

## POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL REPORT

REPORT TO:	Environment and Community Panel		
DATE:	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020		
TITLE:	Climate Change Informal Working Group		
TYPE OF REPORT:	Operational		
PORTFOLIO(S):	Leader – Councillor Long		
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OPEN/EXEMPT	Open	WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FUTURE CABINET REPORT:	No

### **REPORT SUMMARY/COVER PAGE**

<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT/SUMMARY:</b>
<p>At their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September, the Environment and Community Panel agreed to establish an Informal Working Group for Climate Change. This report sets out the arrangements for the Informal Working Group.</p>
<b>KEY ISSUES:</b>
<p>The Panel considered and endorsed the Climate Change Policy at their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September. Concerns were raised regarding Member input into the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan and the Panel agreed to set up an Informal Working Group to ensure Member input into these documents.</p>
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the Terms of Reference for the Informal Working Group will be: "To input and monitor the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan and feedback to the Environment and Community Panel as appropriate."</li><li>2. The Informal Working Group comprise of five Members.</li><li>3. Subject to any restrictions imposed by Covid-19, for instance redeployment of officers, or the need to concentrate on critical services, the Informal Working Group to hold their first meeting in January/February 2021, which is when work on the Strategy and Action Plan will commence.</li></ol>
<b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
<p>To comply with the request from the Panel to establish an Informal Working Group.</p>