Item 6 - Net Zero 2030: January Update 2021

The attached report was considered by the Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee on 19 January 2021. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Cleaner & Greener Advisory Committee (19 January 2021, Minute 52)

The Principal Planning Officer (Policy) presented the report which recommended the agreement of the Net Zero 2030 actions for 2021-22. The report set out the relationship between climate change mitigation, that was tackling the causes of climate change through reducing carbon emissions, and climate change adaptations which was helping the built and natural environment become more resilient to the expected changes in the climate.

Whilst the net zero work focused on reducing the Council's carbon emissions, it also linked to the wider environmental impacts and therefore included climate change adaptation measures through, for example: conservation & enhancement of biodiversity, reducing the impact and risk of flooding, water efficiency measures and improvements to the natural environment.

The Net Zero 2030 actions had been updated and revised to take account of new opportunities and innovations. Progress in achieving the actions would be delivered through specific delivery projects and some actions and delivery projects would be ongoing into future years due to improvements. All projects would be assessed and undergo a review once complete to evaluate the success and impact of the projects.

Members took the opportunity to ask questions and share their experiences.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet to agree the Net Zero 2030 actions for 2021-22.