

Climate Emergency Working Group

Future Merton

24 Sept 2019

Aim

Aim of the meeting:

To set out initial information on the **process and evidence** relating to the formation of a Climate Action Plan.

To agree the **purpose of the group**, and how the group is going to reach out to others.

Some questions to consider:

How would you like the group to operate?

How would the group like to interact with the Council and with Merton's wider community?

What are the main actions that group members need to do between now and the next meeting?

Introduction

Climate Emergency:

Declaration of a Climate Emergency was approved at the July Council.

It committed to working towards:

A carbon neutral borough by 2050.

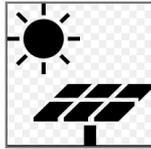
A carbon neutral Council by 2030

Setting up a **Climate Emergency Working Group** drawing on existing expertise within the borough as well as including representative residents.

Delivering an **Action Plan** to Cabinet in early 2020.



Action Plan: Phase 1



Phase 1: Consult:

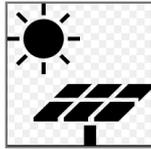
To produce a **sound evidence base** for each topic we aim to:

- Undertake a greenhouse gas inventory
- Identify the main measures that will achieve decarbonisation
- Estimate rate of decarbonisation needed to reach the targets

To gather a “long list” of **potential actions** we will:

- Seek wide participation through a public consultation
- Further thinking on complex actions with internal and external partners
- Identify opportunities internally to deliver through Council Activities

Action Plan: Phases 2 and 3



Phase 2: Prioritise:

To begin to **form consensus** around the most important actions we will:

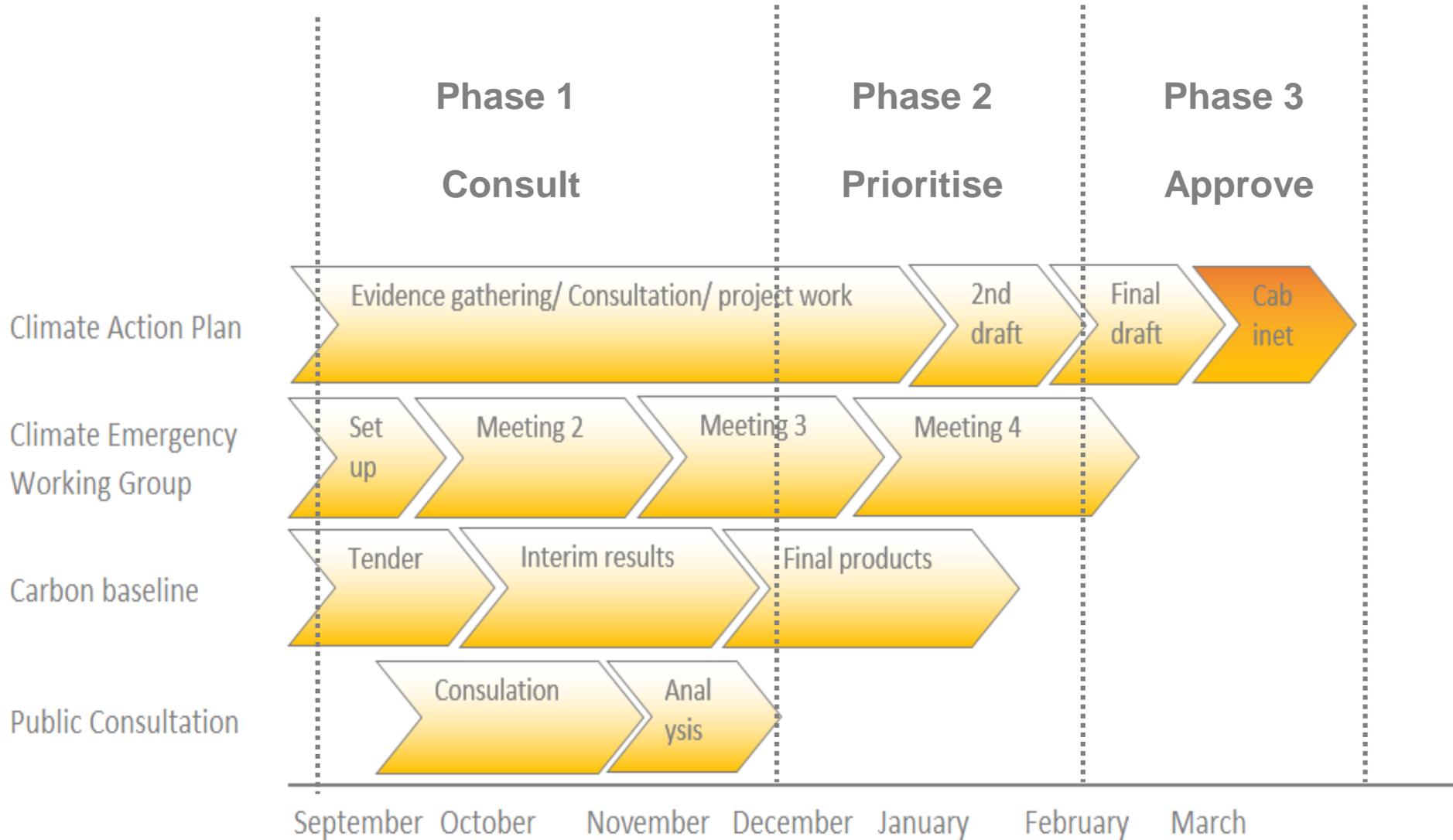
- Cross fertilize the evidence and ideas between groups
- Bring to the table the potential impacts, costs and benefits of key actions
- Consider where/ with whom the responsibility for actions lies
- Consider potential phasing (2020-2025, 2025-2030, 2040-2050)

Phase 3: Approve:

To **finalise the Climate Action Plan** we aim to:

- Seek Cabinet approval for the final action plan

Timeline



Your input is welcome!

What could you bring to the action plan?

Identify **new evidence** and highlight evidence gaps

Bring to the table **new ideas** or develop ideas to a higher level of detail

Review key documents such as the draft Climate Action Plan and new evidence from consultancy work

Work towards a consensus around the key actions that need to take provenance in the Climate Action Plan

Working with others:

Work with the **Merton Community** to maximise engagement

Link with similar thinking being undertaken to consider the 2030 target

Consider **developing projects** where the Council has a low level of influence

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