

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Interim Progress on Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

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Description of current service/policy

Climate Change strategy for HCC and the wider Hampshire area to cover carbon reduction and climate resilience. The strategy will cover all the services within the County Council, placing climate mitigation and resilience as key considerations in all strategies, policies and decision-making. This EIA covers the key decisions to support climate change activity and the development of the strategy and action plan - the strategy and action plan will require a further approval process.

Geographical impact: All
Hampshire

Description of proposed change

That Cabinet endorse the approach set out in the report for the development of the strategy, action plan and reporting.

That Cabinet approve the target of carbon neutrality by 2050 for the wider Hampshire area which aligns with the national government target.

That Cabinet approve the revocation of the 2013 Policy prohibiting large wind turbines and wind farm developments on county land as this does not support the principles of the climate change strategy.

That Cabinet approve the review of all County Council policies and strategies over the next five years to take into account the impacts of climate change and to actively contribute to climate change mitigation and resilience.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Planned

The strategy and action plan are still in development. Engagement with key partners is being undertaken with all Districts, Boroughs and Parishes and the wider public sector through planned events. Community group engagement events are also planned.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		
Gender: Neutral		

Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

The Climate Change Strategy and accompanying Action Plan will include actions which are likely to have both positive and potentially negative impacts on equalities issues. These include, but are not limited to, social justice in terms of carbon and climate resilience and fuel poverty. A key strand of developing the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan will be to fully assess the potential impacts of the actions and incorporate mitigation measures as necessary. However, as this paper is an interim update on progress, no equalities impacts have been identified.

Any other information