

GLOUCESTERSHIRE TRANSPORT DECARBONISATION ROUNDTABLE WITH UK100 - STATEMENT OF SHARED INTENT

Background

In January 2023 all 7 Gloucestershire councils came together at a Decarbonising Transport Roundtable as part of the UK100 Local Power In Action programme to discuss how the councils could co-ordinate policy development to reduce transport related carbon emissions and improve air quality. (UK100 is a cross-part membership organisation that supports the most ambitious councils to go further and faster on their net zero targets. Members will be aware that the Council has recently re-affirmed its membership of UK100, following a decision made at Environment Committee on 14 September 2023.)

The Statement of Shared Intent

A high level Statement of Shared Intent was agreed by all leaders of the Gloucestershire councils at that meeting. This Statement (see attached):

- recognises the need to reduce emissions from surface transport in line with science-based targets and the commitments of the Climate Change Act 2008
- commits the councils to work together as a diverse county with a rural and urban character to develop a countywide transport decarbonisation strategy
- supports local efforts to create sustainable neighbourhoods within acceptable walking distance of local service centres and build in active travel and public transport availability to make these the most attractive travel options
- encourages people through education, engagement, and action to choose to avoid the need for some journeys, to shift to more sustainable transport modes and to improve the sustainability of private vehicle journeys

The Statement of Shared Intent is in line with the objectives and actions of our 2030 Strategy, Council Plan and our adopted and emerging local plans.

The Annex to the Statement of Shared Intent - Transport

District leaders present at the UK100 Roundtable requested additional time to review and agree the Statement's more detailed Annex ahead of final sign off by Climate Leadership Gloucestershire. The final draft version is attached. Officers consider that the Annex is now in line with national and local planning policies.

Gloucestershire County Council will be taking the Statement of Intent and Annex for formal sign off to Climate Leadership Gloucestershire on 29 October 2023.

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The Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Chair of Environment Committee, has indicated her support for the Annex, and has requested that the document be circulated to Environment Committee members in advance of the CLG meeting. The final Statement and Annex will then be reported to Environment Committee as an information update at the December meeting.

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