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COMMUNITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL SUPPLEMENT AGENDA

Date: Monday, 13 June 2022

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Hybrid Meeting - Council Chamber, Moorlands House, Leek and via Microsoft Teams

Please find below an additional briefing note which was unavailable when the agenda was published.

PART 1

10. Climate Change Verbal Update.

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CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Brief Climate Change Action Plan Update - 13th June 2022

Work With Staffordshire Wildlife Trust (SWT)

The **Wilder Churnet** project involves volunteers in improving water quality, flow management and improving green corridors. The project will be delivered at eight sites across the River Churnet catchment area

Over 500 trees have been planted as part of phases 1 and 2 of the **community orchards project**. These contribute to the **Queen's Green Canopy** initiative. The orchards cover 22 sites across the district with an ambition for communities to care for the trees in the long term. Future additions are planned for the 2022/23 planting season.

The management of our country parks has transferred to SWT. This will embed biodiversity and natural capital at the core of their future.

SWT are being commissioned to develop a biodiversity policy for the district, which will help the Council to get ready for the forthcoming Biodiversity Net Gain planning duty and support delivery of the [Green Infrastructure Strategy](#).

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Pilot sites were established across the district and we are assessing the potential to expand the scheme to more sites.

Energy Fuel Poverty

Beat the Cold have been commissioned for a further 3 years to work with SMDC to offer advice to people struggling to pay their bills or heat their homes.

Estate Decarbonisation

Energy audits have been completed for estate buildings. Assets and the Climate Change team are working on a delivery programme and assessing funding streams.

Fleet

Our fleet has been analysed by the Energy Saving Trust who have offered advice on decarbonising our operations. Suitable vehicles now run on waste hydrogenated vegetable oil. A plan is in place to phase out high emitting vehicles.

Carbon Literacy Training

We are working with Keele University to deliver training to further improve officers' understanding of Climate Change. All SMDC Councillors and some Parish/Town Councillors will be invited to a condensed version of this training in due course.

Climate Action Plan

This is being developed into distinct deliverable projects along a stakeholder analysis to establish a communications and engagement strategy for residents, businesses, groups, town and parish councils, schools etc.

We have produced two animated explainer videos: one which describes our strategy and another that provides some advice on how we can all help to tackle the climate and nature emergency. You can view them here:

[Our Strategy](#)

[What we can do](#)

Community Climate Change and Nature Fund

A fund has been made available to community groups to apply for up to £500 to support climate change and nature based projects. Round 1 of this fund has now closed and we are in the process of awarding the successful applicants. Round 2 is now open with a closing date of 31st July 2022.

Here is a link to the fund information <https://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/ClimateChangeFund>