

**GREENER FUTURES BOARD AND PARTNERSHIP:
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Purpose:

The Greener Futures Board brings together a powerful alliance of key stakeholders, partner organisations and influential parties to strategically lead the delivery of Surrey's Greener Futures ambitions and specifically the delivery of the Climate Change Strategy and accompanying Delivery Plan, whilst also working with other Surrey Ambition Boards to deliver wider social, health and economic benefits.

Board Objectives

- Provide **strong and collaborative leadership** on the Greener Futures agenda and delivery of the Climate Change Delivery Plan, driving and supporting stakeholders to take effective action now, while maintaining a long-term perspective, ensuring cohesion between relevant Surrey wide strategies and plans.
- **Secure agreement on, connect, align and mobilise** key stakeholders, **including residents groups and the private sector**, to enact the Greener Futures Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan at the scale needed to achieve the county's challenging net zero carbon targets.
- Act as a **voice for the Greener Futures agenda, raising it's profile** and making links to Government, sub-regional partnerships and agencies and utilities, to support delivery.
- Act as a **trusted and independent body fulfilling a 'critical friend'** role, monitoring and challenging progress and ambition and holding partners and stakeholders to account in delivery of the Climate Change Delivery Plan and other related strategies e.g. economy, health.
- **Making the connections between the four Surrey ambitions**, maximising opportunities to jointly deliver environment, health, social and economic priorities in order to deliver optimal value and co-benefits.
- **Communicate, engage on and raise awareness** of issues, priorities, activity and delivery in order to promote and celebrate success, which in turn will reinforce pro-Greener Future attitudes and behaviours that underpin the achievement of the ambition.

Core membership will aim to include, but not be limited to:

- Leader, SCC (Surrey County Council)
- Lead Cabinet Member, SCC
- County Councillor, SCC
- District and Borough representative – Leader and Chief Executive
- An experienced, pragmatic environmentalist/Climate Change expert
- A Climate Change economist
- A senior business representative
- Extinction Rebellion (XR) representative
- An influential voluntary, community faith sector representative
- A significant and influential school leader,
- A University representative
- A behavioural scientist
- A communications expert
- A Health representative

The Greener Futures Board will not be directly responsible for managing and running services, but will consider the quality and impact of activities and services across partner organisations. The Board does not have direct responsibility for funding and budgets, other than if these are assigned to it. The Board will provide advice to senior decision makers in partner organisations to support the strategic decision making processes.

The views, involvement and experiences of local people will be central in influencing the priorities, work and decisions of the Board. The Board's work will therefore be informed by engagement with residents through communication, participatory mechanisms and consultations, etc.

The Greener Futures Strategic Delivery Group, will bring together senior decision makers responsible for delivery of the Greener Futures agenda and the Climate Change Delivery Plan. The Strategic Delivery Group will be accountable to, and report into, the Greener Futures Board. It will handle driving and ensuring implementation and will provide advice, guidance and challenge around the delivery and co-ordination of individual projects and programmes.

The Greener Futures Officer Network will bring together those officers responsible for direct delivery of projects, programmes and initiatives which contribute to the Greener Futures agenda, and will ensure joined up communication and delivery across key partners including particularly the 12 local authorities, as well as key agencies including the Environment Agency. The Network will report into, and be responsible to, the Strategic Delivery Group

Way of working

The Board will seek to achieve consensus through discussion. Any vote will be by a simple majority of members in attendance. The Chair has the casting vote if needed.

The manner in which the Board conducts its work will support a collaborative culture and foster good partnership working. Where issues and/or decisions of the Board require input and/or ratification by other bodies, the relevant Board Member shall seek such input/ratification whenever possible, in advance of any meeting of the Board or promptly thereafter.

Frequency of meetings

The Greener Futures Board, Strategic Delivery Group and Officer Network will meet at least quarterly, although there may be a need for additional meetings as required.