

## **Steering Group Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Attendance: Cllr Davies (KD), Jeremy Smith (JS), Ben Earl, Prof Sigrun Wagner (SW), Donna Stimson (DS), Maria Evans (CEC), Youth Council (YC)

Apologies: Chris Joyce, Cllr Werner, Graham Owens, Simon Wilkes

Council Officer: Heather Mynott (HM) and Hayley George

### **Introduction**

A round of introductions were made to the Youth Councillor who was able to make the meeting.

SW – was congratulated on her new role – however this means she would be leaving the Steering Group in due course.

### **1. Climate Partnership Report – Draft**

HM introduced the draft Climate Partnership Report and invited reflections.

Members noted that none had yet been able to complete the reading, but confirmed they would provide feedback using the prompts in the presentation slide (clarity, content, coverage, evidence, structure, missing elements).

#### **Action:**

- Steering Group members to review the report and submit comments to HM.

### **2. Presentation: Climate Strategy Survey Feedback & Report Overview**

HM presented the slides summarising consultation findings and the draft Climate Partnership Report.

#### **Key Points from the Presentation**

- HM noted that quantitative results indicate that a majority of respondents found the Strategy clear, but qualitative comments provided substantially more nuanced and detailed feedback, particularly around structure, graphics, accessibility and wording.
- The Steering Group acknowledged that this detailed feedback has been especially valuable and will direct several improvements going forward, including simplifying language, improving visuals, and clarifying emissions data and terminology.
- HM explained that this mix of numerical and narrative feedback provides both broad reassurance and specific areas for action.

### **Discussion Points Raised by the Steering Group**

- Need for a one-page public-facing summary outlining what is happening, what will happen next, and the benefits to residents.
- Scope 3 emissions were raised; capacity and data limitations mean this cannot currently be included.
- Members also queried whether the cost of inaction could be estimated; HM advised this is not feasible with current resource or available modelling.
- The Group emphasised the importance of greater visibility of behaviour change across materials and future plans.

### **Actions:**

- HM to explore options for a simplified one-page overview for residents.
- Behaviour-change emphasis to be strengthened in future document and planning.

### **3. Climate Partnership Updates**

HM informed the group that she will be leaving the role of Climate Partnership Coordinator.

Cllr Davies and Donna Stimson thanked HM for her work to date and expressed their appreciation of her contribution to the partnership and strategy process.

### **Any Other Business (AOB)**

- **Abri Update**  
BE shared early information about initiatives planned for Abri's new development at Sawyers Close, which will become The Granges.