



Leicester's Sustainability Action Plan

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Useful information

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To present to Full Council Leicester City Council's Sustainability Action Plan.

2. Summary

- 2.1 On 27th June 2016 the council launched its Sustainability Action Plan and made this available online. The plan details action that Leicester City Council will be leading on over the current mayoral term to 2019 that will target sustainability issues across the city. The plan focuses on 6 key themes: business, housing, the council, development, mitigation and adaptation, and people. The plan will be managed through the Sustainable Leicester Board, and will be updated on an annual basis.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To adopt and promote Leicester's Sustainability Action Plan priorities.

4. Report

- 4.1 The Sustainable Leicester Board was set up in July 2015 to encourage cross cutting environmental work across the following 6 areas of the Council's work; business, housing, the council, development, mitigation and adaptation, and people. The work of the board is wider than the Council's own carbon footprint, and encompasses environmental work within the sphere of influence the Council has across the city.
- 4.2 Leicester City Council's Sustainability Action Plan has been produced to replace the Council's previous Climate Change Programme of Action. The action plan will keep the public informed of the council's efforts to reduce its environmental impact in the city up to the end of the current mayoral term.
- 4.3 The document follows the layout of the Air Quality Action Plan to create a continuous approach that is recognisable to the public, and a plan that would fit under the same brand. This approach has led to the Sustainable Leicester commitments being set out in a hierarchy of; overarching ambitions, priorities for 2019, and underlying actions that will contribute to meeting the priorities. These actions are varied in timescales and will be reviewed annually.
- 4.4 Priorities and actions were compiled with lead officers across different relevant services within the Council that link into the Sustainable Leicester Board themes. Theme leads, the chair of the Sustainable Leicester Board, Cllr Clarke, and the public have had the opportunity to comment, and the final document was signed off in June.
- 4.5 The plan was launched on 27th June at the council's Eco-Schools celebration event at City Hall.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial implications

Some of the actions in the plan have no cost and are being delivered as part of the project delivery, where there is a cost, this is being contained within existing budgets or funding will be identified prior to implementing the action.

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5.2 Legal implications

As outlined in the Action Plan, the Council's corporate objective is to undertake a number of initiatives as part of its Action Plan, including the reduction of its carbon footprint. The proposed Plan forms the Council's corporate objective in respect of the sustainability initiatives set out in the Plan.

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5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

Leicester City Council uses 2 key indicators to assess its progress with carbon reduction; the city wide carbon footprint and the footprint from the Council's own operations. The Sustainability Action Plan contains ambitions to reduce both of these. A number of actions within the plan will have a direct impact on carbon emissions, eg decarbonising the district heating scheme and installing PV on Council buildings, whereas others aim to indirectly reduce emissions through encouraging behavioural change. If the actions within the plan are successful, both indicators should see a carbon reduction by 2019.

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