

## CLIMATE ACTION

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

**Recommendation:** That the Board approves the report.

**Report by:** Andy Parsons (Chief Executive) and Ben Dent (Chair, Climate Action Working Group)

## 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, activity and 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 written a report based on the findings from the workshops. **The Board is asked to approve the report at this meeting.**
9. A new role – Climate Action Lead – has been recruited and Andrea Martens will join the CNL team in mid-March. The role will cover both strategic and operational activity, and will focus on both mitigation and adaptation. This report will enable the Andrea to have a clear mandate and high level work programme for the next 2-3 years.

## Supporting papers

- Appendix A – 3Keel Report