

## AGENDA ITEM 4

<b>Report title:</b> Essex Climate Change Commission - Update		<b>PSEG/03/20</b>
<b>Report to:</b> Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee		
<b>Date:</b> 23/04/20		<b>For:</b> Discussion
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> All Essex		

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. Members to receive an update on progress with establishing an Essex Climate Change Commission.

### 2. Background

- 2.1. Following a motion passed at Full Council on 14 May 2019, ECC Full Council on 08/10/19, ECC approved a process to establish a cross party climate change action group to investigate what actions ECC could undertake across all its work with District/Borough/City Councils to reduce carbon emissions and promote the Green Infrastructure initiative.
- 2.2. At Full Council on 8 October, the Leader announced in his Executive Statement (Appendix A) the formation of a formal independent cross-party commission, entitled the Essex Climate Action Commission.
- 2.3. The commission was scheduled to meet first on 31 March 2020, but this meeting was postponed.
- 2.4. At the Place Services and Economic Growth Policy and Scrutiny Committee (PSEG) on the 18 December, the committee agreed that they would like to have early sight of the commission's Terms of Reference to provide feedback and steer on the commissions future work. It was agreed that Cllr Walsh would attend the PSEG meeting scheduled for March/April 2020
- 2.5. PSEG members will be updated on the commissions membership and its future work programme, budget and Terms of Reference.
- 2.6. Members have been provided the draft Terms of Reference (Appendix B). These have yet to be agreed by the commission itself, so are still unconfirmed.
- 2.7. Witnesses in attendance will include:
  - Cllr Simon Walsh, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change Action
  - Samantha Kennedy, Director for Environment and Climate Change Action

- Philip Oldershaw, Senior Strategy Advisor

### **3. Session Aims**

- 3.1. Members are asked to discuss the draft Terms of Reference with the Cabinet Member and Officers and provide feedback. Members are also asked to consider the future scrutiny relationship (if applicable) between PSEG and the work of the Essex Climate Change Commission.

### **4. Appendices**

- 4.1. **Appendix A** – Leaders Executive Statement 08/10/19
- 4.2. **Appendix B** – Essex Climate Change Commission Draft ToR