

Tiverton Market Environmental Strategy 2017-2022

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Richard Chesterton
Responsible Officer: Stephen Walford, Director for Growth

Reason for Report: To seek approval to adopt the Tiverton Market Environmental Strategy so as to maximise opportunities to increase recycling, reduce the amount of waste and reduce our carbon footprint.

RECOMMENDATION: To recommend to Cabinet that this Strategy be recommended to Council for approval.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: The Tiverton Market Environmental Strategy supports the corporate objectives for the environment, community and the economy.

Financial Implications: Initiatives identified for implementation within the strategy would be funded through existing budgets with the potential to achieve savings on energy costs in future years.

Legal Implications: None

Risk Assessment: There are no significant risks identified with regard to pursuing this strategy; however failure to make progress with energy efficiency would incur a risk of not achieving the aims identified in the Market Strategy.

Equality Impact Assessment: No equality issues identified for this report.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 There is clear evidence to show that climate change is happening. Through the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) a scientific consensus on the link between human activities and global warming has emerged. Although a global problem it has been recognised internationally that solutions should be made at a local level. We all contribute to climate change through our use of electricity, heat and vehicle fuels, and there are actions that we can all take to cut the emissions that contribute to climate change. This responsibility also relates to business activities such as those undertaken at the Tiverton Pannier Market. In addition to this strategy making a contribution to tackling these global environmental issues it can also ensure that the market runs more economically.

2.0 Tiverton Market Environmental Strategy 2017-2022

- 2.1 'Environment' is one of the priorities in the Corporate Plan. The Corporate Plan aims to increase recycling, reduce the amount of waste, reduce our carbon footprint and protect the natural environment. The 'Strategy for Tiverton' was adopted by Council on 22 February 2017 and similarly makes a commitment to increase the opportunities for reducing waste and increasing

recycling at the Market. The Market Environmental Strategy can make a valuable contribution towards achieving these corporate aims and play a part in delivering the 'Strategy for Tiverton'.

- 2.2 The five year Market Environmental Strategy is structured around each of the Corporate Plan's Environmental aims. It describes current activities and also those measures which are planned to be undertaken within the life of the strategy along with a number of longer term initiatives which are also worth investigating. The strategy will need to evolve and as it does greater clarity will emerge as to the precise nature of refined measurable targets.
- 2.3 This Strategy will be monitored by a working group formed of Tiverton Market Traders and a representative from the Market Management Team. The working group will actively monitor progress towards the aims and actions within the Strategy. This working group will also actively promote the strategy and identify further opportunities to reduce our impact on the environment with the added benefit of operating more efficiently.

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List of Background Papers: A Strategy for Tiverton 2017-2027 (February 2017)