

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET- SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Future of Stockport Climate Action Now (CAN) Fund

Report to Cabinet

Date: 12/03/2024

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Environment

Key Decision: (b) No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

This report details proposals for a new iteration of the Climate Action Now (CAN) Fund, which include two funding streams: the CAN Catalyst Fund and the CAN Seed Fund. The CAN Catalyst Fund would enable larger, high impact projects with allocation of funding assessed and determined by the Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Environment with support from the CAN team. The CAN Seed Fund would support smaller-scale projects delivered at a ward level.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

Following the recent Economy, Regeneration & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee where the CAN Fund was warmly welcomed, further measures to promote the CAN Fund and ensure smooth delivery will mean ensuring all Members receive a briefing document or brochure outlining successful examples of previously funded projects, a clear outline of the application and administration process together with details of criteria for funding allocation. Further measures will be put in place, such as advertising the CAN Fund in both physical and online formats, to reach residents and community groups that have yet had a chance to access CAN Funding.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

Cabinet are asked to:

- Share feedback on the plans for the Stockport CAN Fund
- Endorse approach for next iteration of Stockport CAN Fund

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)

Economy, Regeneration & Climate Change

Background Papers (if report for publication): (f)

Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': (g)

Yes/ **No** (Please circle)