

# **CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OSC**

## **REPORT TO THE CABINET**

**10 DECEMBER 2019**

### **Northumberland Climate Change Action Plan 2020-21**

Councillor Glen Sanderson, Cabinet Member for Local Services and Environment presented this report to the Committee on 9 December 2019. Paul Jones, Service Director: Local Services was also in attendance to respond to comments and queries from members.

The Committee welcomed the report and discussed the proposals in detail, particularly issues around tree planting, engaging the public, the proposed formation of a Northumberland Climate Change Commission, and further initiatives to encourage the wider uptake of renewable heat.

Members were also pleased to hear that a lot of work had been done in schools to promote climate change issues and it was reported that young people were genuinely committed to this task.

The Committee also discussed the need to raise standards in planning regulations to ensure that energy saving initiatives were included in new house and commercial building projects. Members were advised that the appropriate representations were being made to the government through the LGA.

Members were also assured that regular updates on progress in delivering the action plan would be presented to the relevant OSC.

**The Committee therefore agreed that Cabinet be advised that it supported the recommendations in the report.**

**COUNCILLOR DAVID BAWN**

**CHAIRMAN**