

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OSC

REPORT TO CABINET

13 OCTOBER 2020

Northumberland Climate Change Briefing

Paul Jones, Service Director – Local Services presented the report to the Committee on 12 October 2020.

Councillor Nick Oliver, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services reported that this report demonstrated the Council's continued support of the Climate Change agenda and that the proposals were key to ensuring a green economic covid recovery.

Councillor Richard Wearmouth, Cabinet Member for Business and Tourism praised staff and senior members for providing detailed proposals to reduce carbon emissions in Northumberland and confirmed that the Council was open to collaborating with neighbouring authorities to achieve our Climate Change priorities in the region.

Although the Committee supported the proposals in the report, members noted that:

- further vehicle charging points would be provided in new car parks as standard, and investigations were being undertaken to identify areas where on-street points could be trialled;
- officers were examining the issue of fuel poverty and how measures for dealing with it could be incorporated into the action plan, and
- virtual meetings had helped to significantly reduce business mileage by Council members and officers. The Council would examine how they could be extended or maintained post covid.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendations contained in the report.

COUNCILLOR DAVID BAWN

CHAIRMAN