

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....12th July 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Report 2018

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Report 2018.

The Council had a strong track record and had demonstrated significant performance in reducing net emissions of greenhouse gases since Local Authority reporting began in 2009, and had been recognised nationally for work on energy efficiency and carbon reduction. 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 report highlighted that in 2017/18 the Council had performed extremely well once more, reducing net emissions by 32.4% since 2014/15 against a challenging target of 15.3%, to a total of 17,879 tonnes per annum. Since 2012/13 the Council had reduced the emissions from sources that were owned or controlled directly by 45%, and this was the third year in a row 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 £553k in the last financial year, compared to £399k saved in 2016/17. As projects such as the LED street lighting replacement programme continued deliver real benefits and savings, and the adopted Climate Change Strategy was being delivered, it was anticipated that the Council would achieve a 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 2017/18, and associated financial savings be supported.

2. The continued efforts of the Council 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, 20 July 2018.

Proper Officer  
16 July 2018