

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC REGENERATION

LOW CARBON APPROACH - UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To set out the progress being made in relation to the Low Carbon Framework and reducing carbon emissions in the city.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In March 2019 Sunderland City Council declared a climate emergency and agreed to the following motion:

“In recognition of the threat posed to our environment by climate change Sunderland City Council will declare a climate emergency. Numerous local authorities around the country have declared climate emergency and it is important for the council to show it takes the issue seriously. Recent weather and changes in ecosystems show that we are already seeing changes as a result of climate change so it is important to join other councils in giving the issue suitable attention and clearly setting out how we will meet our targets on cutting emissions.”

- 2.2 A city-wide 2030 Shadow Board was established, bringing together partners across the city, to develop a Low Carbon Framework and a collective approach to reducing carbon emissions.
- 2.3 Within the Council, this work is being led by City Development and a 2030 Task Group has been established to take forward ongoing development and delivery of the Council’s Action Plan.

3.0 Current Position

- 3.1 Catherine Auld (Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration) will be in attendance to provide a presentation on the progress made to date. A copy of the presentation is attached for information.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment the report.