

Report title: Essex Climate Action Update	
Report to: Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
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County Divisions affected: All	

1. Introduction

The Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee (PSEG) is responsible for scrutinising activity to tackle Climate Change including areas such as Energy and Emissions Reduction, Environmental Services, Waste and Recycling, Housing, and Strategic Highways and Transportation.

The Committee last considered a (written) update on this subject in September 2022.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to consider the presentation (to be given at the meeting), policy and performance in this area including progress on the action plan agreed by Cabinet in November 2021, and identify any follow-up scrutiny activity.

3. Links to Everyone's Essex

Action in this area supports several of the Environmental commitments including the Net Zero ambition:

We will work across the council and the county to hit our net zero targets, by ensuring that the council significantly reduces its carbon footprint, whilst also supporting an acceleration in the progress towards sustainable housing and energy, and active and alternative forms of travel across the county.

In November 2021, the Cabinet agreed its response to the [Essex Climate Action Commission's Report 'Net-Zero: Making Essex Carbon Neutral'](#) published in July 2021:

[Essex County Council's Response to Net Zero: Making Essex Carbon Neutral](#)

4. Next Steps

This is an opportunity for the Committee to scrutinise the Council's activity in this area.

Expected attendees to support the discussion:

Councillor Peter Schwier - Climate Tsar

Sam Kennedy - Director Environment & Climate Action

5. Appendix

Presentation to be given at the meeting and circulated in advance.