

Project Outline for PDG Working Groups

<u>Review Working Group Title</u>	Net Zero Working Group
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<u>Rationale:</u> Why is the review important? For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified by Members as a key issue for the public? • Poor performing service? • Service considered important by the community? • Public interest covered in local media? 	<p>The Council is part of the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group (DCERG) and is a signatory to the Devon Climate Declaration.</p> <p>The Council has agreed to work to the Devon Climate Declaration target of reducing carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050, but, like Devon County Council, will aim to become carbon neutral by a more ambitious date of 2030.</p> <p>As a signatory to the Devon Climate Declaration, the Council must review (within six months) plans to reduce the organisations carbon emissions, including ensuring the people we do business with are doing the same.</p> <p>Additionally, as a signatory, the Council will, in collaboration, engage residents, businesses and visitors to develop and implement a plan to facilitate the reduction of production and consumption emissions.</p>
<u>Review aims, objectives</u> What does the review hope to achieve? Identify what will be included and what is achievable. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify what is being done and what the potential barriers are • Explore existing initiatives and determine if they are appropriately joined 	<p>To consider realistic and tangible ways the Council can reduce its own carbon impact as well as supporting residents and businesses in Mid Devon to do the same.</p> <p>To promote the work and consultation of the DCERG Net Zero Task Force so that Mid Devon community groups and residents are encouraged to feed in ideas for action.</p> <p>Support the District to take action on reducing carbon emissions, and support communities to make the necessary changes to achieve our goal, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a dedicated web page to raise awareness and share information, resources

<p>up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review performance indicators • Compare our policies with those of a neighbouring authority • Assess the environmental /social impacts 	<p>and case studies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating connections and partnerships, engage Parishes. • Promoting activities that will move the District towards net zero.
<p><u>Desired Outcomes</u></p>	<p>The Council produces (as part of the Devon Carbon Plan process) an ambitious plan to reduce the organisation, and the businesses we work with, carbon emissions.</p> <p>The DCERG Net Zero Task Force consultation process receives input from a large number of Mid Devon community groups and residents with ambitious ideas for the District and County.</p> <p>The local community and residents are supported to take action in the District towards getting to net zero carbon emissions by 2030.</p>
<p><u>Methodology / Approach</u></p> <p>What type of enquiry will be used to gather evidence? For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk based review of papers • Site visits / observations • Comparisons with other authorities • Process mapping • Public meetings • Interviewing officers • Calling witnesses/experts to give evidence 	<p>Promote the Devon wide consultation process and call for evidence to encourage local groups to input ideas for the District, including through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media – Council and Members; • Opportunities in the corporate calendar; • Dedicated webpage. <p>Once our Carbon baseline is produced, review the process around producing our own Carbon Plan and actions to be taken to reduce emissions.</p> <p>Review of the inputs provided to the Net Zero Task Force on specific actions the District could take to get to net zero.</p> <p>Undertake mapping exercise of local community groups and activities in the District.</p> <p>Consider how to engage local community groups on further ideas for carbon reduction, and methods of implementation in the District.</p> <p>Liaise with other District Councils to understand what they are doing in terms of producing their own Carbon Plans.</p>

<p><u>Witness / Experts</u></p> <p>An important part of the scoping process includes deciding what people should be asked for interview.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Members and officers are required by the Constitution to attend to explain decisions. • Other people may be invited to discuss issues of local concern and / or answer questions but are not required to attend. It may be more beneficial to visit people for an informal chat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Manager for Corporate Property and Commercial Assets to discuss the Council's role in the Devon Carbon Plan. • Group Manager for Business Transformation and Customer Experience to discuss ways of promoting the Devon Carbon Plan. • Local community groups to give ideas for implementation in the District.
<p><u>Timescales</u></p> <p>What will be done and by when. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start date • Meeting frequency • Draft report deadline • Projected completion date 	<p>The Group met for the first time on the 26 October and will aim to meet once a month.</p> <p>The Devon Carbon Plan and DCERG process will continue to autumn 2020 and it is likely that this group may follow a similar trajectory.</p>
<p><u>Target Body for Findings / Recommendations</u></p>	<p>Environment PDG</p>