

Climate Strategy Review

1. Purpose of the Report

The Town Clerk was asked at the last P&R meeting to review compliance with the adopted Environment & Climate Protection Policy.

2. Background

2.1 The Policy was adopted in November 2019.

2.2 It was agreed that the Policy would be reviewed every three years.

2.3 Excerpts from existing policy;

Assessment and audit of current practice

The assessment/audit of current practices should be reviewed on a regular basis, to ensure the potential for improvement as the legislative and technological landscape changes and develops. The assessment/audit can be delegated to organisations and groups as appropriate, as long as those organisations and groups measure against recognised/validated criteria.

Education and awareness

The Council and Councillors should acquire the appropriate peer-reviewed Earth Systems Science data, produced by recognised bodies such as the IPCC, which should then be referred to when making recommendations and for the purposes of decision making.

Future contracts, services and procedures

The Council should agree a robust set of principles that can be used as part of any tender process. These principles should also be used to scrutinise plans for services that it delivers and procedures that it designs and implements. These principles should be reviewed on a regular basis and adapted in light of changes and developments in the legislative and technological landscape.

Resources and constraints

All of the above actions will be governed by Local Government Legislation and within the budgetary and resource constraints and obligations of the Council.

Community consultation

The Council will facilitate consultation with, and note the needs of, residents of Malmesbury, so that actions taken by the Council do not increase the risk of poverty and disadvantage amongst its residents.

Community support

The Council recognises the need for residents to take responsibility for taking actions that limit their impact on, and protect the environment and global climate. It is committed, through the Environment and Climate Change Sub-Committee and other Council Committees as appropriate, to encouraging and supporting, as far as is practicable and appropriate, the community to take action.

3. Financial Implications & Risks

There are no financial implications at this stage but alterations to buildings etc to comply with

w/group recommendations is likely to incur costs in future.

4. Recommendation

The working group is reformed and arranges a meeting to progress the proposal at 3 on the existing policy.

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