



<b>Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee</b>		Agenda Item
<b>11 March 2024</b>		<b>3</b>
Title:	Public Questions	
Public Report:	Yes	

**Question 1 – from Chris Pointon, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Action Coalition**

To	Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Regarding agenda item 8 - Climate Action Plan Review:</p> <p>We understand there is £1m unspent from the Net zero villages investment programme and £2.25m from the MTFP to spend by March 2025 - the period covered by this plan. The main changes to the plan seem to be reducing its ambition and pushing out deliverable dates.</p> <p>We note the following items have new delivery dates of March 2025:</p> <p>WS 1.3: By Oct 2022 collectively build local capacity and capability to assemble suitable projects ready for these opportunities. Build up project pipeline.</p> <p>WS 2.2: By July 2022 set up a fund for small scale community projects to access to build local momentum and awareness 'Net zero villages investment programme'.</p> <p>WS 2.1 sets out a revised engagement plan including "COP input" and an "information website". These outcomes show a distinct lack of ambition for "collectively building local capacity and capability". There is no mention of space being opened up for listening to the community, convening stakeholders, supporting initiatives, providing training and resources. Without this it is hard to see where the WS1.3 "project pipeline" is going to come from to enable impactful deployment of the available funds.</p> <p>What will be done differently in the next 12 months that hasn't been done in the past two years that will mean WS 1.3 and WS 2.2 can now be delivered?</p>