

# Climate Change Expert Consultative Forum

## Event Summary

6<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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# 1. 'Snapshot' Summary



**60** delegates from across **45** Hampshire organisations and groups attended the event



Over **10** suggested groups / organisations from delegates on who to invite for creating a smaller panel of experts



Over **200** suggested priority actions were put forward by delegates



Delegates felt that there should continue to be a larger engagement exercise annually

## Key comments from delegates who attended the event



## Next steps

Establish core Expert Stakeholder Forum

Continue working in partnership to draw upon expertise with wider groups

Action Plan going to Hampshire County Council Cabinet on 29<sup>th</sup> September

Continued development, monitoring and review of Action Plan

## 2. Event Purpose

The purpose of the event was to bring together relevant professionals, academics, and community representatives from a range of organisations across Hampshire who could advise on the development and the delivery of the developing Action Plan, following approval of the Hampshire County Council Climate Change Strategy 2020-2025 by the County Council's Cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

The event also allowed officers to begin to map existing activity across Hampshire, understand the support that community groups can offer in delivering against the Council's priorities and facilitate future working between community groups and with the Council.

The Action Plan, having now considered the points raised at the event (as outlined within this Event Summary) will now be presented to the Council's Cabinet on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## 3. Organisations Represented

Hampshire Climate Action Network  
WinACC  
Havant Friends of the Earth  
Action Hampshire  
New Forest Friends of the Earth  
Alton Climate Action Network  
Basingstoke Energy Services  
Carbon Disclosure Project  
Winchester Friends of the Earth  
Extinction Rebellion Winchester  
New Forest Zero Carbon Alliance  
New Forest Transition  
Transition Lymington  
New Forest Friends of the Earth  
Transition Town Andover  
New Forest Transition  
Transition Town Romsey  
Transition Southampton  
Transition Fleet  
Hampshire Energy Co-operative  
Energy Alton  
Portsmouth Friends of the Earth  
Southampton Climate Change Conversations  
Portsmouth Action Network  
Sustainable Overton  
Low Waste Whitchurch  
Test Valley Friends of the Earth  
Basingstoke Transition Network  
Lymington Transition  
Andover Trees United  
Gosport and Fareham Friends of the Earth  
Chandlers Ford Rotary Club  
Sustrans  
Havant Climate Alliance  
Havant Friends of the Earth Cycle

## 4. Agenda

The event was held virtually vis MS Teams from 9am to 12am on Thursday 6th August 2020.

Item	Lead
Welcome from the Chair	Cllr Jan Warwick Adviser to the Executive on Climate Change
National Context	Helen Pearce Senior Policy Advisor, Local Energy at Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy
Q&A	-
Climate Change Strategy	Chitra Nadarajah Strategic Manager, Climate Change
Baseline Emissions & Pipeline of Activity	The Carbon Trust
Q&A	-
Break	-
Workshop 1	Priorities for Action  Based on the key sectors as set out in the Strategy, what should we prioritise for the 2020-2025 Action Plan?
Break	-
Workshop 2	Have we missed anything? What could be the role of a forum moving forward?
Summary & Next Steps	Chitra Nadarajah
Close	Cllr Jan Warwick

Councillor Jan Warwick, Adviser to the Executive on Climate Change and County Councillor for Winchester Downlands, opened the event and thanked all participants for giving up their valuable time and for being so committed and keen to engage on such a key issue.

It was noted that the County Council will only be able to make progress against its targets by working collaboratively and with others from across the community, especially within sectors outside the County Council's direct control.

## 5. Presentations

### **National Context by Helen Pearce Senior Policy Advisor, Local Energy at Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)**

Helen provided a summary of the national context to support local climate action including the priority for a green economic recovery in relation to Covid-19 and current funding available from government.

Helen also outlined the role of the Local Climate and Energy team at BEIS and that of the Energy Hubs.

The presentation is attached to the e-mail sent with this event summary.

### **Climate Change Strategy by Chitra Nadarajah, Strategic Manager, Hampshire County Council**

Chitra outlined that the Hampshire County Council Climate Change Strategy 2020-2025 is a significant milestone for Hampshire County Council, one year after declaring a climate emergency. The targets, to be carbon neutral and build resilience to the impacts of a 2-degree Celsius temperature rise by 2050 are challenging and far reaching.

The strategy provides clear direction for climate action in Hampshire, establishing the County Council's leadership and providing an overarching framework for all future action on climate change including setting out our priorities within each key sector.

The strategy also sets out the carbon emissions baseline, the carbon budget pathway to 2050 and the strategic priorities to deliver against our emissions reduction and our resilience targets. These strategic priorities focus on the key sectors that both contribute to carbon emissions and need to be resilient to the impacts of climate change.

The Strategy approved by the Council's Cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 also included a 45-page Action Plan representing the significant amount of activity being undertaken across the Council to mitigate against and build resilience to climate change across each of the strategic priorities set out in the Strategy.

As was the purpose of this event, this has since been significantly reviewed and added to (as per the Next Steps section below) and will be presented at the Council's Cabinet meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The Hampshire County Council Climate Change Strategy 2020-25 can be viewed here:

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/environment/Hampshire-Climate-Change-strategy-2020-2025.pdf>

### **Baseline Emissions & Pipeline of Activity by Charlie McNelly and Floriane Ortega, the Carbon Trust**

The carbon baseline and budgets produced by the Carbon Trust were the foundation for the Strategy and Action Plan by establishing where the emissions are coming from and therefore where effort needs to be focused to reduce those emissions.

Charlie and Floriane summarised the calculations methodology and responded to several questions from delegates, as was previously circulated to the group following the event on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The presentation is attached to the e-mail sent with this event summary.

## 6. Workshops

The workshop sessions provided an opportunity for delegates to highlight what Hampshire County Council should prioritise for the 2020-2025 Action Plan (Workshop 1) and to identify if anything has been missed and what the role of a forum could look like moving forward (Workshop 2).

Over 200 suggestions were put forward by delegates across the two workshop sessions and the breadth and numbers of comments across all sectors, together with the wider commitment from Hampshire community groups, will be overwhelmingly valuable to the County Council's work moving forwards.

The 'raw' chat from the workshops which allowed all delegates to raise their suggestions was previously circulated to the group on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Since then, the Hampshire County Council Climate Change team has reviewed and responded to each suggestion. The updated Action Plan can be viewed in Appendix 3 of the respective 29<sup>th</sup> September Cabinet report [here](#).

## 7. Next Steps

Although the Action Plan reported to Cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 demonstrated the significant breadth and scale of actions being undertaken across the organisation on climate change, it was also recognised that this vast activity was still not sufficient to enable the Council to meet its targets.

Since the July Cabinet meeting therefore, together with considering the suggestions provided from this event, the Hampshire County Council Climate Change team, together with the Carbon Trust, have also assessed how far the current known pipeline of projects will take the County Council in meeting the targets and have undertaken broader internal and external project identification exercises.

All this work has helped to further develop the Action Plan and has identified significant new areas for action to help the Council meet its 2050 targets. These new areas are now also being presented to Cabinet on the 29<sup>th</sup> September as a new section of the Action Plan called "Framework for Strategic Programmes".

The Framework is based upon the Strategic Priorities within the Strategy - Transport, Residential, Buildings & Infrastructure, Energy Generation & Distribution, Waste & Circular Economy, Natural Environment and Business & Green Economy and sets out the key projects/milestones for 2020-2025 that will be delivered under each programme – both for emissions and resilience.

Given the complexity and magnitude of some of the programmes identified it is critical that the Council takes a robust approach to how these will be planned and delivered, alongside the other major priorities and issues over which the Council has direct responsibility. Furthermore, it should be recognised that the reach of several of the programmes identified will also be dependent on additional resources and funding.

Since the event, and as initiated in Workshop 2, the Climate Change team have also been considering arrangements for ongoing engagement with delegates and community groups.

As was suggested, an Expert Stakeholder Forum will be developed for groups who represent both the whole of the Hampshire geographical area, and those who also have a wide area of focus / remit, to advise the Council on its progress up to four times a year.

Recognising the important work being undertaken by more local and other specialised interest groups however, we do also plan to undertake future annual events for all interested parties to enable continued valued and wider stakeholder engagement.