

# Climate Change Advisory Committee

Notes of an extra Meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## Present:

Cllr. Barrett (Chairman);  
Cllr. Feacey (Vice-Chairman);

Cllrs. Blanford, Campkin, Ledger, Mulholland.

## Apology:

Cllr. Anckorn

## Also Present:

Cllr. Clokie

Head of Environment & Land Management, Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager, Parking, Highways & Transportation Team Leader, Member Services Officer.

## 1. Declaration of Interest

- 1.1 Cllr. Feacey made a Voluntary Announcement, as he was on the Management Committee of UK LPG.
- 1.2 Cllr. Mulholland made a Voluntary Announcement, as he was a Member of Tenterden Town Council.

## 2. Well to Tank Data

- 2.1 The Head of Environment & Land Management spoke to the Committee about assessing carbon emission from its original source to final destination, and measuring each element separately. The Friends of the Earth had challenged a County Council on not measuring from well to tank, but the High Court had ruled it was not reasonable.
- 2.2 The Chairman identified that it was logistically and strategically difficult to undertake this, but also recognised that it was unfair for the Council to take the hit for other's carbon emissions. The Vice-Chairman went on to say that it reinforced the importance of decreasing the Council's own emissions.
- 2.3 It was agreed that the Committee should review this information in more detail. Information would be sent to the Member Services Officer and she would circulate to the Committee prior to the next meeting and publication of the agenda.

### POST MEETING NOTE

Information was circulated to the Committee after the meeting and Members were asked for feedback, and from that, the Chairman has confirmed that ABC will not be including Well to Tank calculations as part of the baseline.

## **3. Initiatives to increase electric charging points**

3.1 The Parking, Highways & Transportation Team Leader introduced this item and gave some background information about the scheme to replace existing EVCPs and install additional points across the borough.

3.2 The item was then opened up to the Committee and the following points were raised:

- It was confirmed that parking bays often had double charging points, and this was reflected in Table 2 of the report, which was based on the minimum number. It was noted that the table held information about non-ABC (private) charging points also, and it was not known whether they were single or double, so the assumption was single. The Portfolio Holder added that many of the current charging points were not fit for purpose and so would need replacing regardless.
- In response to a question asking how visitors/residents would pay to charge their cars, it was explained that residents and visitors would pay via BMM Energy Solutions and payment was expected to be via contactless methods. Loyalty options would also be available and integrated with the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) car park system. The time slots were expected to be in 4 hour periods, and there would be monitoring restrictions to ensure charging points were not needlessly monopolised by one car.
- The Committee discussed potential changes and implications to planning policy. The Head of Environment & Land Management cited the National Planning Policy Framework and advised that an update was expected soon. A Member spoke about water run-off and the impact on the environment, with concrete driveways expected to increase in line with more vehicles' electric and charging points. Permeable hard standing was encouraged when paving over front gardens, to allow surface run-off to infiltrate the soil below.
- The installation of on-street charging points had been dismissed as part of this project, but could later be revisited and reviewed again.
- A Member asked what the timeframe was for the installation of charging points at Tenterden Recreation Ground Road. It was confirmed that subject to funding and equipment availability, these could be installed within 8-10 weeks.

- The Chairman considered the 7kw charging points at the Civic Centre and whether they would be upgraded in line with other 22kw charging points. This was a consideration for future-proofing and subject to demand. The whole project was hoped to be completed by the end of summer 2022.

**Recommended:**

**The Report was approved and recommended for submission to Cabinet**

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