



6.3 **Legal Implications:**

None associated with the consultation process

6.4 **Financial Implications:**

None associated with the consultation process

6.5 **Risk Implications:**

The council has declared a climate emergency and to help respond to and mitigate this emergency has identified a need to refresh and update its climate change strategy. There is a reputational risk if this is not undertaken.

6.6 **Other Implications**

This strategy is part of the climate change work of the council and as part of the consultation process other implications may emerge.

6.7 **Alternative options considered and reasons for their rejection (if any):**

Not to release for consultation. This option is rejected because:

- (a) The council has declared a climate emergency
- (b) The council's climate change sub group has met and considered the draft strategy and unanimously agreed that it should be released for consultation
- (c) Therefore to not release the strategy for consultation would be going against the wishes and instructions of members.

**7 BACKGROUND PAPERS USED TO INFORM THE DECISION**

7.1 Reports made to and minutes of the Climate Change meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**8 DETAILS OF ANY MEMBERS OR OFFICERS WHO HAVE DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND NATURE OF ANY SUCH INTEREST AND ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

8.1 None

**9 ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION CONSIDERED**

9.1 None

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Hi Alison

Please find attached a Portfolio Holder decision notice approving the Climate Change Strategy consultation, and which I believe can be signed virtually on my behalf.  
If you need any further information, please let me know.

Kind regards  
Fiona