

## Own operation

### Summary

#### Actions:

- Engage an external consultant to conduct energy audits at The Forum, Tove Depot, Towcester Centre for Leisure and Brackley Leisure Centre and analyse data from energy software in fleet vehicles
- Use findings from the above to carry out a series of works to reduce building energy demand and increase energy efficiency
- Reduce fleet fuel usage by 8% in 2020/21 against a 2018/19 baseline
  - Use findings from the above to develop a programme of training for drivers to increase driver efficiency
  - Use waste collection round optimisation software to minimise mileage
- Promote alternatives to council travel methods via internal communications
- Climate Change Officer to work with Procurement team to review purchasing policies to include climate change considerations

#### Financial implications:

- Consultant charges: £6,200
  - Funding sourced from existing budget
- Programme of works costs currently unknown
  - £25k has been allocated in the 2020/21 budget for the survey and improvement of energy efficiency in corporate buildings
  - Additional funding can be sourced via a SALIX loan to be repaid from energy bill savings
- Route optimisation software use, already budgeted for within refuse and street cleansing budget

## Communications

### Summary

#### Actions:

- Deliver a year-long communications campaign; the 'Climate Change Challenge'
- Engage with external parties to empower individual and group actions
- Develop partnerships to extend the reach of climate change actions
- Identify the most effective ways to support Parish and Town Councils with climate change actions

#### Financial implications:

- The above actions will be undertaken by in-house teams using existing channels and resources

## Housing

### Summary

#### Actions:

- Devise a method of communicating with those living in fuel poverty to advise on the benefits and funding available for improving insulation
- Directly contact 8,000 of the properties not connected to the gas grid to advise them of the benefits of alternative low emissions heating systems and funding available
- Create a collection of information for all householders on measures which can be taken to improve the efficiency of their homes
- Create information packs to be provided to private and social landlords on measures which can be taken to improve the efficiency of the properties they manage/own
- Seek feedback from householders as to the barriers they face in making adaptations to their homes

#### Financial implications:

- The above actions will be carried out by in-house staff
- Costs for direct mailing and printing of materials are estimated to be no more than £8000

## Waste and recycling

### Summary

#### Actions:

- Deliver a communications campaign with a focus on waste reduction, increased reuse and recycling
- Identify local community partners to establish repair cafes
- Trial a number of reuse events
  - Seek feedback from residents in regard to barriers to re-use

#### Financial implications:

- Communications campaigns and events are budgeted for within waste and recycling service

## Tree planting

### Summary

#### Actions:

- Plant one tree for every resident in the district: 92,515
- Develop a strategic plan for future tree planting, identifying sites and species which will provide the greatest benefits across the district without damaging existing beneficial habitats/food production

#### Financial implications:

- Funding of £30,000 has been allocated in the climate change budget to tree planting activities. External funding is also available from a variety of sources.

## Planning

## **Summary**

### Actions:

- Continue to prioritise climate change in the development of the Local Plan Part One review
- Review the balance of priorities in planning decisions to consider stronger support for climate change mitigation and adaptation as outlined in existing policies
- Climate Change Officer to develop resources with Planning team to assist in decision making.

### Financial implications:

- The above actions will be completed by the Climate Change Officer in collaboration with the Planning team using existing procedures and policies

## Transport

### Summary

#### Actions:

- Review walking and cycling infrastructure and propose a program of improvement works.
- Promote active travel in collaboration with the Leisure team
- Promote lift share platforms and car clubs.
- Assess the feasibility for the installation of EV charge points at suitable sites
- Liaise with Parish and Town Councils to ensure they aware of funding available for EV charge points and support any applications

#### Financial implications:

- Review work will be carried out by in-house staff wherever possible, external expertise may be required
- Funding will need to be sourced for improvements works
- Promotional activities will be delivered through existing channels
- Funding for up to 75% of capital costs for charge points is available from the Office of Low Emissions Vehicles (OLEV), match funding will need to be sourced