

Recommendation to Cabinet from Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee of 25 March 2021

Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy Consultation Results and recommended changes to final draft

For Recommendation to Council

Portfolio Holder: Cllr R Bryan, Highways, Travel and Environment

Local Councillor(s): All

Executive Director: John Sellgren, Executive Director, Place

Report Status: Public

Recommendation:

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- 3) That there is recognition that the plan is incomplete on adaptation, other greenhouse gases and ecology.

Appendices

Extract of minutes of Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 25 March 2021.

The following appendices are set out at pages 165 – 327 on the main document pack.

Report to Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 25 March 2021

Appendices within the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee report:

1. Appendix 1 – Dorset Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and action plan consultation
2. Appendix 2 – Summary of key consultation comments and recommendations for changes

Background Papers [Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee - 25 March 2021](#)

Extract from draft minutes of Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 25 March 2021

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The committee considered a report of the Sustainability Team Manager, which set out the findings of the recent consultation exercise and proposed changes to the Dorset Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy and Action plan for approval by Cabinet and Full Council.

D Tooke declared an interest as he had been a member of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy Executive Advisory Panel.

The committee discussed the issues arising from the report which included:

- How the consultation had been undertaken including the use of the short survey, engagement with younger persons and lessons to be learnt
- The need to consider qualitative information from the survey
- The future role for Place and Resources Overview Committee in this area
- Ensuring the timeframe for actions were both realistic and achievable
- Request for further information to be available for Cabinet to consider.

It was proposed by B Heatley seconded by M Roe

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The committee discussed the timescale proposed in recommendation 3 above and with the agreement of the proposer and seconder, the wording 'The Council should resolve to complete these areas by mid 2023' were removed from the recommendation.

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