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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Climate Leadership Group
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	13 th February 2024
BRIEF REPORT	
<p>1. As this was our AGM, my first task was to hand over the baton to the newly elected Chair, Cllr Chris McFarling from Forest of Dean DC. Chris will hold the role for six months, and will then hand it on to his newly elected Vice-Chair, Cllr Mike McKeown (Cotswolds DC).</p> <p>2. The Group agreed that three non-voting memberships should be offered, to each of Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils; Gloucestershire Youth Climate Panel; and an Academia place (details TBC).</p> <p>3. The Secretariat introduced the Greener Gloucestershire Action Plan internal tracker, which amalgamates all of the recommendations approved by CLG over the last year. It was agreed that this will be used to monitor CLG actions and used to produce a public-facing action plan.</p> <p>4. The Secretariat provided an overview of the current status of the four funded projects using the £200,000 Fund, and that they are all now being progressed.</p> <p>5. The Group discussed a risk register (limited to the risks to the central CLG model as its function moves more towards that of a programme board, as opposed to the risks of individual actions on climate change). An initial list of risks was proposed and the Secretariat will bring a draft register to a future meeting.</p> <p>6. James Brain, Head of Planning at Cotswold District Council presented an update on the Planning theme.</p> <p>James outlined the key messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The time is to tackle climate change within planning is now as all LPAs are at an appropriate stage of the plan-making process.• We have stretching net zero ambitions but LPAs do not have adequate policies within current adopted local plans. We need to change those ambitions into substance.• Planning resources are currently extremely stretched, and therefore introducing a commonality of approach, and doing things once together would create resources efficiencies.	

- Others are already making great progress and there is now opportunity to taking learning from the best practice of Lancaster, BaNES, and Cornwall among others.

James set out seven key recommendations and the voting members approved these.

7. The Secretariat facilitated a communications plan workshop, to gain initial views ahead of the development of a CLG communications plan that will be brought back to future meetings
8. The Secretariat introduced the Behaviour Change theme update, confirming that 36 internal behaviour change recommendations had been approved by CLG in 2023, to foster awareness and drive change within our own organisations. Progress on their adoption has been monitored by the Secretariat with a high degree of variance with adoption of these recommendations between partners, with some perceived as being more easily deliverable than others. Mandy Gibbs spoke on Gloucestershire Constabulary’s experience with the ISO14001 environmental management system. Jen Cleary introduced how the NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust has instilled a culture of sustainability, with a key strand to this work being the introduction of green champions.

Meeting notes for Climate Leadership Gloucestershire are available on the Greener Gloucestershire section of the GCC website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/greener-gloucestershire-climate-dashboard/our-partners/climate-leadership-gloucestershire-clg/climate-leadership-gloucestershire-clg-meeting-notes/>

REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Chloe Turner
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