

## For publication

### Climate Change Annual Report 2022 - 2023 (DL190)

<b>Meeting:</b>	Cabinet
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<b>Cabinet portfolio:</b>	Climate Change, Planning, and Environment
<b>Directorate:</b>	Corporate
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#### 1.0 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To present the Council's Climate Change Annual Report for 2022/23 for consideration.

#### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the Climate Change Annual Report.
- 2.3 That the Climate Change Annual Report is published on the Council's website.

#### 3.0 Reason for recommendations

- 3.1 The Council committed to producing an annual climate change report in its Climate Change Strategy 2023 – 30 and associated Delivery Plan. The annual reports are an opportunity to communicate the Council's emissions and progress in delivering its Climate Change Strategy, and wider related activities in the borough.

#### 4.0 Report details

- 4.1 The Climate Change Annual Report is attached at Appendix 1. The report, which has been developed includes improvements and achievements over the last year, including:
- Delivering the final year of the Climate Change Action Plan 2019-23.
  - A summary of the Council's emissions during 22/23 compared with the baseline taken in 2019.
  - A summary of the wider Borough emissions and climate change issues.
  - Communications and training activity
  - Development of the Council's new Climate Change Strategy, including evidence gathering and consultation

- A brief look at what to expect next year (2023 – 24) including the Delivery Plan and activities such as the Community Grants Scheme.

## **5.0 Alternative options**

- 5.1 The alternative approach would be to not publish the Annual Report, however this would make it difficult to demonstrate the Council's progress in achieving carbon neutrality.

## **6.0 Implications for consideration – Financial and value for money**

- 6.1 No additional resources are requested in the annual report.

## **7.0 Implications for consideration – Legal**

- 7.1 No implications anticipated, although it is expected that local authorities will at some point be required to publish their emissions profiles, and producing an annual report puts the Council in a good position to respond to this requirement in the future if needed.

## **8.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources**

- 8.1 Climate Fresk and Carbon Literacy training continues to be included as part of induction and refresher training for staff and members.

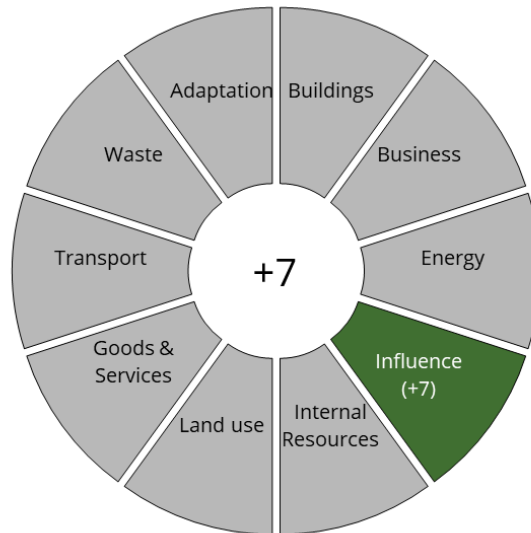
## **9.0 Implications for consideration – Council Plan**

- 9.1 A key aspiration under the Council Plan priority of 'Improving Quality of Life for Local People' is to progress our Climate Change target to be a carbon neutral borough by 2050.
- 9.2 Climate Change activity is embedded across the Council's services, and as such, many of the other priority actions in the Council Plan are also contributing significantly to achieving our targets, for example, delivery of the Asset Management Plan including the development of the 10-year maintenance and carbon reduction plan, within the 'resilient Council' priority.

## **10.0 Implications for consideration – Climate Change**

- 10.1 The annual report is anticipated to have positive climate change impact in terms of influence. This forms part of a range of other benefits delivered under the Climate Change strategy which are not affected by this decision.

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Chesterfield Borough Council has committed to being a carbon neutral organisation by 2030 (6 years and 6 months away).

## **11.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity**

11.1 Although certain groups are more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, the annual report is not anticipated to have a disproportionate impact on any protected group.

## **12.0 Implications for consideration – Risk management**

12.1 This work concerns the implementation of good practice performance requirements.

Description of the Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Mitigating Action	Impact	Likelihood
Reputational and legislative risk of not publishing the Annual Report which demonstrates compliance with Equality Annual Report.	M	L	Publish the Annual Report on the Council's website and distribute via partner mailing lists.	L	L

### Decision information

<b>Key decision number</b>	1177
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

### Document information

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<b>Background documents</b>	
These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.	
<b>Appendices to the report</b>	
Appendix 1	Climate Change Annual Report 2022/23
Appendix 2	