

Report to Neighbourhoods Select Committee

Date of meeting: 30 January 2018

Subject: Corporate Green Working Party Updates

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Select Committee notes the progress and updates from the Corporate Green Working Party.

Report:

1. The Corporate Green Working Party (CGWP) was originally set up in 2012 with a focus on the Council's internal functions. It continues to work across departments within EFDC. We have a Commitments & Action plan to both look at what we can and should do within EFDC, and also to record what has been done to measure how far we have come. The actions for the CGWP are divided between climate adaptation, tackling our greenhouse gas emissions, and other general sustainability projects. This can vary from looking at our energy use and how to reduce it, to finding ways we can reduce our paper usage through streamlining our systems and processes.
2. The CGWP were delighted to welcome Cllr Sam Kane, the new CGWP Portfolio Holder, at our meeting on 5 December, 2017.
3. The group discussed the commitments and actions plan. The aim of the commitments and actions spreadsheet is to both keep track of what we are doing throughout EFDC as well as highlight what we would like to do in the group. However, it was agreed that the plan is quite unwieldy as it stands. Therefore the group will focus on a few key actions each quarter, and keep the remainder of our commitments/actions separate to review as current actions are completed.
4. The group also discussed the structure of the group. The representatives who attend the meetings are very committed, but feel that perhaps there are areas of EFDC who are not represented. Cllr Kane suggested that once the EFDC restructure is complete, we look at the CGWP representatives to see which other post holders should be invited to the group. This will be added to the agenda for the June 2018 meeting.
5. The next meeting of the CGWP will be held on 5 March, 2018.

Reason for decision: Not applicable.

Options considered and rejected: Not applicable.

Consultation undertaken: Not applicable.

Resource implications: The Corporate Green Working Party is comprised of staff members across EFDC. There are no resource implications as it is only time allocated to the group.

Budget provision: None.

Personnel: Internally resourced.

Land: N/A

Community Plan/BVPP reference: N/A

Relevant statutory powers: N/A

Background papers: Previous Neighbourhoods Select Committee reports, September 2017.

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A

Key Decision reference: (if required) N/A