

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th July 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Report 2017

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG).

Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council had a strong track record and had demonstrated significant performance in reducing net emissions of greenhouse gases since 2009, and was ranked 5th in the country under the Local Authority Energy Index. The Council was required to submit a Greenhouse Gas Emissions report detailing all direct and indirect emissions from Council activity to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) in July each year, under a Memorandum of Understanding between BEIS and the Local Government Association (LGA).

The Greenhouse Gas Emissions report was attached and highlighted that in 2016/17 the Council had performed extremely well once more, reducing the net emissions by 20.1% since 2014/15 against a challenging target of 10.1%, to a total of 21,127 tonnes per annum. Since 2012/13 the Council had reduced the emissions from sources that were owned or controlled directly by the Council by 45%, and this was the second year in succession that all seven areas of emissions activity had shown a decrease in a 12 month period.

Subsequently the Council had also made significant financial savings as a result, with combined financial savings / cost of avoidance of £399,095 in the last financial year. As projects such as the LED street lighting replacement programme continued to be implemented, and the adopted Climate Change Strategy was being delivered, it was anticipated that the Council would achieve the challenging target of a 21% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from Council activity by March 2020.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The positive performance in reducing the emissions of greenhouse

gases from Council activity in 2016/17, and associated financial savings be noted.

2. The continued efforts to reduce emissions via a range of activities be supported.

3. Reasons for the Decision

We have a growing national recognition for our work on climate change and fuel poverty, particularly around energy efficiency and carbon reduction from Council activity, and the positive impact our work on delivering affordable warmth schemes is having on residents and communities. This report documents another 12 months of positive performance on reducing greenhouse gas emissions (a contributor to climate change) and subsequently financial savings to the Council, and as such is an item of interest for Members.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 21 July 2017

Proper Officer
17 July 2017