

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE PANEL

31st January 2022 – 4pm to 5.30pm, Via Teams

Notes

Introductions

Cllr Barnes (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting:

Climate Action Plan 2022

Dominic Millen gave an overview of the proposed process and timescales:

- 2020 Climate Action Plan includes a commitment to a full review every two years.
- Climate Action Plan 2022 will cover similar areas to the current version.
- There will be supporting documents including a Carbon Emissions review and EqlA. There is also a review of governance being undertaken.
- The updated document will need to reflect on policy and best practice which has emerged since 2020, as well as align with other plans and strategies.
- Depending on resources the aim is to have a draft in spring with external engagement in early summer and sign off in the autumn.

There were follow up points:

- The recent [A- CDP score](#) is positive so the Council should build on this.
- It would be better to keep Council emissions as a separate area of focus.
- Progress with Council housing decarbonisation should be highlighted.
- Green skills and employment should also be covered as they offer significant opportunities for Enfield's residents.

London Net Zero 2030 Pathways

Dominic Millen gave an update on the recently published pathways modelling and the Mayor of London's proposed approach:

- Recognising the need for more urgent action, the Mayor of London has brought target forward the London net zero target to 2030.
- Four pathways were modelled with different assumptions about elements including hydrogen uptake, heat pump delivery, funding and policy changes.
- The Mayor has indicated the Accelerated Green pathway is preferable because it balances urgency, ambition, social justice and deliverability.
- Will need to accelerate delivery by building on existing action around buildings decarbonisation, reducing private vehicle use and switching to electric, as well as increasing the size of the green economy.

There were follow up points:

- The Mayor's response included various options for managing private vehicle use and reducing emissions including road user and a further ULEZ extension.
- It was noted that the Retrofit London EPC B average target for housing had informed the pathways modelling work, which was positive.

- The borough level trajectories for the preferred pathway should inform the development of the Climate Action Plan 2022.

Council Housing Decarbonisation

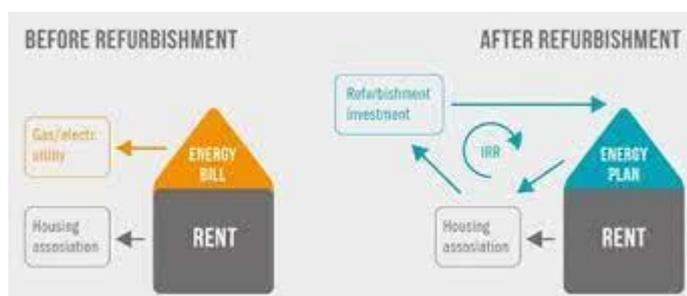
Joanne Drew provided an overview of the emerging approach, for which the underlying principle is to reduce carbon emissions whilst not significantly impacting on immediate needs for residents and delivering statutory requirements. This will be achieved by focusing on four areas:

1. Continuing existing activity including Retrofit London and delivering the Council's own retrofit projects (including LAD and Energisprong).
2. Aligning retrofit activities with existing investment to create additionality. This includes maintenance and potentially new development.
3. Preparing for new funding opportunities by identifying high priority / risk properties and developing retrofit plans.
4. Making it a positive experience for residents including by having ongoing engagement, personalising retrofit and encouraging behaviour change.

It was noted that the Council have ambition and commitment, but that funding is a challenge with significant requirements for maintenance and emergency works.

Follow up points included:

- Current Government funding rules are leading to piecemeal delivery so the Council are keen to pilot and adopt typology and area based approaches.
- Residents are being consulted as part of the Energiesprong project, including on the comfort charge which replaces electricity and gas bills:



Updates

Communications – Andrea De Lucy and Michelle Larche highlighted areas where there has been positive progress:

- Electric vehicle charging.
- Electrification of Council's fleet.
- Tree planting and wetlands.
- Corporate housing and building retrofit.
- Fuel poverty awareness.

It was also noted that promotion of Southgate low plastic zone will be picked up and that Solar Together will be launching in early February and will include adverts in foreign language papers.

Local Area Energy Plan – It was noted that a consultant has been appointed and data gathering is underway to inform energy modelling. The final document is due to be published in late August.

Net Zero Innovation Partnership – The Council, alongside a team from UCL, have secured LGA funding to undertake a project to map the barriers to decarbonisation for businesses, with a view to identifying solutions which can inform follow on work in this area.

Retrofit London – The programme is moving forward with recent work including workshops on the delivery approach now and in the future, as well as the development of an implementation plan to guide delivery over the next two to three years.

AOB

It was agreed that the next meeting should be in late Feb / early March.

One suggested topic was a presentation by colleagues from Capel Manor on their environmental work.