



**Performance Management
Scrutiny Committee**

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Item

Public

Climate and Ecology Bill

Responsible officer

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1.0 Summary

1.1 This paper seek approval for the appointment of a Task and Finish Group to scrutinise the Climate and Ecology Bill in accordance with the motion passed at Council in February 2021.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That members set up a task and finish group to scrutinise the Climate and Ecology Bill and to make any recommendations as appropriate..

3.0 Opportunities and risks

3.1 This report is provided by for information only. Any recommendations that the Task and Finish Group makes would require further consideration (to include risks and opportunities) by the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee.

4.0 Financial assessment

4.1 This report is provided for information only. .

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5.0 Background

5.1 On 25 February 2021 Council received debated a motion that called on Council to “Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill”.

5.2 At the meeting, Council resolved to support an amendment to the motion to : “Refer this matter to a Task & Finish Group to look at the Climate & Ecological Emergency Bill in detail and to make recommendations on Shropshire Council’s response to the Bill.”

5.5 Although Council can request that the council’s overview and scrutiny function set up a task and finish group to scrutinise a particular issue, it is up to the relevant overview and scrutiny committee to decide whether it wishes to do so.

6.0 The Climate and Ecology Bill

6.1 The (then called) Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill was a private members bill that was brought to parliament by Caroline Lucas MP in the 2019-2021 parliamentary session. Its progress through the House of Commons has been delayed and a planned second reading has been postponed on a number of occasions and is not now due to take place until 10 December 2021.

6.4 The Climate and Ecology Bill, as it currently stands, is attached as Appendix 1.

List of background papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill 2020 EDM 832

Climate and Ecology Bill 2021

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

All

Local Member

All

Appendices

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