



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Report of: Councillor Dr Peter Moseley

Cabinet Member for Commercial
and Operations



Climate Matters annual report

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Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

1. To note the contents of the draft *Climate Matters* annual climate change and carbon report.

1 Background

- 1.1 South Kesteven District Council made a formal declaration of climate emergency on 26 September 2019 with cross party support. Alongside this, the Council confirmed the political ambition to reduce the organisation's carbon footprint by at least 30% by 2030, and to endeavour to become net-zero as soon as viable before 2050.
- 1.2 The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the draft content for an inaugural climate change annual report on 6 October 2020.
- 1.3 The first *Climate Matters* annual report to assess South Kesteven District Council's work focussing on climate change, and progress against carbon targets was published on 3 November 2020.
- 1.4 The second *Climate Matters* draft report provides an update on progress within the last year from September 2020 to September 2021, and sets out ambitions for the next 12 months.

2 Financial Implications

- 2.1 There are no specific financial comments arising from the report. The Council has approved a Climate Change reserve which can be utilised to implement specific carbon reduction initiatives.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Assistant Director of Finance and s151 Officer

3 Legal and Governance Implications

- 3.1 As part of good governance, it is important that Members are updated on the Council's work on climate change and carbon emissions, in line with its declaration of climate emergency.

Legal Implications reviewed by: Graham Watts, Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer

4 Equality and Safeguarding Implications

- 4.1 None.

5 Risk and Mitigation

- 5.1 None.

6 Community Safety Implications

- 6.1 None.

7 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?

- 7.1 The report aims to keep Members updated of the Council's work on climate change and actions completed within the last year. It is essential to review progress on a regular basis against carbon reduction targets and broader ambitions on climate change for the district.

8 Other Implications (where significant)

- 8.1 None.

9 Appendices

9.1 *Climate Matters 2021* annual draft report.