercial landlords, in effective action to reduce their carbon footprint.
- Develop the market for climate change related local business and the skills to ensure that local jobs are created in line with the growing low carbon economy.
- Build community activity relating to sustainable communities.
- Build community resilience to climate change and self-sufficiency.
- Review and expand the Three Rivers Environmental forum.
- Assist community groups such as Abbots in Transition <a href="http://altta.org.uk/">http://altta.org.uk/</a> to help spread momentum throughout the district.
- Continue to utilise digital platforms such as Green Our Herts Website.
- Investigate and communicate to stakeholders that grants may be available to reduce carbon emissions commercial buildings e.g. low carbon workspaces https://www.lowcarbonworkspaces.co.uk and the Climate Action Fund.
  - The LGA have recently launched a new Climate Change Hub (which can be reached at the following link <a href="https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/climate-change">https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/climate-change</a> and contains a range of information and tips).
- 3.2 The Three Rivers Environmental Forum meets regularly to discuss local issues and champion new iniatives. This could also be an important group to utilities and expand to support the development of a new strategy and subsequent actions. The Council should also continue to support the Hertfordshire Sustainability Forum to work in partnership and deliver joint initatives across the County.
- 3.2.1 Carbon neutrality is a term used to describe the action organisations, businesses and individuals take to remove as much carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as each put in to it. The overall goal of carbon neutrality is to achieve a zero carbon footprint.
- 3.2.2 To achieve this as part of developing the action plan there would need to be a technical assessment of our carbon footprint across the district to understand our current carbon footprint and to set targets to improve it (this may need specialist advice to assess this, though some data is available from the County Council). We would also need to understand which areas the Council can impact directly, and those indirectly through partners and the community.
- 3.2.3 There are a number of opportunities and projects the Council could choose to explore as part of the strategy development these may have financial implications which will need to be considered.
- 3.2.4 The Local Plan sub-committee has been advised that at present we cannot require new developments to be carbon neutral as this is contrary to national planning policy. The current draft policy requires the maximum reduction in carbon emissions within national policy and guidance. The Council should therefore identify how it can lobby appropriately to change national policy and guidance to improve this position. It should aim to set a more ambitious target for carbon neutrality. Central government is looking to introduce the Future Homes Standard in 2025 which may raise the bar for negotiations.
- 3.2.5 It should be understood that in promoting certain measures to reduce carbon emissions on new and existing developments there is likely to be a subsequent impact on the achievement of other relevant standards. Higher sustainability credentials, for example, impose greater financial burdens on developers and regard should be had to its potential adverse consequence on the delivery of other important policy objectives such as the provision of affordable housing. However, in higher value developments sustainable credentials may be encouraged by consumer demand.

# 4 Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

- 4.1 The new Corporate Framework 2020-2023 outlines Sustainable Environment as a key theme with the following priorities:
  - We will produce and deliver a Climate Change Strategy and action plan
  - We will continue to improve the energy efficiency of the Council's buildings
  - We will deliver and implement a Cycling and Walking Strategy
  - We will seek to maintain our position as the highest recycling authority in Hertfordshire
- 4.2 The Green Expectations Strategy for Three Rivers was published in March 2015 and set out aims and objectives for the authority on sustainability and climate change; Appendix A.
- 4.3 The recommendations in this report relate to the achievement of the following current performance indicators, which are currently being reviewed in line with the new Corporate Framework.

ESD10	Home Energy Conservation Authority Report Actions	Economic & Sustainable Development	
ESD11	Greenhouse gas emissions reported as CO2 equivalent	Economic & Sustainable Development	
EHO1	Pollution Service Requests	Environmental Health	
EP01	Percentage household waste recycled	Environmental Protection	
EP03	The kg of household waste collected per head per annum	Environmental Protection	
EPO4	The Percentage change in Kg per head from the previous year	Environmental Protection	
EP06	Tonnes of residual waste	Environmental Protection	
EP08	EPO8 Cost of Waste collection per household Enviro		
EPO9	Residual household waste per household	Environmental Protection	
EP10	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	Environmental Protection	
CP02	Satisfaction with parks and open spaces	Community Partnerships	
CP03	CP03 Satisfaction with refuse collection Community Pa		
CP04 Satisfaction with doorstep recycling		Community Partnerships	
CP17	Reduce fly tipping across the District	Community Partnerships	
LL32	To manage TRDC woodland estate to an assured standard (Year 1 to achieve UKFS Management Plans for woodland estate)	1 to achieve UKFS Leisure and Landscape	

LL34	To maintain accreditation for Green Flag (annual)	Leisure and Landscape
LL35	To ensure all of our key open spaces have a current management plan in place	Leisure and Landscape

4.4 The impact of the recommendations on this/these performance indicator(s) is:

Some performance indicators may change as a result of the new Strategy. We will also look at introducing new performance indicators to ensure the Strategy and Action Plan are monitored accordingly.

# 5 Community Safety Implications

5.1 None specific.

### 6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 There is a growth bid that has been submitted as part of the Strategic, Financial and Service Planning process to fund a post of a Climate Change Officer. If agreed this would be at a cost of £36,000 per annum plus £10,800 on-costs.
- There is potential to use Community Infrastructure Levy funds for Community Climate Emergency Grants for example for greener community halls.
- The costs of delivering the revised Strategy and Action Plan will be calculated by the Climate Change Officer to feed into the considerations of the Strategy. Any additional costs to the Council will need to be approved in the usual way either through the Policy and Resources or through the Strategic, Service and Financial Planning process.

#### 7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 The Council is required to display the DEC (Display Energy Certificates) ratings of its building in a visible prominent place.
- 7.2 All elements of the Strategy will need to be considered alongside the Council's legal duties and powers.

# 8 Equal Opportunities Implications

### 8.1 Relevance Test

Has a relevance test been completed for Equality Impact?	No
However an ERT was completed for the original sustainability strategy – and this will be reviewed as the new strategy is developed.	
Did the relevance test conclude a full impact assessment was required?	No

#### 9 Staffing Implications

9.1 It is estimated that the Climate Change Officer role will be £36,000 plus on-costs based on an initial screening of similar posts in other LPAs. The post will have a full JD which will be assessed by HR in due course subject to agreement.

#### 10 Environmental Implications

10.1 The development of this Strategy sets out to improve the environment. This includes the Council's direct impact through our operations, indirect impact through our powers to influence local activity or by using our influence to encourage local residents and businesses to reduce their impact on the environment.

#### 11 Public Health implications

11.1 The strategy would consider priorities to promote improvements in Home Energy Efficiency and the Herts Warmer Homes project which promote positive health and wellbeing as well as energy reduction outcomes.

#### 12 Customer Services Centre Implications

12.1 Improving information for local residents and businesses may from time to time require updated information to be provided to the CSC.

# 13 Communications and Website Implications

The development of a new strategy will involve promotion and consultation including use of the website as well as for individual projects in the future.

### 14 Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

- 14.1 The Council has agreed its risk management strategy which can be found on the website at http://www.threerivers.gov.uk. In addition, the risks of the proposals in the report have also been assessed against the Council's duties under Health and Safety legislation relating to employees, visitors and persons affected by our operations. The risk management implications of this report are detailed below.
- 14.2 The subject of this report is covered by the Community Partnerships, Environmental Protection, Regulatory Services, Property Services, Economic and Sustainable Development, and Leisure service plans. Any risks resulting from this report will be included in the risk register and, if necessary, managed within these plans.

Nature of Risk	Consequence	Suggested Control Measures	Response (tolerate, treat terminate, transfer)	Risk Rating (combination of likelihood and impact)
The Council fails to develop and update its Strategy and Action Plan on climate change and sustainability.	The Council will fail to deliver improvements to address climate change within the District.	For the Council to appoint a Climate Change Officer to develop a new Strategy	Tolerate	4

а	nd Action	
P	Plan.	

The above risks are scored using the matrix below. The Council has determined its aversion to risk and is prepared to tolerate risks where the combination of impact and likelihood scores 6 or less.

Very Likely	Low	High	Very High	Very High
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y  	Low	Medium	High	Very High
	3	6	9	12
Likelihood	Low	Low	Medium	High
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Remote	1	2	3	4
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Impact Score	Likelihood Score	
4 (Catastrophic)	4 (Very Likely (≥80%))	
3 (Critical)	3 (Likely (21-79%))	
2 (Significant)	2 (Unlikely (6-20%))	
1 (Marginal)	1 (Remote (≤5%))	

14.4 In the officers' opinion, the new risk above, were it to come about, would seriously prejudice the achievement of the Strategic Plan and is therefore a strategic risk. The management of strategic risks are reviewed by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Description of the risk	Service Plan
The Council fails to develop and update its strategy and action plan on climate change and sustainability	Community Partnerships, Environmental Protection,
Change and Sustainability	Regulatory Services,
	Property Services,
	Economic and Sustainable Development,
	Leisure and Landscapes

Progress against the treatment plans for strategic risks is reported to the Policy and Resources Committee quarterly. The effectiveness of all treatment plans are reviewed by the Audit Committee annually.

#### 15 Recommendations

- 15.1 For Officers to develop a new Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy and Action plan over the next 12 months in consultation with the Lead Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability and the Leisure, Environment and Community Committee
- 15.2 For Officers to note Council's view on the scope and options for the Climate Change Strategy and for Officers to further consult the Lead Member for Environmental Services and Sustainability and the Leisure, Environment and Community Committee on the implications of that revised scope for the developing Strategy and Action Plan.
- 15.3 For Council to support the growth bid to fund an officer post which will provide the corporate capacity to develop the new Strategy and Action Plan.
- 15.4 For the new Climate Change Officer post to identify costs associated with the new Strategy targets and actions for consideration with the proposed new Strategy by the Policy and Resources Committee.

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### **Data Quality**

Data sources:

Service and Officer Updates

Online reporting of strategies and action plans by other authorities.

Data checked by:

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Data rating: Tick

1	Poor	
2	Sufficient	/
3	High	

#### **Background Papers**

Three Rivers District Council Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy March 2015

#### **APPENDICES / ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A Green Expectations Action Plan - Update December 2019

Appendix B Sustainability and Climate Change Research January 2020