

**Climate Change Member Advisory Group**  
**2 February 2023**  
**Item 7. Medway, Environmental Action Network (MEAN) Statement**

The coordinating group of the Medway, Environmental Action Network (MEAN) met on the 6th January, 2023 to discuss the responses received on behalf of the Council, to the questions MEAN raised concerning the Council's influence on reducing carbon emissions Medway-wide, and not just its own estate.

MEAN requests that the following statement be posted to the next Members Advisory Group (MAG) on 2nd February 2023 for the attention of its chairman Cllr Doe and copied to all MAG members.

As a "critical friend" of the Council, MEAN would like to make the following statement to the MAG:

MEAN members strongly support the use of Medway Council's influence to achieve Medway-wide carbon emission reduction targets, across not just its own estate, but also that of its joint ventures, key partners and key contractors. These efforts are vital to achieve net zero carbon in Medway by 2050, as well as to lessen the impacts of climate change on citizens and businesses in Medway.

The proposed work of council officers to assess the Scope 3 carbon emissions will greatly assist in further prioritising Medway's Climate Change Action Plan activities, as well as identify the need for more detailed emission reduction reporting by joint ventures, key partners and key contractors. MEAN asks the MAG to fully support the planned resourcing of these activities and looks forward to seeing the results of their analysis in due course.

Whilst no response is required to MEAN's statement to MAG, MEAN would appreciate hearing any comments raised.