



**EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD
Cabinet Member**

REF No: 42/23

A1 Service Area	Regulatory Services
A2 Title	Staffordshire Sustainability Board – Adaptation Strategy
A3 Decision Taken By	Cabinet Member
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: John Teasdale Please sign name: (Approval by email 02/08/2023)
A5 Cabinet Member	Please print name: Dennis Fletcher Please sign name: (Approval by email 03/10/2023)
A6 Date of Decision	9 th October 2023

Confidentiality

A7 Is this Decision confidential by containing exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?	No
A7.1 If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.	N/A

Conflict of Interest

Are there any conflicts of interest to declare? N

(If “Yes” please contact the Chief Executive before making the Decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).



Scrutiny

A8 Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to? *(Please tick as appropriate)*

Scrutiny (Value for Money Council) Committee

Scrutiny (Regeneration Development and Market Hall) Committee

Scrutiny (Health and Wellbeing) Committee

Scrutiny (Climate Change and Environment) Committee ✓

<p>B1 What is the Decision?</p>	<p>Approval of the Staffordshire Sustainability Board Adaptation Strategy to be incorporated into Council plans, projects and activities.</p>
<p>B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?</p> <p>B2 Alternative options considered and rejected?</p>	<p>The Staffordshire Sustainability Board comprises of representatives from each council within Staffordshire with a sustainability/climate change portfolio and also includes support from council officers, directors and additional council staff as and when required.</p> <p>The Board has made the commitment to work collaboratively across Staffordshire in order to achieve net carbon zero emissions in line with each of the climate change declarations that councils have made.</p> <p>The board, in conjunction with the Staffordshire Leaders and Chief Executives Group, have formulated and agreed on a Staffordshire-wide Adaptation Strategy that recognises adapting to climate change is a vital part of planning for the future and will consider adaptation planning across all council services, and that in preparing plans for a more resilient Staffordshire the strategy supports the council in achieving the climate emergency declaration agreed by Cabinet in 2020</p> <p>The Staffordshire Sustainability Board Adaptation Strategy, contained in the Appendix, details a joined-up approach that spreads across all of the activities of the council and that has synergies already recognised in the Climate Change Action Plan.</p>

<p>B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?</p>	<p><i>Environment and Health & Well-being:</i> Increased sustainability and reduced carbon emissions will help to improve the overall health of residents and prepare them for the effects of climate change.</p> <p><i>Community Regeneration:</i> Addressing climate change can help to tackle fuel poverty, social inequality and health issues through decarbonising. Adaptation measures such as improving flood defences, and creating cooler green spaces, can help ESBC to improve residents' standard of living, as well as reduce pressure on council services.</p> <p><i>Value for Money:</i> There are economic development opportunities associated with building resilience and adapting to climate change through green infrastructure projects. There is an opportunity to consider how we can support residents in gaining appropriate skills to take advantage of these forthcoming opportunities.</p>
<p>B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?</p>	<p>There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.</p>

Financial Implications

<p>B5 What are the financial implications?</p>	<p>There are potentially significant financial issues arising from the proposals identified within the Staffordshire Sustainability Board Adaptation Strategy. These are likely to have financial implications in the medium to long term. Where projects are underway, such as the Washlands Enhancement Strategy, provision has been made within the MTFs.</p> <p>Going forward, each action will be costed on a case-by-case basis and affordability will be considered as part of the annual review of the MTFs/or funded using existing budgets, in accordance with financial regulations.</p>
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The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:	Please print name: Anya Murray Please sign name: (Approval by email 18/09/2023)
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Policy Framework

B6 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?	Yes
B6.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B6.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA
B7 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?	Yes
B7.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B7.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA

Equalities Implications

B8 What are the Equalities implications:
B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): Improved access to climate change and adaptation information, such as protecting property and building resilience.
B8.2 Negative (Threats): None
B8.3 The subject of this decision is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality and health impact assessment is not required at this stage but may be needed for specific actions undertaken as part of future climate change adaptation actions.
B8.4 N/A

Risk Assessment

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications:
B9.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): Reduced CO ₂ emissions, potential financial benefits through protecting assets, increased biodiversity and nature recovers, better prepared for the impacts of climate change

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications:
B9.2 Negative (Threats): Insufficient capacity and funding to deliver change, consequences of climate change and biodiversity loss
B9.3 The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register

Legal Considerations

B10 What are the Legal Considerations:
B10.1 There are no significant legal issues arising from this decision.
This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team
Please print name: John Teasdale
Please sign name: (Approval by email 02/08/2023)

Sustainability Implications

B11 What are the Sustainability implications:
B11.1 The proposal would not result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures). The positive/negative impacts are set out below (please refer to guidance notes).
B11.2 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): The proposal would result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures). The positive/negative impacts are set out below (please refer to guidance notes).
B11.3 Negative (Threats): None

Health & Safety Implications

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications:
B12.1 A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.
B12.2 N/A
B12.3 N/A
B12.3.1 Positive (Benefits) N/A

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications:
B12.3.2 Negative (Threats) N/A

Key Decision

B13 Is this a Key Decision? No

Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:

- 1. REVENUE – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000**
- 2. CAPITAL – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000**
- 3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.**

B13.1 If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would <u>seriously</u> prejudice the public interest?	NA
B13.2 If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?	NA

NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

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