

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TASK AND FINISH GROUP SCOPING DOCUMENT

Task and Finish Group Title:	Climate Change Strategy
Membership of Working Group:	A group comprised of two members nominated by relevant Scrutiny committees from each of Somerset County Council, Sedgemoor District Council, Mendip District Council, South Somerset District Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council to form a joint task and finish group to oversee the development of a Somerset-wide Climate Change Strategy.
Service Area:	Cross-cutting
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Scoping form completed by:	Jon Doyle / Jamie Jackson
T&F Group requested by:	Cllr Anna Groskop
Criteria for inclusion in work programme:	(If yes please provide details)
External or National Priorities:	<p>During the Somerset County Council Full Council meeting of 20 February 2019, the Council affirmed its recognition of the scale and urgency of the global challenge from climate change and declared a 'Climate Emergency'.</p> <p>The Policy and Place Scrutiny Committee were mandated to review and recommend what further corporate approaches can be taken through an SCC Climate Change Strategy and to facilitate stronger Somerset-wide action through collaboration at a strategic, community and individual level</p>

Priorities identified in SCC Vision, Business Plan or other Key Policies/Plans :	<p><u>SCC Vision</u> All parties work together for the benefit of our residents, communities and businesses and the environment in which we live</p>
Planned Key Decisions or Forward Plans:	N/A
Evidence from Public Consultation or trend from Councillor Case Work:	N/A
Summary of anticipated benefits and outcomes:	<p>Ensure that the developed strategy is robust, comprehensive, deliverable and sufficiently collaborative.</p> <p>Ensure collaborative working between Local Authorities, community groups, businesses and individuals to maximise opportunities for the attaining of stated goals and outputs.</p>
Indicators of success: [Include details of desired indicators of success and how these can be measured]	<p>To develop a joint Somerset-wide Climate Change Strategy that will identify measurable ways in which to make Somerset carbon neutral by 2030.</p> <p>A strategy that is truly collaborative and deliverable and is bought into by each of the Somerset Local Authorities.</p> <p>That the strategy is given sufficient profile that its aims and agreed outcomes become part of the core objectives of each Local Authority.</p>
Scope:	
In Scope:	Formation of a joint task and finish group to oversee the development of a Somerset-wide Climate Change Strategy.

<p>[Define what the scope of review is]</p>	<p>To contribute to and review the scope of the Strategy, and provide recommendations on the content and intended outcomes.</p> <p>To engage with relevant stakeholders, e.g. businesses, business groups, the Local Enterprise Partnership, environmental groups, community groups and individuals to provide expertise to contribute to the review of the strategy and provide recommendations to further corporate approaches.</p> <p>Provide guidance and advice to the Joint Officer Working Group.</p> <p>To act as a conduit between the Joint Officer Working Group and relevant Scrutiny committees</p> <p>Lobbying of local and national organisations and political institutions.</p>
<p>Excluded from Scope:</p> <p>[Define the exclusions from the scope of the review]</p>	<p>Defining the scope of the Strategy document</p> <p>Prescribing the actions, outputs and outcomes of the Strategy</p> <p>Prescribing the Stakeholders involved in the development of the Strategy</p> <p>Committing to any actions that will incur costs to any party without prior agreement of the relevant Local Authority Director</p>
<p>Council and Partner Involvement:</p>	
<p>Who would need to be involved from the Council?</p>	<p>Reference to relevant Subject Matter Experts from each Local Authority.</p> <p>Democratic Services team.</p>
<p>Which of our partners, stakeholders and Members of the community should we</p>	<p>Potential for a wide range of stakeholder engagement, including with businesses, business groups, the Local Enterprise Partnership, relevant industry subject matter experts, environmental groups, community groups and individuals</p>

discuss this with?	
Review of Resources:	
<p>Evidence:</p> <p>[Background Information and documents to look at]</p>	<p>Included, but not limited to:</p> <p>Fossil CO₂& GHG emissions of all world countries, 2017: http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/overview.php?v=CO2andGHG1970-2016&dst=GHGpc</p> <p>World Resources Institute: https://www.wri.org/blog/2018/10/8-things-you-need-know-about-ipcc-15-c-report</p> <p>The IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C: https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/</p> <p>Including US cities Berkeley: https://www.theclimatemobilization.org/blog/2018/6/13/berkeley-unanimously-declares-climate-emergency</p> <p>and Hoboken: https://www.theclimatemobilization.org/blog/2018/4/25/hoboken-resolves-to-mobilize</p> <p>and the C40 cities: https://www.c40.org/other/deadline-2020</p> <p>Scope 1, 2 and 3 of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol explained: https://www.carbontrust.com/resources/faqs/services/scope-3-indirect-carbon-emissions</p> <p>Assessing "Dangerous Climate Change": Required reduction of Carbon Emissions to protect young people, future generations and nature: https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0081648</p>

	<p>Climate Local</p> <p>https://www.local.gov.uk/topics/environment-and-waste/climate-local</p> <p>(All of the above are references from the Climate Emergency motion)</p> <p>Previous SCC environmental and climate change strategy documents</p> <p>Previous Action Plans</p> <p>Baseline information</p> <p>Relevant existing national and local policies and guidelines</p>
<p>Witnesses:</p> <p>[Who to see and when]</p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p>Site visits:</p> <p>[Details of site visits and when they will be held if appropriate]</p>	<p>TBC</p>
<p>Democratic Services & Other Service Resource:</p>	<p>Jamie Jackson and Lindsey Tawse.</p>
<p>Consultation:</p> <p>[Is there any consultation which needs to be undertaken to</p>	<p>There may be a requirement for public consultation on the proposed strategy, however this will not form part of the Task and Finish Group work.</p>

feed into the review?]	
<p>Expert Advice:</p> <p>[Do the Group require expert advice support due to the nature of the review? Note: if a cost is involved the senior officer will need to agree payment]</p>	TBC
Risks:	
What are the risks to the review?	<p>Appropriateness of timing</p> <p>Scope Creep</p> <p>Lack of funds to implement</p> <p>Conflicting priorities across Authorities</p> <p>Lack of engagement from third parties</p>
Timescales:	
Anticipated Review Start Date:	September / October 2019
Anticipated Reporting Date:	Spring 2020

Frequency of Meetings:	TBC
<i>Date to evaluate impact:</i> [A review of the outcomes by the Committee should be agreed accordingly by the Committee and the Cabinet/Cabinet Member]	TBC