

<b>People Select Committee</b>
<b>Review of Home Energy Efficiency and Green Jobs for the Future</b>
<b>Outline Scope</b>

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<b>Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?</b>	
<p>The review will contribute to the following Council Plan 2021-24 priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A place with a thriving economy where everyone has opportunities to succeed This means that the Borough will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ a growing economy</li> <li>➢ improved education and skills development</li> <li>➢ job creation and increased employment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A place where people are healthy, safe and protected from harm This means the Borough will be a place where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ people live in cohesive and safe communities</li> <li>➢ people are supported and protected from harm</li> <li>➢ people live healthy lives</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Making the Borough a place that is clean, vibrant and attractive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ implement the first stage objectives of the Carbon Reduction and Environmental Sustainability Strategy and develop the partnership and community work as a basis for future activity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>What are the main issues and overall aim of this review?</b>	
<p><b>Home Energy Efficiency</b></p> <p>There have been successful schemes in the past to encourage energy efficiency and reduce carbon, many of these schemes are targeted at poorly performing homes or people on restricted income. Any Government funding and initiatives should be set up in such a way as to encourage house owners to reduce carbon whilst making homes more efficient and cheaper to heat.</p> <p>Soaring energy costs are also placing many residents in financial hardship any help with providing energy saving measure will reduce this burden on the elderly and vulnerable in society as well as improving their health and wellbeing whilst reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>The review would seek to understand what funding is available and whether this meets the needs of Stockton residents.</p>	

### **Green Jobs for the Future**

Insulating homes, installing low carbon heating and supporting the green transition have the potential to create many local jobs, however, there are national skills shortages in these industries.

Climate change affects everyone and mitigating the impact of climate change may bring economic opportunities to the local area.

The scrutiny review will examine what work is taking place across the Tees Valley to create a local workforce fit for the demands of a green economy of the future with specific focus on capacity to delivery home energy efficiency measures in Stockton.

The Committee will undertake the following key lines of enquiry:

- What financial support is currently available nationally and locally to help with home energy efficiency? Does this support reflect the needs of Stockton households taking into account our property base?
- What has been the take-up of funding available?
- What are the requirements for registered social landlords and private landlords to ensure a minimum energy efficiency standard within their housing stock?
- What opportunities are there for collaboration with key partners and the community?
- Are relevant courses offered by local education providers? What potential other courses could be offered if there was more demand?
- What is being done to encourage young people to consider education/training and careers in new and expanding green industries?
- What loans or grants are available to support adult education and training in green jobs?
- What work is taking place with business to understand local skills shortages in green industries?

Who will the Committee be trying to influence as part of its work?

Cabinet, key partners

### **Expected duration of review and key milestones:**

8 months:

Approve scope and project plan – 13 June 2022

Receive evidence – July – Oct 2022

Draft recommendations – 14 November 2022

Final report – 12 December 2022

Report to Cabinet – 19 January 2023

### **What information do we need?**

Existing information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.):

Legislative Framework

Funding and grants available

Legislation and guidance relating to privately rented properties

Tees Valley Skills Strategy

Inclusive Growth Strategy

<p>Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)</p>	<p>What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?</p>
<p>Council Officers</p>	<p>Work with Education Providers Work with Business</p>
<p>Council Officers</p>	<p>Energy Efficiency Schemes Legislation and guidance relating to privately rented properties</p>
<p>TVCA</p>	<p>Tees Valley work</p>
<p><b>How will this information be gathered? (e.g. financial baselining and analysis, benchmarking, site visits, face-to-face questioning, telephone survey, survey)</b></p>	
<p>Committee meetings, desk top research.</p>	
<p><b>How will key partners and the public be involved in the review?</b></p>	
<p>As above.</p>	
<p><b>How will the review help the Council meet the Public Sector Equality Duty?</b></p>	
<p>The review will consider the impact of support in preventing discrimination for those with Protected Characteristics (including – but not limited to – age, gender, disability, ethnicity), and advance equality of opportunity for those with Protected Characteristics.</p>	
<p><b>How will the review contribute towards the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy?</b></p>	
<p>Supports the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy key priorities. For 2019-23 these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all children and families get the best start in life</li> <li>• all people in Stockton-on-Tees live well and live longer</li> <li>• all people in Stockton-on-Tees live in healthy places and sustainable communities</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Provide an initial view as to how this review could lead to efficiencies, improvements and/or transformation:</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to encourage house owners to insulate their homes</li> <li>• Publicity of schemes/funding available to encourage take up in the context of reducing energy costs</li> <li>• Tougher requirements on RSLs and private landlords on energy efficiency</li> <li>• Engagement with TVCA, national government, local businesses and education providers to support outcomes in Stockton</li> </ul>	

<b>Project Plan</b>
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<b>Key Task</b>	<b>Details/Activities</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>Scoping of Review</b>	Information gathering	May 2022	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
<b>Tri-Partite Meeting</b>	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	23 May 2022	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
<b>Agree Project Plan</b>	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee and receive introductory presentation	13 June 2022	Select Committee
<b>Publicity of Review</b>	Determine whether Communications Plan needed	23 May 2022	Link Officer, Scrutiny Officer
<b>Obtaining Evidence</b>	Green Jobs Opportunities for Stockton in the context of wider TVCA work	11 July 2022	Select Committee
	Energy Efficiency/ Home Insulation RSL and Private landlord requirements	12 September 2022	
	Energy Efficiency/ Carbon Reduction – future direction	10 October 2022	
<b>Members decide recommendations and findings</b>	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	14 November 2022	Select Committee
<b>Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders</b>	Circulation of Report	November 2022	Scrutiny Officer
<b>Tri-Partite Meeting</b>	Meeting to discuss findings of review and draft recommendations	TBA	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
<b>Final Agreement of Report</b>	Approval of final report by Committee	12 December 2022	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Director
<b>Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee</b>	Consideration of report	17 January 2023	Executive Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report to Cabinet/Approving Body</b>	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	19 January 2023	Cabinet / Approving Body