

Climate Change Working Group update for Environment and Sustainability Committee 18.1.22

The Working Group has met on 17 November 2021, 14 December 2021 and 11 January 2022. At the meeting on 14 December there was a presentation (attached) by SSE on their business proposals for rolling out EV charging hubs to decarbonise transport in the Borough and elsewhere.

Otherwise, the task group has focused on how to address climate change in a manageable way given the breadth of the subject as well as considering energy reports on how to reduce carbon in our assets and fleet.

At the meeting on 11 January a proposal was agreed to formulate Task Teams (attached) which can focus on specific topics and propose means to reduce carbon and environmental impact in those topic areas.

The Environment and Sustainability Committee are requested to endorse this approach and agree to delegating, to the Working Group, the membership of these Task Teams. Given the scale of the need the Working Group will encourage all Councillors to consider membership of a task team for an area they may be interested in.

Given the breadth and scale of the issue it was also agreed that the Chairs and Officers would meet to discuss training on climate change for members and officers and initiating communications for residents and businesses on minimising their environmental impact.