

REPORT TO:		Cabinet	
DATE:		21 September 2022	
PORTFOLIO:		Councillor Stephen Smithson, Environmental Services	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Jane Ellis, Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services)	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Creation of Net Zero Working Group	
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	No	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To propose the creation of a Net Zero Working Group to support the work of Cabinet in addressing the climate change.

2. **Recommendations**

I recommend that Cabinet approves the creation of the Net Zero Working Group on the terms attached in the Schedule to this report and with the membership set out in paragraph 3.2 of this report.

3. **Context and Reasons for Recommendations and context**

- 3.1 The Council has declared a climate change emergency and is working to become carbon neutral. The Cabinet is also actively promoting a green agenda to address the threats posed by climate change. To support the work of the Cabinet in this regard it is proposed that a Net Zero Working Group is created which will report to Cabinet, offering advice and recommendations on “green” issues. Proposed terms of reference for the new Working Group are attached to this report at Schedule 1.

- 3.2 It is proposed that the following councillors are appointed to the new Working Group:

Councillor Zak Khan
Councillor Caroline Montague
Councillor Josh Allen.

4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Cabinet may chose not to support this proposal or may wish to revise the Working Group's proposed terms of reference or membership.

5. Consultations

5.1 None.

6. Implications

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	None
Legal and human rights implications	None – the Working Group will be advisory and will not have decision-making capacity.
Assessment of risk	None identified.
Equality and diversity implications <i>A <u>Customer First Analysis</u> should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

**7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:
List of Background Papers**

7.1 None.

Schedule 1

NET ZERO WORKING GROUP

REPORTS TO: Leader and Cabinet

MEMBERSHIP: 3 councillors

MAIN TERMS OF REFERENCE

- To provide advice and support to the Cabinet in addressing climate change and promoting a green agenda.

DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE:

- To consider strategies and policies to address climate change
- To be a consultation mechanism for the Council's initiatives to address climate change and contribute to environmental improvements
- To monitor the progress of climate change and environmental improvement projects and make recommendations for possible new environmental initiatives
- To report to Cabinet on the above and any recommendations arising