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**Meeting of the
Climate Emergency Working Group**

**Will be held at the Oldbrook Centre,
Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook**

on

Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 6.30pm

AGENDA

Working Group Members:

Cllr B Barton

T Jones, Community Officer

Cllr D Kendrick

Cllr K Kent

Cllr M Petchey (Chair)

P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

D Warner, Clerk to Council

AGENDA

- 1. To Receive**
Members Present
Apologies for Absence
Declarations of Interest
Members of the Public Present

- 2. Notes of the previous meeting** *Page 5*
The Working Group is invited to approve the notes of the meeting held on 16 April 2024.

- 3. Annual Consultation** *Page 7*
The Working Group is invited to consider the responses in the annual consultation regarding the climate emergency question and any emerging points to be included in the action plan.

- 4. Climate Action Plan** *Page 11*
The Working Group are invited to review actions of the Climate Action Plan.

- 5. Date of Next Meeting**
To be agreed

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

P Sullivan
Deputy Clerk
14 November 2024

**Notes of the meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group
held on Tuesday 16th April 2024
commencing at 6.30pm
at the Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook**

This meeting was open to the Public

01/23 Members Present

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| Cllr B Barton | Cllr C Odunewu (6.45pm) |
| T Jones, Community Officer | Cllr M Petchey - Chair |
| Cllr D Kendrick (6.40pm) | P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk |
| Cllr K Kent | |

02/23 Apologies for Absence

D Warner – work commitment

03/23 Declarations of Interest

None

04/23 Members of the Public Present

None

05/23 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Working Group approved the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2023.

The group noted that the meeting scheduled for 2nd May 2023 was not quorate and no notes were produced.

06/23 Draft Climate Action Plan

The Working Group, having reviewed and considered the draft Climate Action Plan resolved to recommend it to the next meeting of Council.

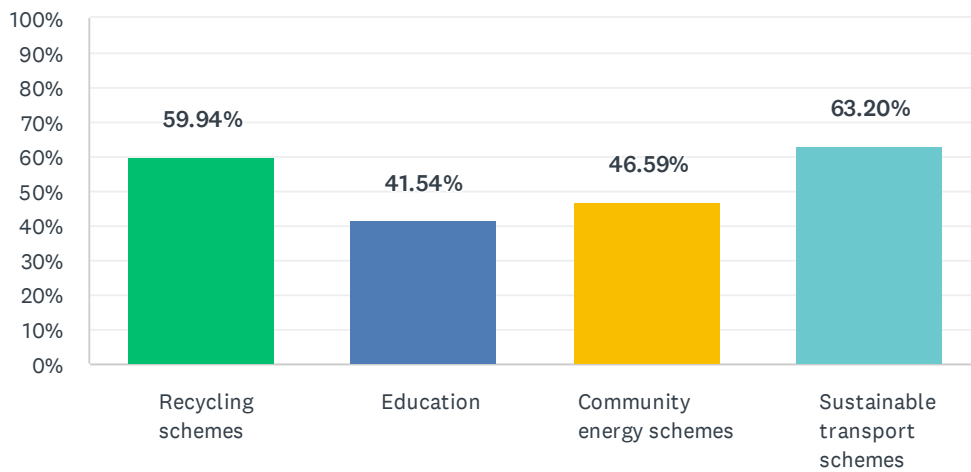
07/23 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in person prior to the September meeting of Council (date tbc).

The Working Group agreed that future meetings would be held in person and that it would be the best solution for all members if they are held on the same evening as Full Council. Frequency of meetings would be on an ad hoc basis as required.

Q19 What climate action would you like to see in your community

Answered: 337 Skipped: 80



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Recycling schemes | 59.94% | 202 |
| Education | 41.54% | 140 |
| Community energy schemes | 46.59% | 157 |
| Sustainable transport schemes | 63.20% | 213 |
| Total Respondents: 337 | | |

Q20 Please let us know if you have any other ideas or suggestions

Answered: 86 Skipped: 331

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
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| 1 | reinstatement of local bus service through Woolstone/Woughton/Simpson to city centre/station | 10/22/2024 3:55 PM |
| 2 | Highways - highway code for red ways and shared spaces (scooters!) Maintain clear through routes for paths/red ways. Ensure safe/secure bicycle storage for destinations | 10/21/2024 11:45 AM |
| 3 | Repair & Reuse schemes for equipment Extension of some Neighbourhood schemes for exchange of unwanted but useful goods | 10/21/2024 11:36 AM |
| 4 | Public Transport - replace number 1 bus service to benefit those working as well as being in Willen | 10/21/2024 11:30 AM |
| 5 | To be involved with what is happening | 10/18/2024 2:39 PM |
| 6 | Subsidised roof, solar panels | 10/18/2024 2:31 PM |
| 7 | Disappointed to see the high rise flats at the bottom of the canal | 10/18/2024 2:22 PM |
| 8 | Car Club | 10/18/2024 10:48 AM |
| 9 | Reuse & Repair Schemes | 10/17/2024 3:04 PM |
| 10 | Flooding - Bber flooding prevention | 10/17/2024 2:33 PM |
| 11 | Flood mitigation measures ensuring Milton Keynes East & other development in the flood plain do not add any more run off water to the River Ouzel, particularly with anticipated increase in them frequently | 10/17/2024 2:18 PM |
| 12 | Possible soft plastics collection | 10/17/2024 2:02 PM |
| 13 | Hope the new Hub is Green as it can be in terms of insulation, alternative energy, solar panels, heat pumps etc | 10/17/2024 9:13 AM |
| 14 | Public Transport - more bus routes | 10/16/2024 3:40 PM |
| 15 | MKCC - fly-tipping | 10/16/2024 3:34 PM |
| 16 | Recycling should be covered more by MKCC | 10/16/2024 3:25 PM |
| 17 | Highways - stop pavement parking | 10/16/2024 3:07 PM |
| 18 | Leave the climate alone! | 10/16/2024 2:56 PM |
| 19 | Teach people how to recycle and care for where they live | 10/16/2024 2:48 PM |
| 20 | Local companies - VW, Mercedes, Scania, Dominoes competing to sustainability | 10/16/2024 2:40 PM |
| 21 | Textile recycling Increase cost of 2nd car parking in residential areas | 10/16/2024 2:30 PM |
| 22 | Public Transport - bus service back at Willen | 10/16/2024 2:16 PM |
| 23 | Public Transport - sustainable transport service like a tram | 10/16/2024 2:10 PM |
| 24 | MKCC - More benches in Willen, especially near the Wishing Well. Disabled people relied on that | 10/16/2024 9:47 AM |
| 25 | Keep an eye on the homes that break the rules and make difficulties in the Community. Apply consequences for repeated offences | 10/16/2024 9:45 AM |
| 26 | Subsidised home battery storage | 10/16/2024 9:41 AM |
| 27 | More dog bins to be placed near Springfield | 10/16/2024 9:38 AM |
| 28 | Estate Free Cycle Scheme | 10/16/2024 9:33 AM |

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| 29 | Public Transport - number 1 & 2 Bus Service for Willen needs to return. Too far to walk for many | 10/16/2024 9:29 AM |
| 30 | Public Transport - a scheduled bus service so OAP's can access the City Centre/Health Services etc | 10/16/2024 9:18 AM |
| 31 | Car free days Tax rebate if no car Higher charge if more than 1 car per household | 10/16/2024 9:04 AM |
| 32 | Make school children aware of the impact that their rubbish they leave behind has on the Community & wildlife | 10/15/2024 4:20 PM |
| 33 | Val Dixon is very proactive and realistic | 10/15/2024 4:18 PM |
| 34 | Highways - parking in Bridgerford Court is bad. Needs addressing | 10/15/2024 4:09 PM |
| 35 | Better litter bins and litter bins at Willen playing field | 10/15/2024 3:41 PM |
| 36 | Pubic Transport Bus service through all estates | 10/15/2024 3:33 PM |
| 37 | Public Transport - Free bus scheme for Grid System | 10/15/2024 11:57 AM |
| 38 | Parks Trust - More bins around Willen Lake | 10/15/2024 10:50 AM |
| 39 | More noticeboards | 10/15/2024 10:47 AM |
| 40 | Highways - availability for safe parking of bicycles. Dedicated lane on red ways for bicycles for safer and easier journeys | 10/15/2024 10:39 AM |
| 41 | Wind turbine scheme | 10/15/2024 10:33 AM |
| 42 | Improvement or ideas to handle Fly-tipping, littering awareness of anti-social behaviour | 10/15/2024 10:10 AM |
| 43 | Housing - MKCC - Too many HiMO's and the rubbish accumulates in alleyways and behind houses | 10/15/2024 9:45 AM |
| 44 | Highways - fix roads | 10/15/2024 9:36 AM |
| 45 | Rubbish bins on Oldbrook Green, especially near the Pavillion car park | 10/15/2024 9:28 AM |
| 46 | Public Transport - bring back bus services | 10/15/2024 9:06 AM |
| 47 | More dog bins needed in Oldbrook and near the 4 Bridges | 10/15/2024 8:56 AM |
| 48 | Public Transport - bus stops on Saxon Street are too far away from housing. Fishermead needs its bus route back | 10/14/2024 4:22 PM |
| 49 | Stop pavement parking | 10/14/2024 3:24 PM |
| 50 | Stop pavement parking | 10/14/2024 3:22 PM |
| 51 | Stop cars parking on pavements | 10/14/2024 3:21 PM |
| 52 | Exchange used household items | 10/14/2024 2:32 PM |
| 53 | No need for Homeground Magazine. On-line can be used and viewed | 10/14/2024 2:30 PM |
| 54 | Schools could get involved with litter picking | 10/14/2024 2:21 PM |
| 55 | Highways - Parking on roundabouts, especially Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead near the shops on the corners | 10/14/2024 2:17 PM |
| 56 | Electric scooters and bikes to be controlled of speeds | 10/14/2024 2:02 PM |
| 57 | Community projects that help provide help to support environmental sustainability and an awareness of the changes needed | 10/14/2024 1:57 PM |
| 58 | Understanding food/nutrition/diet. how to use your green space/garden to grow or be a place for relaxation | 10/14/2024 1:34 PM |
| 59 | Help for people in flats for recycling | 10/14/2024 12:20 PM |
| 60 | MKCC - cut trees back for more light | 10/14/2024 12:07 PM |
| 61 | Car charging facilities | 10/14/2024 11:41 AM |

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| 62 | Public Transport - when is the bus service coming back to Oldbrook? | 10/14/2024 11:39 AM |
| 63 | Stop bonfires at the allotments | 10/14/2024 11:30 AM |
| 64 | Better public transport so people don't have to drive. More allotments | 10/14/2024 11:26 AM |
| 65 | Get. residents to clean up the area. Take pride in where you live | 10/14/2024 11:23 AM |
| 66 | Monitor rubbish being dumped outside houses/streets | 10/14/2024 11:06 AM |
| 67 | More litter picking please, just before grass is cut | 10/14/2024 10:32 AM |
| 68 | Solar panels on public buildings | 10/14/2024 10:19 AM |
| 69 | Hope it goes better | 10/14/2024 10:17 AM |
| 70 | Book shuttles per people | 10/14/2024 10:12 AM |
| 71 | Landscape - Effective use of energy I.e: if mowers were serviced & blades sharpened regularly, the operative would not need to cut so often | 10/14/2024 9:46 AM |
| 72 | Might be useful to have some EV chargers in the parking area of the main shops, parade (I.E: where Sainsbury's and the Pub are | 10/14/2024 9:42 AM |
| 73 | Small library of helpful books. leaflet rack of green ideas, exhibition board for local groups | 10/11/2024 2:58 PM |
| 74 | Large fine for anyone dumping their rubbish and household furniture in the streets or red ways | 10/11/2024 1:56 PM |
| 75 | Public Transport - more bus routes, frequent service giving residents an opportunity to be less car dependant. Highways - well maintained red ways for bikes and scooter use. | 10/11/2024 1:47 PM |
| 76 | Public Transport - The Government have put the power where buses go to your local council. Please make sure our OAP Villages get those buses back onto their door | 10/11/2024 1:41 PM |
| 77 | Better rubbish removal for those that live with people who will not do anything other than dump it outside. | 10/11/2024 1:32 PM |
| 78 | Workshops at schools, Oldbrook and Springfield Centre for all ages. Collection point for recycling items | 10/11/2024 12:45 PM |
| 79 | Energy scheme to support the Community | 10/11/2024 12:29 PM |
| 80 | Not at all interested in Climate Change. Heavy oil and coal on the way for me as old is gold! | 10/11/2024 12:22 PM |
| 81 | The above schemes ticked will bring educational awareness to the Community. I feel some households need to become more educated to make a difference | 10/11/2024 9:43 AM |
| 82 | N/A | 10/11/2024 9:25 AM |
| 83 | Public Transport - the Bus Service through oldbrook ceased 4 years ago. There used to be 2 routes. Also the routes along Chaffron Way (F70/F77) | 10/11/2024 9:20 AM |
| 84 | Maybe 3 wheeler electric bikes for the elderly | 10/11/2024 8:51 AM |
| 85 | Transport - support to reinstate a bus route that goes via Willen. Due to recent Arriva changes, there are no buses serving Willen. | 10/6/2024 3:51 PM |
| 86 | None | 9/27/2024 2:26 PM |

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2024 - Approved by Council – May 2024**Updated 31 October 2024**

| Action | Measure | Responsibility | Update |
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| Community Engagement | | | |
| Creation of a Climate Emergency webpage to enable discussion, idea sharing and extend public awareness | Number of visitors to website | C&C Cttee CE Working Group | The new website is live and a climate action page has been created detailing CPCC's six core commitments |
| Host a public meeting | Attendees | Council/Officers | 23/5/23 Annual Meeting of Electors – Climate change theme Well attended and well received. Presentation from MK Donut Economics group |
| Encourage practical action by local people through proactive communication campaigns | Engagement on socials, website, direct communication | C&C Cttee CE Working Group | The Comms strategy for 24/25 has been primarily focused on the development of the new Community Hub and as part of that articles in HG have highlighted the aspects of the build which address sustainability. |
| Energy | | | |
| Energy audit of all Council buildings, operations and vehicles | Actions implemented | Estates Cttee | Recommend to Estates Cttee |
| Switch to renewable/green energy tariffs | Actions implemented | Estates Cttee | |
| Install renewable energy on Council owned buildings | | Estates Cttee Comm Hub WG | Solar panels have been installed at the new Community Hub, battery storage and heat pumps in agreed spec.. Revisit MKCC Carbon Offset Fund in 2025 for funds to install a solar panel array and battery storage system on the roof of the Springfield Centre (fund currently paused). Project form submitted to Council |
| Ensure any amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan include green initiatives | | Planning/Council | |

| Economy & Waste | | | | |
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| Provide recycling facilities at all Council events and within Council owned buildings | Actions implemented | Estates Cttee | Recommend to Estates Cttee | |
| Reduce paper use and aspire to be a paperless office | Actions implemented | Officers | Recommendation to Council to reduce hard copies of agenda packs (May) – 13 out of 16 (81%) of cllrs opted for hard copies. Officers are addressing document retention as part of the moving strategy for the new hub | Have equipment available for use |
| Work with and support local litter picking initiatives | | C&C Cttee | | |
| Investigate possibilities of rainwater harvesting at all sites | | Estates Cttee | Recommend to Estates Cttee | |
| Eliminate the purchase of single-use plastics within Council buildings | | Officers | | |
| Waste education and promotional campaigns | | C&C Cttee CE Working Group | Comms Strategy | |
| Select investments supporting sustainable projects | | F&A | | |
| Ask grant applicants to consider the impact of their project on the environment and detail any mitigation in place | | C&C Cttee | Requirement added to grant form | |
| Replace Council owned vehicles and green spaces equipment when petrol and diesel models come to the end of their useable life and replace with electric models. Aim for full replacement by 2030 | | Estates Cttee | Strategy in place, and under regular review. | |
| Work with MKCC on increasing EV charging points on public land | | | EV spaces are included in plans for the Community Hub | |

| Food & Land | | | | |
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| Develop a Community Flood Plan Set up a Community Flood Group | | | | Notice in HG magazine (Nov) for interested parties to contact CPCC |
| Protect and enhance native species and habitats. Promote and support opportunities for environmental enhancement and regeneration | | | Estates Cttee | Swift bricks, bat boxes, hedgehog highways included in Community Hub Woolstone Pond clearance |
| Support local food production including the provision of allotments for people to grow their own food | | | Estates Cttee | Both allotment sites full, waiting list for plots |
| Support adequate community/garden spaces for growing food in all future developments | | | Planning | |
| Source locally produced, fairtrade food/refreshments (where possible) for Council events | | | Officers | |
| Review of grass verges and hedges to identify areas to be trimmed less and later in the year to support more wildflowers and insects | | | Estates Cttee | Regularly reviewed, we leave hedges and grass where we can. The transformation project will make this work easier to achieve in places where it is not currently possible. |
| Identify areas for rewilding and/or wildflowers | | | Estates Cttee | We have 18 areas we are currently doing this, and new ones are under review, we are actively working to improve biodiversity in these areas with wildflower planting. |
| Use of pesticides | | | Estates Cttee | Under regular review, 50% reduction last year, alongside MKCC we are trialling different weed control and management methods. |