

# ***Supplementary Committee Agenda***



## ***Neighbourhoods Select Committee Tuesday, 19th September, 2017***

**Place:** Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

**Time:** 7.30 pm

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### **10. CORPORATE GREEN WORKING PARTY (Pages 3 - 4)**

(Director of Neighbourhoods) Corporate Green Working Party updating report attached.

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### **Report to Neighbourhoods Select Committee**

**Date of meeting: 19 September 2017**

**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 & 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 new Member to the CGWP to replace Cllr Waller we presume, will be the new Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder, Councillor S Kane.

3. Some highlights from the commitments and actions plan include:

- The annual Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reporting was completed in July. Please see item 4 for further details.
- Nearly all of the lighting at Civic Offices and NWA has now been replaced with more energy efficient, LED lighting.
- New waste and recycling points have been installed in the Oakwood Hills Depot.
- Figures for the waste and recycling at Civic Offices since December are being analysed to see how much recycling is happening month on month.
- EFDC continues to be represented at many regional groups, and we will host the next CO2RE (Carbon Reduction Essex) meeting in October.
- Some on-line forms for residents are in test mode, with the intention to use them as soon as the test phase is completed. This will not only reduce paper usage but also provide a better service to residents.
- EFDC applied for a Green Apple Award for our environmental achievements. We have been notified that we have won an award, but not the level of award. This we will find out after the awards ceremony in November.

4. Greenhouse Gas Reporting update

The annual Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Report was completed and a copy added to the EFDC website. This is a requirement by Central Government that all local authorities publish their

annual GHG Report by 31 July each year.

For the year ending 31 March, 2017, EFDC, our total gross emissions were up slightly on the previous year (1075 tonnes instead of 1066 tonnes), but when our Green Tariff contributions from solar generation are taken into account, our net emissions are slightly lower (1026 tonnes instead of 1064 tonnes).

This year's report has excluded the Leisure Centre emissions. These were reported as Scope 3 emissions previously (e.g. emissions we 'own' in a way but have no control over). It was decided to remove them from the report as the contract is now with another company who will be including the GHG figures in their reporting. In this way the 'reductions' are not double-counted overall.

Further works necessary to reduce emissions further would need to be looked at in conjunction with the accommodation review. Items such as boiler replacement, etc, would be capital expenditure items that would not be sensible to undertake at the present time.

To review a copy of the latest report, visit the EFDC website. All reports can be found in the File Store section under Climate Change.

5. The next meeting of the CGWP will be held on 5 December, 2017.

**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, November 2015.

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

Key Decision reference: (if required) N/A