

CLIMATE ACTION

Summary: To present the draft 3Keel report: *Achieving consensus on a pathway to Net Zero by 2050 and resulting Action Plan*

Recommendation: That the Executive Committee provide their feedback on the report, ahead of seeking Board adoption at the February meeting

Report by: Andy Parsons (Chief Executive)

BACKGROUND

1. In October 2021 the CNL Board adopted our Climate Change Commitment to *"identify a scenario which allows us to endorse a path to Net Zero emissions (or better) by 2050 (or sooner)"*.
2. To better understand our current baseline we worked with Small World Consulting to complete a GHG emissions assessment.
3. The CNL Climate Action Working Group then published a 'layman's guide' version of the report, to be used as our main stakeholder engagement tool.
4. With our next Management Plan covering the period 2025-30 we decided to run a series of thematic workshops based on the SWC report, so that we could embed *Cotswolds-influenced* net zero targets/ambitions into the Plan.

AUTUMN WORKSHOPS

5. We appointed 3Keel (Sustainability Consultants) to plan and facilitate the workshops.
6. Six workshops were delivered throughout October and November:
 - Board Members, Employees and Volunteers
 - Land Use and Land Management (x2)
 - Energy
 - Food and Drink (and other goods/services)
 - Transport
7. We had over 250 attendees in total: representing local authorities, parish and town councils, farmers and land managers, academia, eNGOs, energy specialists, visitor economy businesses, transport operators, etc.

CURRENT POSITION

8. 3Keel have drafted an interim report based on the findings from the workshops. **The Executive Committee is asked to comment on the report at this meeting.**
9. The report will then be presented, for adoption, at the February Board meeting.
10. A new role – Climate Action Lead – is currently being recruited, this role will cover both strategic and operational activity, and will focus on both mitigation and adaptation. Interviews are taking place on Friday 26 January.

Supporting papers

- Appendix A – 3Keel Interim Report