



Subject:	Carbon Literacy Training for Committee Members
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on proposed Carbon Literacy Training and to ask for Member's agreement on proposed dates for training.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: i) Agree attendance on the proposed training dates of Thursday 12 January from 5.30pm to 8.30pm, and Saturday 14 January from 9am to 12.30pm.
3.0	Main report
3.1	Carbon Literacy Training Reducing emissions relies on every person in an organisation being aware of the carbon impacts of their decisions and feeling empowered to take action as an individual, community and organisational basis. To cut our carbon emissions by the kind of reductions science

	<p>demands, we will need to change culture alongside technology. Carbon Literacy training provides elected members and staff an awareness of the climate-related costs and impacts of their activities and the ability and motivation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Sharing and showcasing best practice, knowledge, and expertise, is essential to make informed decisions to address the scale and urgency of the climate emergency and meet net zero targets.</p> <p>This course is appropriate for all councillors, whatever their political world view. By the end, elected members will understand the climate science that underpins the action the council is taking and be able to speak confidently and knowledgeably on the subject. Most importantly, they will understand how to talk about the climate crisis in a way that resonates with their voter base, and in a way that is authentic to their own political position.</p> <p>The training covers climate change, carbon footprints, how every person can do their bit, and how this topic relates to Elected Members and ratepayers. An Elected Members Toolkit provided during and after the training is designed to equip Councillors with the information they need to mobilise change within their constituency and to communicate climate change effectively to hard-to-reach groups.</p> <p>A full day is required to complete the training. This can be condensed slightly if completed remotely. It is proposed the training is delivered via MS Teams on Thursday 12 January from 5.30pm to 8.30pm, and on Saturday 14 January from 9am to 12.30pm. The training is interactive throughout and is followed by a short exercise to complete. Following successful completion of the training and exercise, a Carbon Literate Certificate is provided in a digital format. The training provider is Climate NI who are delivering the training as part of the Carbon Literacy Project.</p> <p>The Carbon Literacy Project's key aim is to provide education on carbon emissions to promote behavioural change, which is required alongside technological innovation if net zero targets are to be reached. 40,015+ individuals from over 3,812 organisations have completed Carbon Literacy Training to date, with organisations including Councils, housing trusts, NHS, museums, universities, and telecommunications.</p> <p>The current average carbon footprint of a UK citizen is 12.7 tonnes of CO₂e. There is an estimated realised carbon saving of 5-15% per person upon completion of the training. It is estimated that 157,240 tonnes of CO₂e have been saved as a direct result of key stakeholders completing the training and taking action. The project was recognised by the UN, at COP21 in Paris, where it was awarded as a TAP100, one of 100 worldwide Transformative Action Programs.</p>
4.0	Financial & Resource Implications
4.1	There is provision for Carbon Literacy Training within the Climate Unit budget.
5.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications
5.1	None.
6.0	Appendices
6.1	None.