



North Devon Council

Report Date: Monday, 1 July 2024

Topic: 2024 Update of North Devon Council's Carbon, Environment and Biodiversity Plan

Report by: Donna Sibley, Sustainability and Climate Officer

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In July 2019 North Devon Council signed up to the Devon Climate Emergency Declaration. The Council are committed to having a carbon plan and to review this plan annually.
- 1.2. Our first Carbon, Environment and Biodiversity Plan was published in June 2022. This is the second Annual Review.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That members note and approve for publication the 2024 update of the Carbon, Environment and Biodiversity Plan for North Devon Council.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. Publication of this Annual Review will fulfil our Devon Climate Emergency commitment.
- 3.2. Wording for the second Annual Review of the Council's Carbon, Environment and Biodiversity Plan has mostly been taken from the past 12 months Programme Management Office reports which have previously been presented to this Committee.
- 3.3. This update has been discussed by the Councillor Climate Action Team who put forward the plan for approval by Strategy & Resources.

4. REPORT

- 4.1. Members will recall that the Carbon, Environment and Biodiversity Plan is a lengthy document and not easy to read. The Climate Action Team recommended that this Annual Review focus on: i) one page on our carbon footprint (reported to S&R 8/1/24) ii) updated action plan and iii) one page key successes.
- 4.2. The updated action plan is attached to this report, see Appendix One.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. While the Carbon Plan does not specify any specific investment required from North Devon District Council it does highlight areas where financial impacts may occur in the future as we move towards our stated climate ambitions.



6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

6.1. Completed. No impacts on protected characteristics identified.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

7.1. Delivery of this Carbon, Environment & Biodiversity Plan will enable us to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

8. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

8.1. What impact, positive or negative, does the subject of this report have on:

8.1.1. The commercialisation agenda: unknown, will be identified as projects develop

8.1.2. Improving customer focus: unknown, will be identified as projects develop

8.1.3. Regeneration or economic development: unknown, will be identified as projects develop

9. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

9.1. The decision in respect of the recommendations in this report can be made by this Committee pursuant to delegated powers provided in Part 3 Annexe 1 paragraph 1(h) of the Constitution.

10. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
North Devon Council Carbon, Environment & Biodiversity Plan 2022
2023 Update to North Devon Council's Carbon, Environment & Biodiversity Plan

(The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report).

12. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers: Donna Sibley, Sustainability & Climate Officer