

Report to Neighbourhoods Select Committee

Date of meeting: 26 June 2018

Subject: Corporate Green Working Party Updates

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Select Committee notes the progress and updates from the Corporate Green Working Party.

Report:

1. The Corporate Green Working Party (CGWP) was originally set up in 2012 with a focus on the Council's internal functions. It continues to work across departments within EFDC. We have a Commitments and Action Plan to both look at what we can and should do within EFDC, and also to record what has been done to measure how far we have come. The actions for the CGWP are divided between climate adaptation, tackling our greenhouse gas emissions, and other general sustainability projects. This can vary from looking at our energy use and how to reduce it, to finding ways we can reduce our paper usage through streamlining our systems and processes.

2. The CGWP met on 29 May 2018.

3. The group discussed the commitments and actions plan. The aim of the commitments and actions spreadsheet is to both keep track of what we are doing throughout EFDC as well as highlight what we would like to do in the group. The plan has been updated to focus on a few key actions right now, with the other actions to review/complete as the key actions are completed. Some key updates are:

- The scanning group has made good progress. The group will be disbanded and the works will be incorporated into the Business Support Team.
- Accountancy are now fully on-line, meaning much less paper is being used.
- The annual Greenhouse Gas report will be due in July.
- The group has looked at electric vehicle charge points for both the Civic staff car park and local public car parks; this information is with the Parking Team.
- A 'no idle' policy has been put into place by the Air Quality Officer.
- The group will ensure that any commitments and actions are in line with the Corporate Plan, due out in June.

4. The group discussed the future structure. Liz Ainslie will be finishing her contract at the end of June and her role will not be replaced until after the Director-level structures have been put into place. The group thought that due to the restructures it would be a good idea to put the group on hold until later in the year when the overall EFDC structure was known. As Councillor S Kane was unable to attend, LA would ask if this was agreeable. If so, Robin Ray would take this to the Management Committee. Councillor Kane agreed that this was sensible; therefore, the group will meet next in December when the new EFDC structure will be in place.

5. The next meeting of the CGWP will be held in December 2018.

Reason for decision: Not applicable.

Options considered and rejected: Not applicable.

Consultation undertaken: Not applicable.

Resource implications: The Corporate Green Working Party is comprised of staff members across EFDC. There are no resource implications as it is only time allocated to the group.

Budget provision: None.

Personnel: Internally resourced.

Land: N/A

Community Plan/BVPP reference: N/A

Relevant statutory powers: N/A

Background papers: Previous Neighbourhoods Select Committee reports, January 2018.

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A

Key Decision reference: (if required) N/A