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Environment Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 14 September 2023

6.00 pm

Walker Room, Meeting Point House, Southwater Square, Telford,
TF3 4HS

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Committee Members: Councillors M Boylan (Chair), P Davis (Vice-Chair),
T L B Janke, I Preece, H Morgan, T J Nelson and H Rhodes

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ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 6.00 pm in The Telford Room, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT

Present: Councillors G C W Latham-Reynolds (Chair), M Boylan and T L B Janke.

Also Present: Councillor C Healy

In Attendance: E Cantillion (Shropshire Good Food Partnership)
F Mercer (Director: Communities, Customer and Commercial Services)
R Phillips (Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy)
K Robinson (Democracy Officer (Scrutiny))
J Roquette (Shropshire Good Food Partnership)
I Wykes (Team Leader: Climate Change & Sustainability)

Apologies: Councillors G H Cook, T J Nelson and G L Offland

ENVSC61 Declarations of Interest

None.

ENVSC62 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

ENVSC63 Shropshire Good Food Partnership Briefing

Members received a presentation from Jenny Roquette of the Shropshire Good Food Partnership.

The presentation set out the work of the Partnership, discussed Food Systems Thinking and actions taken locally, and next steps for the Partnership and Council.

The Partnership's mission was to bring together people, groups, and organisation to create a food system that was good for people, place, and planet, improving access to affordable nutritious food, creating lively communities, and aiding the shift to net-zero.

Established at the end of 2021, the Partnership had started out scoping the existing situation and considering how it could add value to discussions and policy around food. It was comprised of a small team but was growing thanks

to project specific funding; an example given was that resources from the Telford and Wrekin Climate Fund had allowed the organisation to grow.

There were a number of working groups led by the Partnership, these engaged people on various specific areas within food systems such as growing local, sustainable food economies, wise land stewardship, and reducing food waste. As a whole, the working groups were made up of over 60 organisations and in excess of 120 individuals.

Shropshire Good Food Partnership took a systems- and place- based approach to its work to encourage farm to fork eating. The Partnership viewed issues through a food system lens, considering how food was enmeshed with society and culture and seeking to find how best to engage people and for what impact. With around 30% of greenhouse gas emissions coming from the food system, this was one of the key areas for adaptation and mitigation of climate change in.

The Partnership outlined a number of pieces of their project areas. These included local actions such as a Good Food Charter; work on the local food economy and land stewardship, reducing food waste, and healthy food for all including growing local and boosting peoples' connection to nature.

In addition, the organisation undertook partnership work with a variety of partners including Telford & Wrekin Council.

Future actions included, the Good Food Trail, Good to Grow Day, and the Marches Real Food & Farming Conference with Harper Adams University.

A discussion followed the presentation.

Members noted the importance of education in driving positive change in terms of the climate agenda, both for children and adults. Discussion focussed on teaching, enabling, and supporting people to grow their own food. The Committee also spoke of the need to show the cycle of food through to their plates.

Following on from this, Members discussed access to growing spaces across the Borough and how these can be improved and formalised – from allotments to small patches on public land.

It was suggested that Members could be appointed to the Shropshire Good Food Partnerships advisory group. This was to be investigated.

Members requested an update from the Partnership in twelve months' time. The Committee also wished to receive an item focussing on the Council's catering team and their procurement practices.

ENVSC64 Chair's Update

None.

The meeting ended at 7.09 pm

Chairman:

Date: Wednesday 21 June 2023

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ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 6.00 pm in The Telford Room, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT

Present: Councillors M Boylan (Chair), P Davis (Vice-Chair), H Morgan, T J Nelson and H Rhodes.

In Attendance: F Mercer (Director: Communities, Customer and Commercial Services), R Phillips (Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy), and S Yarnall (Democracy Officer (Scrutiny))

Apologies: Councillors T L B Janke and I Preece

ENVSC1 Declarations of Interest

None.

ENVSC2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Following the recent local elections, there were fewer Members who had previously sat on the Environment Scrutiny Committee who continued to sit on Environment Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2023/2024. The minutes were deferred to the next meeting of the Committee to allow for greater attendance from previous Members for confirmation.

ENVSC3 Terms of Reference 2023 / 2024

Members received the Terms of Reference for the Committee, there had been no changes from previous years.

RESOLVED – that the Terms of Reference, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved.

ENVSC4 Environment Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

The Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy presented the work programme for 2023/24. The work programme included standing items and new suggestions which had been received during the consultation.

The Director: Communities, Customer & Commercial Services provided a brief summary on Corporate Catering and noted that the suggestion was that Scrutiny consider the role of the Council's corporate catering policies and procedures towards net zero.

A further item was suggested for inclusion in relation to Adaptation, which was agreed by Members.

RESOLVED- that the Environment Scrutiny Work Programme, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved.

ENVSC5 Review of the Annual Scrutiny Report - Environment Scrutiny Committee

The Service Delivery Manager: Legal & Democracy presented the Environment section of the Annual Scrutiny Report 2022-23.

Members appreciated the overview of the work previously completed by the Committee and a brief overview of upcoming work.

ENVSC6 Chair's Update

An additional meeting had been scheduled in September 2023 to provide an initial scene setting report on Corporate Catering.

Members were asked to contact Democratic Services by 29 November 2023 if they had any specific questions or topics in relation to river sewage.

The meeting ended at 6.27 pm

Chairman:

Date: Thursday 14 September 2023

Environment Scrutiny Work Programme

Issue / Topic	Brief Description	Directorate	Council Values/Priorities	Format	Meeting Comments	
21 June 2023 – Committee Meeting						
Page 9	Terms Of Reference	For the Committee to agree the Terms of Reference for 2023/24	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Committee Agenda Item	Constitutional Function
	Outcomes: That the Terms of Reference be agreed for the 2023/24 municipal year.					
Page 9	Work Programme	For the Committee to agree the proposed work programme for 2023/24	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Committee Agenda Item	Draft work programme delegated to each scrutiny committee by SMB on 6 June 2023
	Outcomes: The draft work programme be agreed.					
Page 9	Annual Scrutiny Report-Environment Committee	To review the Environment Scrutiny Committee portion of the Annual Scrutiny Report for 2022/23	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Committee Agenda Item	To provide new committee Members with context of the previous work of the committee
	Outcomes:					

Agenda Item 4

The report be noted and discussion over the years upcoming work.					
14 September 2023 – Committee Meeting					
Corporate Catering	To review the role in net zero of the Council’s Corporate Catering function, particularly in relation to procurement	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency.	Committee Agenda Item with the Committee asked to consider establishing a Task and Finish Group	Committee Meeting, consideration to be given to formation of a working group to scrutinise further
Outcomes:					
Climate Change Adaptation	To provide feedback and comments on the upcoming adaptation work.	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency.	Committee Agenda Item	Committee Meeting item
Outcomes:					
29 November 2023 – Committee Meeting					
Biodiversity Net Gain	Review of the biodiversity net gain strategy following changes in legislation	Prosperity & Investment	Everyone benefits from a thriving economy	Committee Agenda Item with the Committee asked to consider establishing a Task and Finish Group	Initial scene setting meeting
Outcomes:					

River Sewage	Review of the current river sewage position	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency	Committee Agenda Item	Severn Trent and The Environment Agency representatives will be attendance for this meeting
Outcome:					
6 February 2024 – Committee Meeting					
To be confirmed but likely to include an update from a working group	Outcomes:				
20 March 2024 – Committee Meeting					
Climate Change and Plastic Free Telford & Wrekin	Annual Update on the Council's Climate Change agenda	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency	Committee Agenda Item	Committee Agenda Item March 2024
Outcomes:					
Shropshire Good Food – 12 month review	Update on the Shropshire Good Food Project following the presentation to Members in the previous year	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services	Committee Agenda Item	Committee Agenda Item March 2024
Outcomes:					

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Corporate Catering – Role in Net Zero

Cabinet Member:	Cllr Carolyn Healy - Cabinet Member: Climate Action, Green Spaces, Heritage & Leisure
Lead Director:	Felicity Mercer - Director: Communities, Customer & Commercial Services
Service Area:	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services
Report Author:	Ian Wykes - Team Leader - Climate Change & Sustainability
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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Environment Scrutiny Committee – 14 September 2023

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

Environment Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the contents of this report and the planned review into Corporate Catering and how it supports the Council's net zero ambitions.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To set out the role of the Council's corporate catering function as an introduction to a review of how the Corporate Catering are supporting the Council's net zero aims.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 In 2019 Telford & Wrekin Council declared a Climate Change Emergency with the ambition of becoming net zero by 2030.
- 3.2 At a previous meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee, Members requested a review be undertaken to consider the Council's corporate catering function and how the service supported the Council's net zero aim.
- 3.3 It was suggested that the review could look at what the Corporate Catering team are currently doing to support the Council's net zero aim, what are the areas that could be improved and what are the best practices from other authorities.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1 Appendix A provides an introduction to the function of the Corporate Catering Service and action taken to reduce the Council's progress to becoming carbon neutral.
- 4.2 The Corporate Catering service has 254 employees providing 12,000 meals a day to 55 schools and 7 nurseries across the borough.
- 4.3 The service already promotes environmental best practice through initiatives such as Energy Smart: Kitchens. Much of the food purchased is locally sourced such as potatoes from Shropshire and free-range eggs from Clun. Recycled plastic is already used in items such as refuse sacks, plates, bowls, trays, and beakers.
- 4.4 The service is working closely with schools on eco initiatives such as at Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery which has achieved a Plastic Free Award.
- 4.5 Looking forward the review will consider:
 - How is the current environmental impact of the current corporate catering service assessed?
 - What is currently being done within corporate catering to reduce the service's carbon footprint?
 - What are the future plans within the service to reduce the carbon footprint?
 - What is best practice in relation to reducing carbon and how can this be incorporated locally.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 This report relates to a preliminary review being undertaken by the Environment Scrutiny Committee and no alternative options have been identified at this time. As part of the review, however, it might be that new ways of meeting net zero are identified.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 The report does not raise any specific risk at this point.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 The councils' work on climate change and sustainability is a direct response to the council's priority "Our natural environment is protected, and the Council has a leading role in addressing the climate emergency". However, as a cross cutting agenda it also has a significant contribution to make towards all other council priorities including:

- Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.
- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.
- All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.
- A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 Costs of the review of the Catering Service will be met from existing resources. Any actions arising from the review to further reduce the carbon footprint of the catering service will need to be met from existing budgets.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 The Climate Change Act 2008 (as amended) establishes a legally binding target to reduce the UK's greenhouse gas emissions by 100% by 2050 when compared with the 1990 baseline. At a local level, Section 19(1A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to include in their local plans, policies designed to secure that the development and use of land in the local planning authority's area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change. In the management of its activities, provision of its services and performance of its functions, local councils are in a position to play a vital role in meeting the challenges posed by climate change. The Council has wide scope to decide how best to address these challenges.

9.2 The School Food Standards. Section 114A School Standards and Framework Act 1998 requires that food and drink provided to pupils at schools in England complies with certain nutritional standards.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 This report has a borough wide impact.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 Climate change will continue to have a significant impact on the health of Telford and Wrekin's residents as well as on their social and economic wellbeing. 2023 has seen the highest global temperatures ever recorded. Heatwaves can lead to very serious health implications particularly for the most vulnerable¹ Many of the actions set out in the climate change plan have considerable co-benefits. The Climate Change Fund supports businesses and community groups with energy efficiency measures which should help address recent rises in fuel prices.

11.2 The provision of healthy food is at the core of the Corporate Catering Service who also provide provides 3000 Universal infant free school meals and 4000 free school meals a day.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 The Council's Climate Change Action Plan takes account of the legal requirement to pay due regard to the aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty. Key to this is consideration of people's specific needs based on their protected characteristics.

People who share protected characteristics of age, race, ethnicity and disability are often disproportionately affected by climate change and its consequences. This is true locally and internationally. Extreme weather events, for example heat waves most detrimentally affect older residents and those with pre-existing respiratory and cardiovascular conditions.

The success of our climate change activity relies on active participation by the whole community. Steps are taken to make sure that events are inclusive and the differing needs of individuals are considered so that they can access activities and contribute effectively.

13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

13.1 This report sets out the one of the areas as to how Telford and Wrekin Council is helping address climate change and environmental implications.

14.0 Appendices

A Lets Dine and Eat Well - PowerPoint Presentation

15.0 Report Sign Off

¹ [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(18\)30434-3/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(18)30434-3/fulltext)

Corporate Catering Role in Net Zero

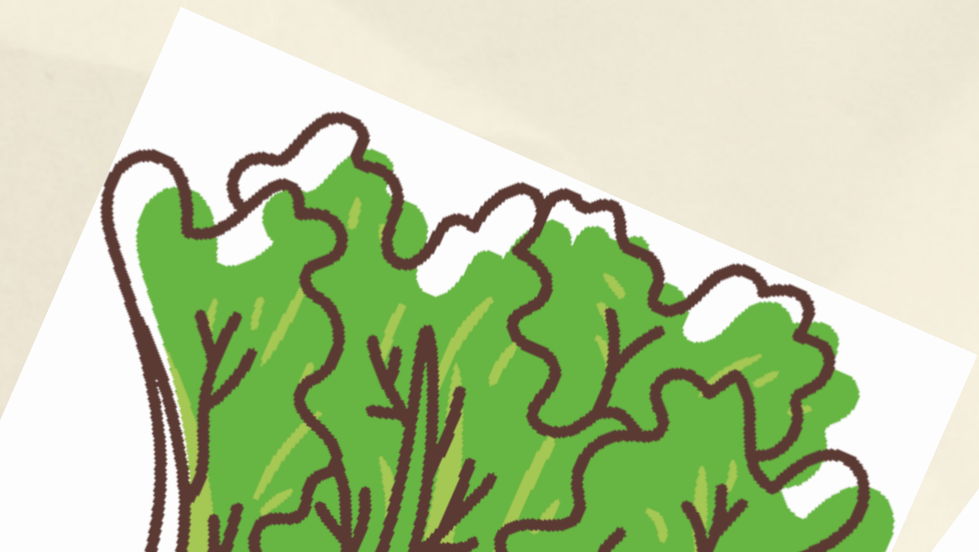
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Let's Dine & Eat Well

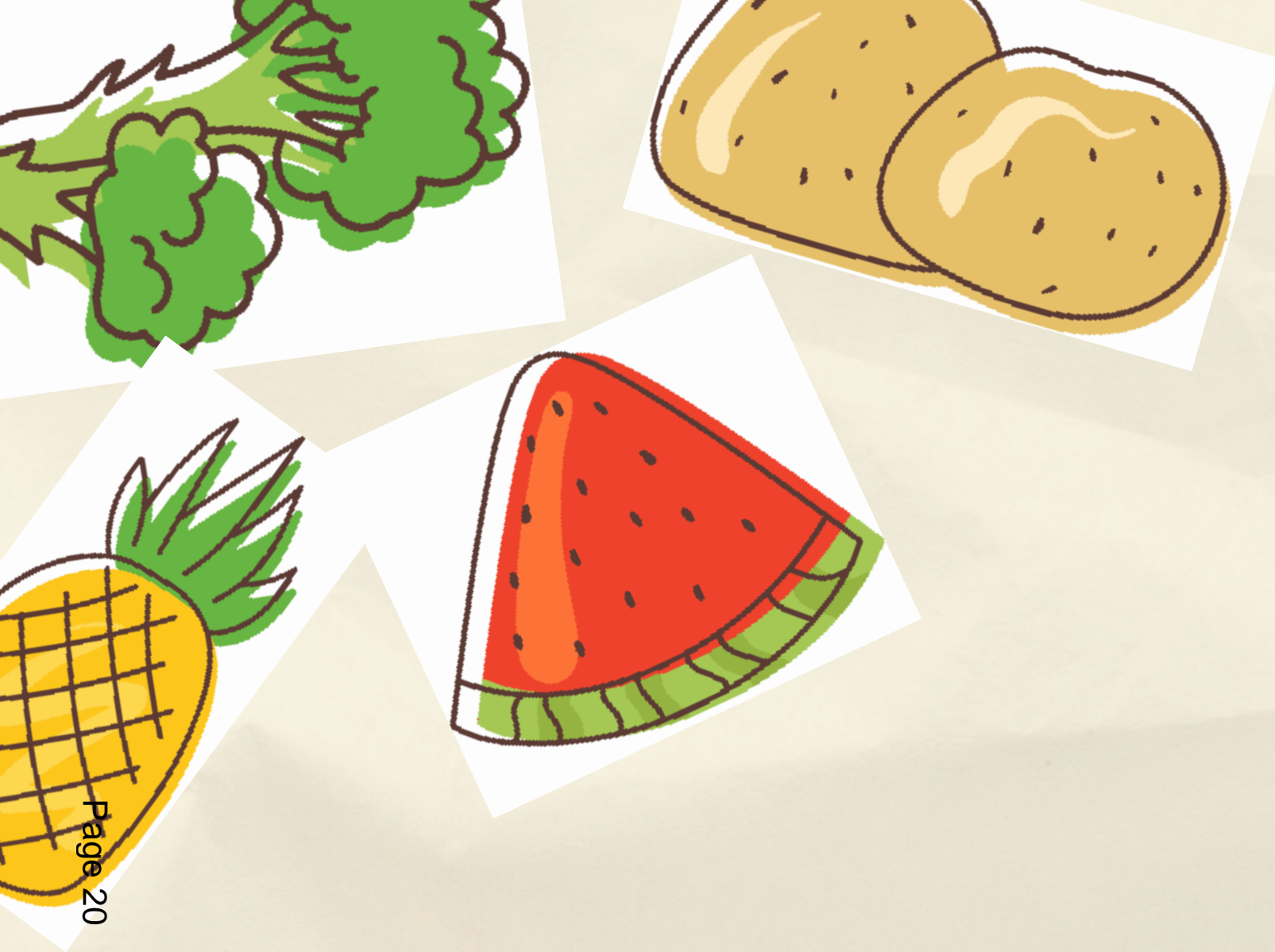
Healthy and Sustainable School Meals within the Borough
Lorna Hicks



Let's Dine & Eat Well

- 1 Who we are and what we deliver
- 2 How we are supporting climate change and sustainability
- 3 Our journey so far...
- 4 Looking ahead...
- 5 Q&A

Session Objectives



Let's Dine

55 schools and 7 nurseries

12,000 meals served daily

3,000 UIFSM and 4,000 FSM

254 employees

50 schools - 5-star rating

5 schools - 4-star rating

Accredited training centre

Our roast dinners are popular amongst children, staff, and parents!



Eat Well

Healthy eating sessions
delivered within our schools

Educating parents/carers on
how to eat healthily on a budget

Sugar awareness

Nutrition and healthy balance

Cooking sessions with children

The children love to learn new cooking skills...



Our journey so far

Can you see me?



Sustainability in Schools

Supporting our schools with their eco-initiatives helping them to win awards for sustainability and climate change.

Hollinswood Primary School & Nursery is one of our eco-champion schools. We previously helped them achieve a 'Plastic Free School' Award and have since supported the grand opening of their new community fruit and vegetable garden - The King's Patch, whereby the produce is used within the food we serve, by donating tools, seeds, and time - our cook Kathy Dennis is part of the schools gardening club - she is a great ambassador for our service!

Introducing Kathy...



Opening of the garden



The tools we donated



Our journey so far

A proud moment for us both



APSE Green Innovation Award

Awarded in 2021 for supporting the environment by recycling/using environmentally friendly cleaning materials and energy efficient equipment - Green Achiever Status

We are taking a proactive stance to meet the government's agenda in support of climate change initiatives within our local area, in particular the council's commitment to reduce its carbon footprint by 2030!

In a bid to support the 'Plastic Free Telford' initiative, we are now revising all our plastic products to see if there are more environmentally sustainable products that we could switch to, to support our environmental aims.

We will continue the journey - working together.

Our journey so far

Food for Life

BRONZE AWARD

This has been a challenge this year due to rising food costs... but we did it!

BRONZE schools:

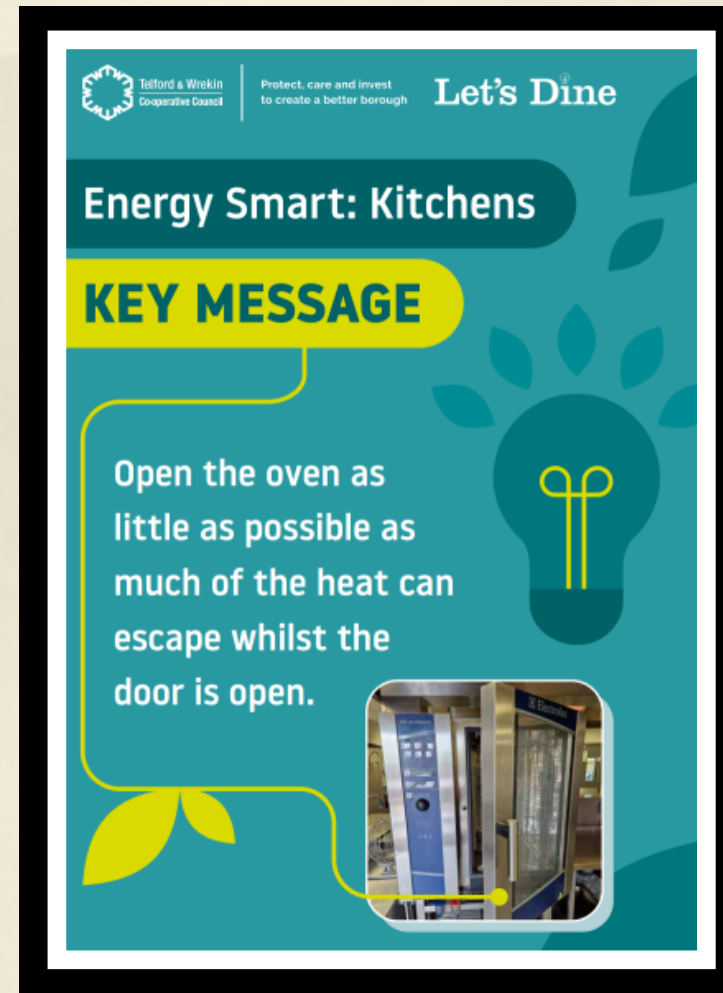
- Have committed to improve their school food culture by developing a school food policy.
- Meet Bronze Food for Life Served Here Award standards which shows that school food is healthy and uses seasonal ingredients that are at least 75% freshly prepared
- Involve pupils and parents in planning improvements to school menus and the lunchtime experience, boosting school meal take-up
- Give every pupil the opportunity to visit a local farm and take part in cooking and food growing activity.

Our journey so far

Energy Efficient Kitchens

We are working towards more energy efficient kitchens, helping to educate, train, and remind our staff of our commitment to tackling climate change.

These posters serve as a good reminder to ensure we remain energy conscious!



Our kitchen is energy smart!

Our Suppliers



Where possible, we are committed to partnering with local suppliers who share our standards for high quality foods, as well as sustainability efforts towards climate change.

Working together

- Our meat is UK sourced
- Our potatoes are grown in Shropshire
- Our cheese is sourced locally
- Our eggs are FREE RANGE from Clun
- Our water is from Wenlock Springs



Why it matters...

- Educating children for a healthier and more sustainable future
- Helping to reduce obesity amongst young children
- Supporting vulnerable families
- Supporting local suppliers to give back to businesses within the area
- Work together to help reduce our impact on the environment now



Sustainability

What we have achieved so far...

- 1 Reduced the use of single-use plastic
- 2 Disposables are fully compostable
- 3 Refuse sacks are made from 100% recycled plastic
- 4 Environmentally-friendly chemicals - clean better and are safer for staff
- 5 Our oil is collected and turned into fuel
- 6 Reduced meat in recipes and replacing with alternative sources of protein



↑ Making eco-friendly changes since before the pandemic



Sustainability

What we have achieved so far... (Continued)

- 7 Our plates, bowls, trays, and beakers are made from recycled plastic
- 8 Recycled use of cling film
- 9 Decanting foods from larger containers to reduce packaging
- 10 All our suppliers have a sustainability policy and actively look to reduce their carbon footprint in support of our sustainability commitment
- 11 Work with schools supporting their sustainability programs - helped Hollinswood Primary School & Nursery to achieve a 'Plastic Free School' Award
- 12 'Meat-ing' halfway by using Quorn products as low carbon alternatives within our recipes that are tasty, healthy, save money, and the planet!





- 1 Not all schools have full recycling including food waste disposal on site
- 2 Cost of food rising
- 3 Perception of meat alternatives
- 4 Cost of eco-friendly alternatives
- 5 Other associated costs rising

Challenges



Looking Ahead...

We remain committed to...

Providing healthy and nutritionally balanced meals to children within the borough

Educating children and vulnerable families about the benefits of eating healthily using low-cost recipes

Working with our schools to support each other's commitment to sustainability and initiatives to tackle climate change

Partnering with eco-conscious suppliers, helping to support local businesses and make a difference

Educating, training, and supporting our employees in all areas recognising they are the faces of our operation and ambassadors for our service within schools and local communities



Thank you for listening...

Do You Have Any Questions?



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Climate Change Adaptation

Cabinet Member:	Cllr Carolyn Healy - Cabinet Member: Climate Action, Green Spaces, Heritage & Leisure
Lead Director:	Felicity Mercer - Director: Communities, Customer & Commercial Services
Service Area:	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services
Report Author:	Ian Wykes - Team Leader - Climate Change & Sustainability
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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Environment Scrutiny Committee – 14 September 2023

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

Environment Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Review the proposed approach to developing a Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan and make recommendations as appropriate.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide a summary of what is meant by climate change adaptation and the importance of considering the issue of adaptation for the council and the communities and businesses of Telford and Wrekin.

Climate Change Adaptation

- 2.2 To set out an approach towards developing a Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan and seek the Environment Scrutiny Committee's guidance on taking this forward.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 In 2019 Telford & Wrekin Council declared a Climate Change Emergency. Climate is different to weather. Weather is what conditions are like over a short period of time, climate is how the atmosphere 'behaves' over relatively long periods of time.
- 3.2 Climate change is the large-scale, long-term shift that we are seeing in the planet's weather patterns and average temperatures, and it has been driven by human activity that has released CO₂ (carbon dioxide) and other greenhouse gases into the air which causes an increase in global temperatures.
- 3.3 The key focus of work to date has been on reducing the council's carbon emissions to meet its target of being net zero by 2030. This is referred to as climate change mitigation.
- 3.4 This report is focused on climate change adaptation which refers to the process of building resilience against the impacts of climate change. These impacts could include the frequency of flooding, heatwaves and other extreme weather events and their resultant effects. As a local authority, Telford & Wrekin Council must ensure that its services are able to react to the current and predicted impacts of climate change.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1 A more detailed summary is set out in Appendix A of the report.
- 4.2 The Telford and Wrekin Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan will identify the key climate risks to the council's estate, services, and as a result, the wider community. A climate change risk register will be used to identify these risks.
- 4.3 Measures which will then be developed and implemented by the council to lessen the impact of these risks will be identified. Through working with key services across the council.
- 4.4 It is acknowledged that not all the measures identified can be delivered solely by the council using existing resources. Where this is the case, the council will adopt partnership working.
- 4.5 Adopting partnership working will not only strengthen the resilience of the borough through the sharing of resources but build upon an existing community network.

Climate Change Adaptation

- 4.6 It is in the interest of the council to provide climate adaptation measures to council services and across the wider borough area. This will increase the resilience of the councils' services to future impacts of climate change.
- 4.7 The climate adaptation plan will sit as part of a wider suite of documents which collectively address the council's commitment to decarbonise its services and build resilience, such as the 'Corporate Climate Action Plan' and support existing Business Continuity Plans.
- 4.8 Climate adaptation takes account of both risks and opportunities arising from the impact of climate change. If measures are implemented successfully, climate adaptation co-benefits (such as biodiversity net gain) will arise.
- 4.9 Adaptation is an ongoing, iterative process. It is of note that there will be no final 'adapted state'; the plan must always acknowledge changes in local climate impacts and accommodate the continued process of building adaptive capacity and resilience.
- 4.10 The council is already promoting adaptation measures within the newly adopted Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Developing this adaptation plan will align with national policy for adaptation.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The alternative would be not to consider the impact that the effects of climate change will have on the council and the delivery of services and the wider impacts on the residents and businesses of Telford and Wrekin.

6.0 Key Risks

- 6.1 Climate Change is seen as one the greatest risks globally. The Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan will include a risk register to identify risks related to the impacts of climate change and how this will support existing control mechanisms such as Business Continuity Planning.

7.0 Council Priorities

- 7.1 The councils' work on climate change and sustainability is a direct response to the council's priority "Our natural environment is protected, and the Council has a leading role in addressing the climate emergency". However, as a cross cutting agenda it also has a significant contribution to make towards all other council priorities including:

- Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community.

Climate Change Adaptation

- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.
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8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 Financial implications will need to be identified as part of the development of the Adaptation Plan. Funding streams will need to be explored once additional costs have been quantified, and considered as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 Section 19(1A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to include in their local plans, policies designed to secure that the development and use of land in the local planning authority's area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change. In the management of its activities, provision of its services and performance of its functions, local councils are in a position to play a vital role in meeting the challenges posed by climate change. The Council has wide scope to decide how best to address these challenges.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 Climate change adaptation is applicable across all wards however it is fully understood that some of the impacts of climate change will also vary between wards. For example, wards in low lying areas adjacent to the River Severn will continue to be impacted by flooding events more than others. Also wards with specific demographic or socio-economic makeup may also be differentially impacted by climate change.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 The impact of climate change on the health, social and economic wellbeing of the communities of Telford and Wrekin will be a fundamental consideration of the Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan. The plan will involve input from across the council and from relevant partners such as those within the Integrated Care System.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 The Council's Climate Change Adaptation Plan will take into account the legal requirement to pay due regard to the aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty. Key to this is consideration of people's specific needs based on their protected characteristics.

12.2 People who share protected characteristics of age, race, ethnicity and disability are often disproportionately affected by climate change and its consequences.

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This is true locally and internationally. Extreme weather events, for example heat waves most detrimentally affect older residents and those with pre-existing respiratory and cardiovascular conditions.

- 12.3 The success of our climate change activity relies on active participation by the whole community. Steps are taken to make sure that events are inclusive, and the differing needs of individuals are considered so that they can access activities and contribute effectively.

13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

- 13.1 Climate Change Adaptation is an integral part of the Council's climate change and environmental work.

14.0 Appendices

- A Corporate Adaptation Plan – PowerPoint slides

15.0 Report Sign Off

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Finance	04/09/2023	04/09/2023	MLB
Legal	04/09/2023	06/09/2023	RP

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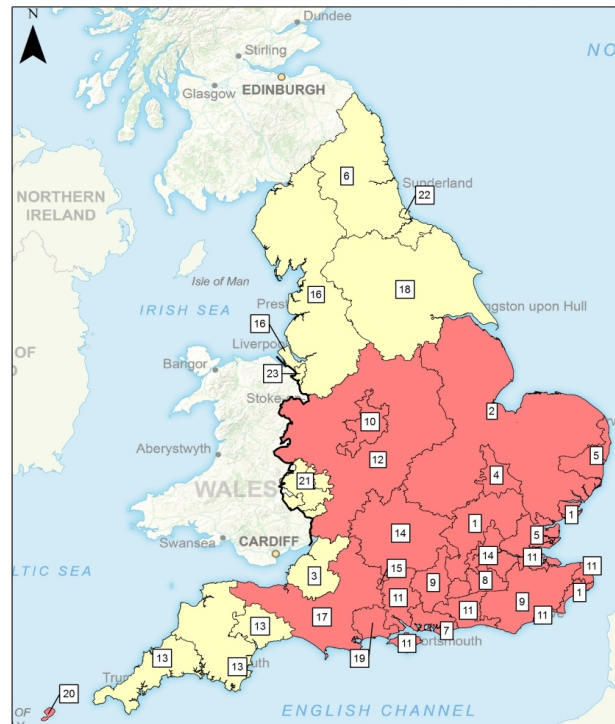
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Type	Risk? (Effect)	Result	Impact	Probability	Score	Influence	Overall Risk
Heat Wave/ Hotter summer temps	Damage to highways and transport infrastructure by prolonged high temperatures (melting surfaces and bridge expansion)	1. Transport disruption and road closures as road surfaces need to be repaired after melting	Damage to highway infrastructure likely to be significant	It is very probable that this will become an increasing problem over time	6	1 LCC is responsible for road network maintenance	6
		2. Residents and employees unable to travel to work or deliver essential services					
	Overheating in the council vehicles	Need to ensure that the council fleet is maintained	The impact is low	It is very probable that this problem will increase over time	2	3 The council is responsible for the safety and comfort of those using it's vehicles	6

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