Item 6 - Net Zero 2030 - Actions 2022/23

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 19 April 2022. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Net Zero 2030 Action 2022/23 (19 April 2022, Minute 38)

The Net Zero Project Co-ordinator presented the report which set out the Net Zero 2022/23 actions.

The Net Zero 2030 actions were revised annually to take account of new opportunities, innovations and feasibility.

The Net Zero Member Working Group and the Net Zero Officer Working Group were involved in drafting the actions to ensure they reflected the aspirations and priorities of the Council.

The actions for 2022-23 incorporated the agreed themes and had been organised into 7 categories:

- SDC building emissions
- Community Engagement and Leadership
- Movement and Green travel
- Green spaces and the natural environment
- Engagement with Landowners. Partners and Businesses
- Council Plans and Strategies
- Sustainable Development and renewable energy generation

Officers would continue to assess and implement the actions via the delivery projects and investigate new opportunities to deliver the Net Zero 2030 commitment. Regular update reports on the Net Zero 2030 work would be provided to the Committee.

Members discussed the report and associated Appendices.

In response to questions, it was confirmed that Parish and Town Councils would continue to be consulted as partners for the Net Zero ambitions and actions of the Council. The Net Zero Project Co-ordinator encouraged Town and Parish Councils to get in touch with the District Council regarding any carbon reduction schemes including tree planting initiatives.

It was also confirmed that smaller, local farmers would be included in any initiatives to assist landowners and businesses to reduce emissions.

Members were advised that the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan is being partly funded by KCC and the study is expected to be completed in early Autumn. Work would then begin with partners to implement some of the proposals laid out.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the Net Zero Actions for 2022-23 as set out in Appendix A of the report, be agreed.