

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE PANEL

MEETING ACTION NOTES

9th November 2020 - Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Cllr Ian Barnes, Cllr Mahym Bedekova, Cllr Birsen Demirel, Rafe Bertram, Matt Bowmer, Sarah Cary, Tilly Ford, Sarah Gilroy, Amanda Grosse, Michelle Larche, Tinu Olowe, Harriet Potemkin, Andrew Whelan, Doug Wilkinson, Liz Wright. *Apologies noted for Cllr Chibah and Ian Davis.*

Introductions

Cllr Barnes welcomed everyone to the meeting and there was a brief update on actions from the previous meeting, which have been progressed.

The Parks and Open Spaces Strategy was due to be the meeting theme. Given it is now part of the Blue Green Infrastructure Strategy, which is due to go out for public consultation in the near future, it would be timely for this to be the theme for the next meeting.

2019/20 Emissions Review

A summary of the 2019/20 review of Enfield's Council and borough wide emissions was provided with the headlines being that overall Council emissions fell by 2,499 tCO₂e (2.4%) in 2019/2020 and borough wide fell by 1.5%. Whilst this is progress, more needs to be done and faster in order to meet the Climate Action Plan targets.

It was noted that the adoption of the Climate Action Plan was a big step forward but that delivery against it now needs to accelerate. Some areas of focus were identified including the need to look at the highest emitting buildings and improve the data that informs the emissions review.

There was a specific query about the Council's vehicle fleet and the trajectory for switching to low carbon and it was agreed that this would be looked into.

Action By early 2021 Climate Action Team and Fleet Services to map potential fleet replacement programme, including the viability and operational feasibility of using alternative fuels.

Delivering Sustainable Places and Circular Economy

An overview of the Meridian Water Environmental Sustainability Strategy was provided to the group. The Strategy aligns with the Climate Action Plan and will see Meridian Water being a truly sustainable development, with net zero carbon emissions or better being one of the underlying principles.

The Strategy should provide a template for other developments, while the delivery of Meridian Water itself will provide an opportunity to test different approaches, which can then inform other new build projects in Enfield.

It was noted that the Strategy has been approved by Cabinet.

There was a specific query about where the carbon emissions for new housing delivered (particularly if directly) by the Council would sit. It was noted that there are various factors influencing this, and that consideration needs to be given as to how this can be measured and adequately included in carbon reviews going forward.

Waste and Recycling Campaign

The current campaign aims to encourage residents to recycle more and waste less, including food, with specific information for different types of recycling and waste, for example the recycling of glass. It includes wider climate action messages and the design reflects the Climate Action Plan design.

Task Force Members were positive about the campaign and welcomed an update at a future meeting.

Updates on recent progress

- Governance and structures – These are being developed with new groups being set up (for example the Sustainable Buildings Board) and existing groups being used to reduce additional boards and meetings. It was agreed that this should be a future meeting topic.
- Procurement – Work has started on a supplier survey, which will be piloted on a sample of supplier types and contract values. A sustainable procurement policy is also being developed. The current plan is to have joint engagement so that it involves a two-way dialogue with suppliers.
- Schools - The Council is engaging with schools to develop a handbook with relevant information on support for different elements of climate action. This will include developing a network of schools to share best practice and access funding opportunities for meeting carbon reduction targets. It was noted that there are some early opportunities for schools to be involved in carbon monitoring and reduction projects, with several expressing an interest. There was a discussion on changing heat sources within schools to address the high gas usage in some. This will be part of the longer-term plan for reducing carbon, although the initial focus is on improving energy efficiency and reducing consumption.
- National and regional funding opportunities - Various teams in the Council have been working on bids for Government funding including via the Green Homes Grant and the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund.

Meeting forward plan

It was agreed that the Blue Green Infrastructure Strategy should be the main theme for the next meeting.

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