

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL:

COUNCIL: 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT - REPORT BY LEAD MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

The CAT group has a draft policy document, which unfortunately missed the deadline for the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting on Monday 6th September, so it will be at the next meeting for adoption.

The last meeting of the group was on Tuesday 7th September. At this meeting it was agreed that members would allocate themselves to investigate ways in which council owned assets can be adapted to reduce their carbon emissions. Glynne Turnbull the support officer will be distributing a list of assets for this exercise.

The choice of priorities will be guided by the recent external audit.

By the next CAT meeting the Climate officer and I will hopefully be able to present a draft carbon plan which will form the basis of our strategy and will align with that of TDC.

I have asked the Council Leader to request that heads of service formulate their own plans in order that a budget for action can be included in next year's finances. These plans will help to establish the KPI's that will be used to monitor progress.

Future meetings will be diarised and set to enable any recommendations to be put before the next Strategy and Resources Committee to avoid delay. These meeting will alternate between daytime and evenings to allow all members to have a level of participation.

Cllr Graham Lofthouse
Climate lead.