

# REVISED CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

## 9.0 Overview and Scrutiny Comments

- 9.2 The Panel discussed the Annual Climate Report and Action Plan Update at its meeting on 10th July 2025.
- 9.3 Councillor Criswell congratulated Officers on the report, which he felt was comprehensive with the exception of demonstrating value for money and how the team assessed which projects are to be progressed. The Panel heard that cost benefit is considered with each decision made but that it was difficult to measure value for money as this was subjective. Councillor Wells further questioned whether any projects had been ruled out due to the associated costs, following which, the Panel heard that costs were considered and options were weighed up ensuring a balanced approach was taken on the Council's journey to Net Zero.
- 9.4 In response to a question from Councillor Alban relating to the Council's Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and how success was being measured the Panel heard that the detail on this would be sought and brought back to the Panel at a future date, potentially via the Climate Working Group. It was noted that there was a desire for the Panel to be a critical friend in this process.
- 9.5 Councillor Shaw expressed concern that the journey to Net Zero would become progressively harder as more and more big ticket items were achieved. It was noted that the process worked as a funnel with big gains in CO<sub>2</sub> savings achieved initially filtering down to the smaller savings. It was also advised that with anticipated improvements in technologies the smaller savings would become more achievable.
- 9.6 It was observed by Councillor Hunt that Climate Change is an abstract topic but that the report and presentation from the team demonstrated the wealth of good work undertaken and translated what that good work meant for residents.
- 9.7 It was advised, following a question from Councillor Shaw that the procurement training from Anglia Ruskin University had been specific for the Council's procurement team.
- 9.8 Following this, it was noted that the Panel had no further comments or discussion to add and that this would be added to the Cabinet report in order for an informed decision to be made on the report recommendations.