



## Council Briefing Note

### CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC EMERGENCY PORTFOLIO

- Our CEE programme is firmly in delivery mode. A variety of projects, led across the Council, are progressing well and are monitored through our CEE board.
- We will publish our full emissions report in October. This will show our progress to date on reducing organisation emissions, which are down 29.8% from 2022/23 thanks to HVO in the fuel mix, down 42% from baseline 2018/19. More details will be included in the report.
- The council has been awarded £61k from the Low Carbon Skills Fund (LCSF) Salix/Department of Energy Security and Net Zero to decarbonise our buildings. The priority sites are old or large gas-heated buildings, like the Civic Centre in Berkhamsted, Victoria Hall, and Maylands Business Centre. This project, already in flight, will conduct building audits and feasibility studies, preparing the Council to apply for further grant funding to install the suggested measures.
- We are delivering several projects which aim to make our buildings more energy efficient and these are progressing well:
  - 173 off-gas grid properties have been identified for various improvements to improve their energy performance levels and bring them to a minimum EPC C rating.
  - Four sheltered housing blocks are being renovated this year to install a hybrid heating system and solar panels, with plans for four each year to 2030.
  - Works on properties in Kings Langley and Berkhamsted to decarbonise the buildings have been completed as part of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund project. New works have also started at other sites.
- Installation of EVCPs in car parks is well advanced. 12 sites are completed and live, three are due in September, and six more are due to go live later this year.
- The CEE team is preparing for the annual Dacorum Climate Action Network (DCAN) event on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- We are also working with DCAN to involve them more in policy and project development and to better use their expertise, energy and skills to help progress towards our ambitions. This includes a refreshed round of green grants focused around three goals: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions; creating more sustainable communities; and improving biodiversity. These will open to applications at the DCAN event, with promotion planned for October.