

Notes of a meeting of the Greener Woking Working Group

Held on 30 November 2022, virtually via Zoom

1.0 Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) Update Report

The Group received an update on the Council's [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#). The Council had investigated forming a consortium with other local districts and boroughs across Surrey along with the County Council to apply for funding from the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund.

The Group thanked Officers for their efforts on the [Planet Woking](#) website and the [newsletter](#). It was considered that the literature would provide great benefit to residents.

The [Low Carbon Across the South and East \(LoCase\)](#) programme had continued to be promoted by Woking Chamber of Commerce and the Council's Green Infrastructure team. Several local businesses had taken advantage of the fund to improve their carbon footprint.

The Group recognised the proposed introduction of fees for electric vehicle charging that was due to be taken to full Council. If agreed, the fees were expected to be introduced in April 2023.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of creating a climate change award aimed at the youth in the Borough.

2.0 Woking Borough Council Carbon Emissions Baseline and Reductions Pathways

The Group considered the recently commissioned [report on the Council's carbon footprint](#) and what steps could be taken to reduce it in line with its net zero pledge by 2030. The Council and its subsidiaries were all considered.

Woking had taken many positive steps previously to reduce its climate impact and this meant that any further steps were more involved and more costly. The Council continues to seek out external funding opportunities for this agenda.

3.0 ThamesWey and Action Surrey Update

[Action Surrey](#), part of the [ThamesWey Group](#), had been awarded a contract to deliver decarbonisation projects across Surrey for five years. The first project identified was Sustainable Warmth which aimed to deliver energy efficiency improvements to low-income households.

The ThamesWey Group of companies was actively pursuing energy efficiency improvements across its infrastructure.