

CONSTITUTION - PART 3 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS

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3. Responsibility for Executive functions

(A) CABINET RESPONSIBILITIES

PORTFOLIO: CARBON REDUCTION AND SUSTAINABILITY

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Main role

Co-ordinating the activities of the Council which contribute towards the achievement of corporate objectives relating to carbon reduction and sustainability.

To be the representative of the Council and to lead in developing relationships with agencies, stakeholders and citizens that support the Council's carbon reduction and sustainability plans.

Duties and responsibilities

1. To have responsibility for monitoring the implementation of Council objectives relating to carbon reduction and sustainability by:-
 - a. Setting performance targets relating to the objectives
 - b. Ensuring goals and milestones are met by taking a cross-portfolio view of the council's operations which influence climate change.
 - c. Reviewing relevant areas of service provision.
 - d. Developing new policies and strategies if necessary.
 - e. Assuming responsibility for the achievement of agreed Service Improvement Plans relating to the areas of responsibility included within this portfolio.

2. To be responsible for operational risk management, procurement and decision-making in the following areas:-
 - a. Reduction of carbon emissions as a council and as a district in line with our carbon reduction strategy.
 - b. Parking policy and operations including reduction of petrol and diesel car journeys.
 - c. Promotion of sustainable transport and pedestrian-centred retail centres.

- d. Working with the Local Enterprise Partnerships and wider region to on reaching the 2038 zero carbon commitment.
 - e. Implementing, reviewing and updating our carbon reduction strategy, ensuring that it is aligned with local, city region and regional commitments on climate change
 - f. Being responsible for the Council's work on improved air quality.
 - g. Working with other organisations on the White Rose Forest Initiative, and on our target of each child planting a tree during their schooling.
 - h. Removing incentives to travel by car for council employees and the general public.
 - i. Being responsible for the Council's central transport division and fleet management.
3. The Cabinet Member must refer to the Cabinet proposals for the acquisition or disposal of land for parking purposes.
 4. To have responsibility for the Council's Corporate Travel Plan and associated Parking Strategy.
 5. To work together with other Cabinet Members to achieve the Council's aims and objectives.
 6. To represent the Council at the North Yorkshire Local Transport Board, Harrogate Local Sustainable Transport Steering Group, Harrogate Cycle Forum, Harrogate District Climate Change Coalition and any other relevant body related to sustainable transport and carbon reduction initiatives. (Any cycling responsibilities must be fulfilled in conjunction with the Council's Cycling and Walking Champion.)
 7. To be the Cabinet Member responsible for the Council's Cycling Action Plan or any other sustainable transport initiatives arising from the Tour de France Legacy Strategy. (Any cycling responsibilities must be fulfilled in conjunction with the Council's Cycling and Walking Champion.)
 8. To undertake any consultation or lobbying regarding strategic transport and carbon reduction matters in so far as it relates to the Council's objectives relating to sustainable transport and carbon reduction.
 9. To ensure that rural interests and concerns are understood and taken into account at all levels in decision making by or on behalf of the Council or Executive.
 10. To consider and report to the Council in respect of any Notice of Motion duly referred.

11. To be responsible for preparing budget estimates and draft capital programme and to set charges for services within the ambit of the portfolio following the parameters of the budget strategy fixed by the Council.

12. To champion increased carbon literacy for elected members and council officers.

To be the lead Cabinet Member on initiatives promoting circular economy principles with partners including the Local Enterprise Partnership.