

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
STREET SCENE and ENVIRONMENT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

31 August 2021

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM MEETING

To provide an update on the first Climate Change Forum Meeting

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Earlier this year it was agreed by Members of this Committee, that a new Climate Change Forum would be formed. It was recognised that there are many significant challenges faced by climate change that are outside the remit of the Borough Council and it would be beneficial to work with others to learn more about any plans and ideas for carbon reduction. Working with partners would also help to inspire and motivate others to tackle the issues and to develop an open conversation on these critical issues.

1.1.2 The first meeting of the Climate Change Forum took place on 14 June 2021. The minutes from this meeting are attached for information (Annex 1) along with the Terms of Reference (Annex 2).

1.1.3 Actions arising from the meeting included setting up a subgroup to look at templates for individuals, schools, and businesses to promote low carbon / green initiatives. The subgroup will aim to bring draft templates back to the next Climate Change Forum Meeting. It was agreed that the Climate Change Forum would meet between three and four times per year, to coordinate with reporting back to Street Scene and Environment Advisory Board Meetings.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 There is no budget assigned to this Forum, but there will be costs associated with staff time.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 N/A

1.5 Policy Considerations

1.5.1 Asset Management

1.5.2 Biodiversity & Sustainability

1.5.3 Business Continuity/Resilience

1.5.4 Climate Change

1.5.5 Communications

1.5.6 Community

Background papers:

Nil

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