

**CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY 2026**

**ITEM 6 – CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Scrutiny comments made on: Zero Carbon Update Report**

**Date considered by Cabinet: 13 January 2026**

	<b>Comments/recommendations from scrutiny</b>	<b>Advice provided by officers at the Scrutiny meeting</b>	<b>Cabinet response</b>
<b>R1</b>	<b>Recommendation:</b> That Cabinet allocate £80,000 as required to fund stage 3 of the mine water heating feasibility study as part of the council 2026/27 budget.	-	The recommendation will be taken into account as part of the wider budget proposals and cost pressures for the 2026/27 financial year. Cabinet will formally consider these matters at its meeting scheduled for 3 February.
<b>R2</b>	<b>Recommendation:</b> a) That Cabinet allocate further funds to the zero carbon fund as part of the council 2026/27 budget; and b) that the Climate Change Programme Manager's salary be moved to the general fund to preserve the zero-carbon fund for future projects.	-	The recommendation will be taken into account as part of the wider budget proposals and cost pressures for the 2026/27 financial year. Cabinet will formally consider these matters at its meeting scheduled for 3 February.