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## PROGRESS UPDATE: Review of Home Energy Efficiency and Green Jobs for the Future

SCRUTINY MONITORING – PROGRESS UPDATE	
<b>Review:</b>	Home Energy Efficiency and Green Jobs for the Future
<b>Link Officer/s:</b>	Neil Mitchell/Julie Marsden
<b>Action Plan Agreed:</b>	March 2023

Updates on the progress of actions in relation to agreed recommendations from previous scrutiny reviews are required approximately 12 months after the relevant Select Committee has agreed the Action Plan. Progress updates must be detailed, evidencing what has taken place regarding each recommendation – a grade assessing progress should then be given (see end of document for grading explanation). Any evidence on the impact of the actions undertaken should also be recorded for each recommendation.

<b>Recommendation 1:</b>	<b>That correspondence is sent to the relevant government minister to urge that legislation is passed regarding delivering increased energy efficiency/ energy production standards on new housing through more stringent building regulations.</b>
Responsibility:	Rebecca Saunders-Thompson/Judy Trainer
Date:	September 2023
Agreed Action:	Report and letter sent to local MPs and the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change signed by Cabinet Member and Select Committee Chair.
Agreed Success Measure:	Support secured.
Evidence of Progress (March 2024):	Reports and letters signed by Cabinet Member and Select Committee Chair sent to Alex Cunningham MP, Matt Vickers MP and Claire Coutinho MP via email.
Assessment of Progress (March 2024): (include explanation if required)	<b>1 – Fully Achieved</b>
Evidence of Impact (March 2024):	Responses received from Alex Cunningham MP, Matt Vickers MP and from the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero Correspondence Unit.

<b>Recommendation 2:</b>	<b>That a communications package is implemented to raise awareness amongst residents of new home efficiency initiatives and grants.</b>
Responsibility:	Communications Team
Date:	March 2024/Ongoing

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Agreed Action:	<p>All campaigns which include those covering new home efficiency initiatives and grants are captured as part of the directorate communications plans which are agreed each year.</p> <p>Each campaign is then considered and a communications package is developed which could include; social media (bespoke posts or shares from the lead organisation for the scheme), press release if it is an SBC led scheme, uploaded to the SBC website under the <a href="#">‘Energy Saving Schemes’ webpage</a> linking to the most appropriate page, inclusion in the My Council Newsletter, inclusion in Stockton-on-Tees News if timescales line up with the magazines distribution dates. We also share internally with staff via KYIT, intranet banners, noticeboards, and toilet door posters.</p> <p>Plus, with other teams who can share amongst suitable networks e.g., Community Partnerships. We can also share with partners such as Catalyst who can add into their weekly newsletters.</p>
Agreed Success Measure:	Monitoring engagement.
Evidence of Progress (March 2024):	See appendix 2. Extensive media campaign has taken place covering home energy efficiency and available grants. SBC website is continually updated with all available opportunities.
Assessment of Progress (March 2024): (include explanation if required)	<b>1 – Fully Achieved</b>
Evidence of Impact (March 2024):	Two Stockton News articles, Billingham Life advert, SBC newsletter, KYIT article and intranet banner. A5 leaflets printed and numerous social media posts throughout the winter.

<b>Recommendation 3:</b>	<b>That Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council’s (SBC) Employment and Training Hub, and the Business and IP Centre, continue to work with external businesses and agencies to deliver ‘green jobs’ workshops, training and host recruitment events aimed at all levels including entry level jobs.</b>
Responsibility:	Julie Marsden
Date:	March 2024/Ongoing
Agreed Action:	<p>Launch the Hub Portal to advertise green jobs and promote training and events.</p> <p>Deliver a Green Skills construction course in partnership with Centre Point, for young people (16+), including site visits and interviews.</p> <p>Encourage representation at future recruitment events from companies with green jobs/with a focus on delivering the green agenda.</p>

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	<p>Develop relationships with businesses to understand opportunities for green jobs and work with them to recruit into roles.</p> <p>Support business start-ups through the Business and IP Centre, incorporating information and guidance on how to be more green/sustainable. Make businesses aware of funding to support to become greener.</p>
Agreed Success Measure:	Support secured.
Evidence of Progress (March 2024):	<p>Green sector specific events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Green Skills Construction CSCS course delivered Spring 2023 – 9 Young people completed course and gained CSCS card.</li> <li>- Energy Event 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 – 200 attendees. Companies in attendance include RelyOn Nutec, Eastgate Engineering, CMS Limited, Bilfinger, Aircon Group, Wood, MGH Offshore Ltd.</li> <li>- SeAH event 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 – 125 attendees, 10 people subsequently supported to update CV's, vacancies promoted on Facebook, as a result SeAh have received significant number of applications.</li> <li>- Next energy event scheduled 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in partnership with RelyOn Nutec</li> </ul> <p>Climate Coalition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Through the implementation of the business Climate Coalition, green skills paper presented at the meeting, vacancies promoted on hub portal</li> </ul> <p>Business Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Green toolkit was launched on the INVEST site in Spring 2023 and presented at the Climate Coalition. This can be located <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
Assessment of Progress (March 2024): (include explanation if required)	<b>1 – Fully Achieved</b>
Evidence of Impact (March 2024):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The hub portal was launched July 2023 and has since had 130 000 web visits.</li> <li>- 5500 people registered with the hub.</li> <li>- Sector specific recruitment events held to support green agenda.</li> <li>- The hub team have celebrated 800 people into employment.</li> <li>- 2 people offered roles 'on the spot' with Eastgate Engineering at the event.</li> <li>- Supported SRC with skills bootcamps in renewable energy – over 100 people signed up as referrals from recruitment events.</li> <li>- Advised people who are 'starting out' to diversify from gas heating to heat pump engineering.</li> <li>- See Appendix 3 for examples of event comms.</li> </ul>

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<b>Recommendation 4:</b>	<b>That there is continued delivery of the four high-level objectives outlined within SBC’s Environmental Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Strategy. This includes an overall aim for the authority to be Net Zero* by 2032 and the wider borough by 2050. *Net zero means cutting greenhouse gas emissions to as close to zero as possible, with any remaining emissions re-absorbed from the atmosphere, by oceans and forests for instance.</b>
Responsibility:	Neil Mitchell
Date:	March 2024/Ongoing
Agreed Action:	<p>The strategy requires an action plan which enables service areas to understand their commitments and responsibilities. The action plan is a live document and concentrates on the authorities’ operations. This plan is monitored and evaluated which is scrutinised by a Senior Management Oversight Group.</p> <p>In addition to the above, four climate coalitions have been developed to bring together leaders from wider Borough to develop plans to achieve Net Zero.</p>
Agreed Success Measure:	Monitoring and evaluation.
Evidence of Progress (March 2024):	<p>Action plan is well established with 128 authority actions, these are scrutinised by an oversight board which consist of SMT members.</p> <p>Coalitions now have 138 members representing 30 organisations, each coalition has an agreed action plan which works in line with our strategic aims set out within the strategy document.</p>
Assessment of Progress (March 2024): (include explanation if required)	<b>1 – Fully Achieved</b>
Evidence of Impact (March 2024):	<p>Report to cabinet dated 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 appendix 4 reported a 61% overall reduction in CO2 since 2010.</p> <p>89% of the council’s actions are either established or progressing.</p>

<b>Assessment of Progress Gradings:</b>	<b>1</b> Fully Achieved	<b>2</b> On-Track	<b>3</b> Slipped	<b>4</b> Not Achieved
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