

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 16th March 2023

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director – Community and Greenspace

PORTFOLIOS: Environment & Urban Renewal and Climate Change

SUBJECT: Zero Waste Strategic Framework

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to;

- 1.1 Provide Members with details of the progress in developing a Liverpool City Region Zero Waste Strategic Framework in co-ordination with partner LCR local authorities, and;
- 1.2 Seek Members approval to adopt the key principles set out in the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Zero Waste 2040 Strategic Framework to minimise waste related carbon emissions through actions to prevent, reduce, recycle and re-use waste.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Board:

- 1) **approve the principles set out in the LCR Zero Waste 2040 Strategic Framework (attached as Appendix 1) to reduce waste related carbon emissions; and**
- 2) **approve continued partnership working with Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority (MRWA) and the other LCR local authorities to deliver action to meet our individual and collective climate targets and objectives.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council approved a Climate Emergency Motion in 2019. At its meeting held in December 2021, the Council's Executive Board agreed that an action plan be developed to support the objective of becoming carbon neutral by 2040. Resource management and waste minimisation are fundamental aspects of climate emergency planning and associated commitments and, at its meeting of 14th April 2022, the Executive Board approved a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan; one of the strategic goals and priorities of which is to minimise waste.

3.2 In 2021, the Liverpool City Region Strategic Waste Management Partnership was established to support the collective work of the LCR partners in addressing the significant waste management issues facing each of the authorities. The Partnership established a thematic work programme which included reviewing the implications arising from the Government's Resources & Waste Strategy and the Environment Act 2021, as well as, environment & climate emergency; including opportunities to align this work with LCR and each district authority.

3.3 A Liverpool City Region (LCR) Zero Waste 2040 Strategic has been developed in co-ordination with partner LCR local authorities which sets out key principles to help minimise waste related carbon emissions through actions to prevent, reduce, recycle and re-use waste. A copy of the Strategic Framework document is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. In summary, the LCR Zero Waste 2040 Strategy provides the strategic link between the partnership work being undertaken across the LCR to tackle waste, and the collective commitments to achieve our net zero ambitions. The Combined Authority (CA) has also produced its own strategy LCR Pathways to Net Zero.

3.4 The LCR Zero Waste 2040 Strategic Framework sits firmly in a context of climate action to deliver a net zero carbon city region by 2040 and, moving forward, all member authorities of the LCR Strategic Waste Partnership will be seeking approval of the Framework from their respective Members/Cabinets.

3.5 Members are asked to consider and approve the Strategic Framework which will act as a set of high level, guiding principles to support the Council's response to its Climate Emergency Motion.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this report.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Whilst there are clear resources implications arising from the Council's response to the Climate Emergency Motion, there are no financial or other implications specifically arising from this report.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

There are no specific implications associated with this report.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

There are no specific implications associated with this report.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

There are no specific implications associated with this report.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

There are no specific implications associated with this report.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

There are no specific implications associated with this report.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no specific risks associated with this report.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no equality or diversity issues as a result of this report.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The Zero Waste Strategic Framework will support the Council's response to the climate emergency.

10.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.