

**TITLE: CLIMATE CHANGE IDEAS FORUM**

Committee: Operational Services Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To introduce the Climate Change Ideas Forum and advise how it will work from a residents perspective and how it will inform the Council's Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To note the content of the report.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 East Cambridgeshire has joined more than 200 Councils across the UK to declare a climate emergency. The Council has a significant role to play in protecting the environment for future generations. As part of the work to address this, the Council has created an Ideas Forum which will go live on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

3.2 This is a place for residents to share their ideas with the Council and to help deliver net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Ideas will be considered by the Council and will be used to form part of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

4.0 THE PROCESS

4.1 Residents will be able to submit their ideas

- online via the Council's website
- by email to [climatechange@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@eastcambs.gov.uk)
- by telephoning Customer Services on 01353 665555 or by speaking to a Customer Service Advisor at the Council Offices, during office hours.

4.2 All ideas will be digitally recorded and an acknowledgement email will be sent to the resident to confirm that their idea has been received. Following an initial response, residents will receive a further email once their idea has been processed and another to notify them that the Council's Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan has been published

- 4.3 Ideas will be directed to the relevant Council service for consideration, collated and used to form part of a draft Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. Ideas that do not relate to services provided by the Council will be forwarded on to the appropriate partner/organisation
- 4.4 The Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan will be considered by The Operational Services Committee in April 2020.
- 5.0 ARGUMENTS
- 5.1 None
- 6.0 CONCLUSIONS
- 6.1 The launch date for the Climate Change Ideas Forum is 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- 7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICAITONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT
- 7.1 There are no financial implications attached to this report
- 7.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) is not required.

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<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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