

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SCRUTINY BOARD

26th JANUARY 2010

MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor G. Denaro
Responsible Head of Service	Mrs. C. Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of progress regarding the topic on the Scrutiny Board work programme, Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Board receive a presentation on Climate Change Mitigation at the meeting to be held on Thursday 25th February 2010.
- 2.2 That Members endeavour to attend the Modern Councillor Programme Event “Climate Change Condensed” on 16th February 2010.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change was initially put forward as a possible topic for the Overview & Scrutiny Board Work Programme by the Assistant Chief Executive at the Corporate Management Team meeting on 18th August 2009.
- 3.2 Members subsequently identified Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change as a suitable item for the Scrutiny Board Work Programme at the Work Planning Workshop held on 6th October 2009.
- 3.3 The Work Programme was agreed by Members at the Scrutiny Board meeting on 27th October 2009 and Members requested that the item Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change be looked into in more depth, after receipt of an initial report/presentation.
- 3.4 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 24th November 2009 Members requested that officers arrange for a presentation to be given by the Council’s Climate Change Officer in relation to the item Meeting the Challenges of Climate Change at the meeting of the Scrutiny Board to be held on 26th January 2010. It was raised at the meeting that there was

some Member training due to be given on climate change but at the meeting the date of the training was not known.

3.5 Since the Scrutiny Board meeting officers have liaised with the Climate Change Officer, Ceridwen John and the Learning & Organisation Development Manager regarding the training session. It has been confirmed that the training session for Members will take place on Tuesday 16th February 2010. Further details are attached at Appendix 1.

3.6 Members of the Board are encouraged to attend the training session on 16th February 2010. In the meantime the Climate Change Officer has suggested that it would be more helpful for Members if her presentation to the Scrutiny Board is deferred until the next meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 25th February 2010.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications directly relating to this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications directly relating this report.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

6.1 Climate Change is linked to Council Objective Four – Environment. From April 2010 the Council will be operating under new objectives which will include “Priority CO4 – Clean Streets and Climate Change”.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct risks associated with this report.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None for the purpose of this report.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications directly relating to this report for the Council’s Equalities and Diversity Policies.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None for the purpose of this report.

11. CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications directly relating to this report for the Council's Climate Change and Carbon policies.

12. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues None
Personnel None
Governance/Performance Management None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 None
Policy None
Biodiversity None

13. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director - Partnerships and Projects	No
Executive Director - Services	No
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

14. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards

15. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Details of Member Training on Climate Change

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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