

Rother District Council

Report to	-	Cabinet
Date	-	30 September 2019
Report of the	-	Executive Director
Subject	-	Establishment of a Climate Change Steering Group

Recommendation: It be **RESOLVED:** That:

- 1) a cross-party Steering Group made up of five Members be established in accordance with the Council's Motion declaring a climate emergency and the need to develop an action plan;
 - 2) the terms of reference attached at Appendix 1 be agreed; and
 - 3) the five Members to sit on the Steering Group be confirmed.
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Service Manager: Ben Hook
Lead Cabinet Member: Cllr K.M. Field

Introduction

1. On 16 September 2019 Full Council passed a motion declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and made a carbon neutrality commitment for Rother District with a target date of 2030 (Council Minute C19/38 refers).
2. In order to achieve this, an action plan or strategy is required to develop, plan and initiate the steps that the Council will need to take to meet this highly ambitious target.
3. A timeline of six months was set for the action plan to be developed and agreed.
4. Council agreed that Cabinet should set up a Steering Group to work with officers in developing the action plan. The proposed terms of reference for this Steering Group are set out at Appendix 1. It is recommended that the Steering Group comprises five Members, to be chaired by the Lead Member for Environment and Transport and consist of one other Executive Member and three non-Executive Members, reflecting a broad political balance

Conclusion

5. To initiate a Steering Group an agreed Terms of Reference is required. Cabinet are recommended to approve those attached at Appendix 1 and nominate and agree those Members who will sit on the Steering Group.

Dr Anthony Leonard
Executive Director

Risk Assessment Statement

Failure to adopt the terms of reference and appoint Members to a Steering Group will reduce the timespan for developing an action plan. This will impact on the delivery of the intervention programme and could risk achieving the 2030 target date for carbon neutrality.