

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE PANEL

Action notes

Tuesday 5th February 2020

Enfield Civic Centre, Place Shaping Room

Attendees: Cllr Ian Barnes, Cllr Chris Bond, Cllr Katherine Chibah, Peter Alekkou, David Greely, Harriet Potemkin, Margherita Sweetlove, Bevan Jones, Mitch Cooke, Glenn Stewart, Sarah Cary, Christevie Ngoma, Andy Johnson, Dominic Millen.

Introductions and previous meeting action notes

Cllr Barnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The previous meeting action notes were agreed, and action log updates were noted.

It was clarified that the previous action for a plan to be developed for how the Council will reduce overall energy use within buildings was in relation to directly managed buildings.

It was noted that there is now a specific target of switching to 100% Renewable Energy Guarantees Origin (REGO) certified renewable electricity supply by 2024, at the latest, with a decision already having been taken for Council offices to switch on 1st October 2020. Given there are contractual obligations, switching of contracts will take place as and when there are opportunities such as break or renewal dates.

Draft strategy discussion

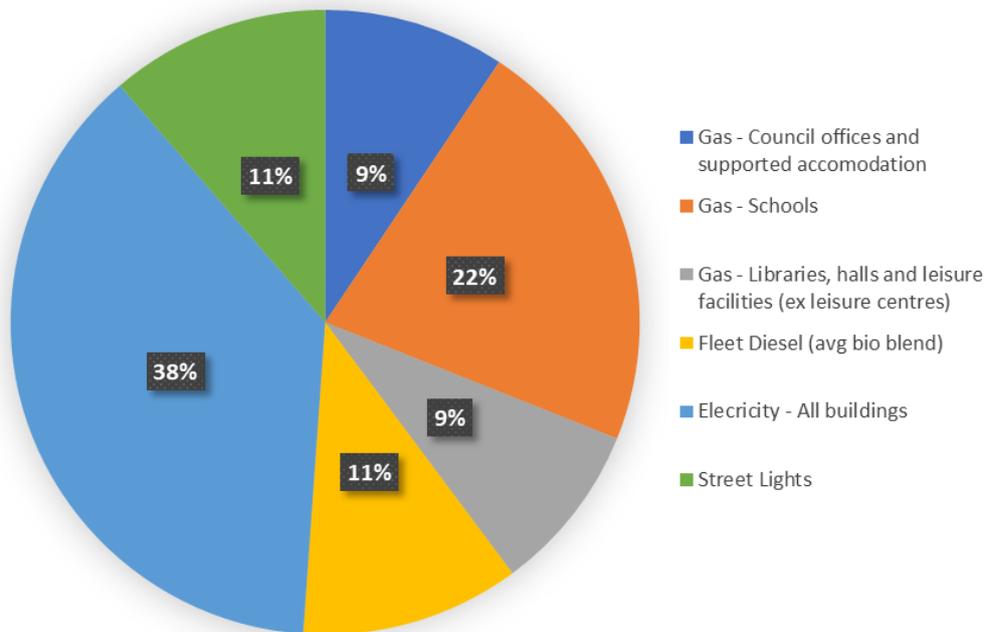
Bevan Jones, Consultant from Greengage Environmental, presented a report on the suggested approach for the Council's new strategy, based on his work at the council between October 2019 and January 2020

The report includes how Enfield Council records its carbon footprint over three 'scopes', an approach recognised globally in carbon management. These are a way of classifying the varied nature of emissions. The table below was presented, which outlines exactly what has been included in Enfield's new baseline:

Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3
Gas Council vehicle fleet	Purchased electricity	Council housing Staff business journeys Transmission and distribution losses from the grid Staff commuting Suppliers Outsourced services

Enfield has previously only reported its scope 1 and 2 emissions. Recognising the severity of the climate crisis and the need to work with our partners and across the borough, for the first time Enfield is working to establish the carbon footprint of its suppliers and those who deliver services on its behalf (scope 3). Whilst we are focusing on reducing scope 1 and 2 to zero by 2030, the strategy will include action to reduce scope 3 emissions, including through the local authority's role in place-shaping and influencing partners, residents and businesses.

Enfield's scope 1 and 2 emissions have been calculated at 21,908 tCO₂e. The breakdown of these emissions were reported as follows:



The split between Scopes 1 and 2 is relatively even:

Scope 1 - 11,199 tCO₂e.

Scope 2 – 10,708 tCO₂e.

Actions

- Strategy to include ambition for retrofitting all Council homes as well as addressing the need to retrofit across all tenures. (Sarah Cary)
- Strategy to include how procurement can be best used to engage with and influence suppliers and contractors to decrease carbon emissions from goods and services the Council procures. (Fay Hammond)
- Metering water use to be further explored to improve water efficiency in council buildings. (Sarah Cary)
- Action in relation to waste management will be included in the strategy. It was noted that the new NLWA facility, even though it generates CO₂, will see a reduction in comparison with that generated from the current facility. The new facility is part of an overall strategy to reduce landfill, increase recycling rates up to over 50% and exploring options of generating lower carbon heat from incineration. (Sarah Cary)
- A staff survey to be run to identify estimate carbon footprint from staff travel, which has not yet been included in baseline. (Harriet Potemkin)

- Strategy to include an overview of how the Council will increase electric charging infrastructure to enable residents and visitors to switch to electric vehicles, as part of a wider strategy to encourage more residents to switch from car use to public transport, cycling or walking. (Sarah Cary)
- Greengage report to be developed into a draft strategy document for public engagement on the Council's proposed approach. This will be circulated to the task force via email for feedback later in February. (Harriet Potemkin, with Council's Executive Management Team)

Communications update

David Greely, Head of Communications, and Christevie Ngoma, Deputy Young Mayor, presented on new branding for Climate Action Enfield. The young mayors have worked with the Council's design team to develop the branding, with the messaging being about taking positive action to tackle the climate emergency.

Actions

- Illustrative branding to be used for new strategy documentation, and the Climate Action Enfield branding to be used on all future initiatives regarding climate action being taken by the Council. (David Greely)
- 'Climate Action Enfield' banner to be used for updated website. (David Greely, Dominic Millen)

Staff engagement

Bevan Jones gave feedback on the staff engagement workshops which took place during January and February. A workshop took place with senior leaders in January and in addition, six staff workshops took place on the themes of culture, transport and buildings.

Actions

- Further work to be undertaken to develop a stronger, bolder vision statement for the strategy. (All)
- Strategy to include a clear approach to supporting staff to make informed decisions in regard to carbon reduction and climate action, including developing role-specific training. (Executive Management Team)

Community engagement and strategy finalisation timeline

Harriet gave an overview of the proposed timetable for finalising the strategy. This will include public engagement on our draft approach during March, and with the aim of having a final strategy for May Cabinet. A public meeting is being arranged for March with the date to be confirmed.

Further community engagement is proposed for after the strategy launch. This includes the possibility of a school summit, working with schools and young people across the borough. It was agreed that ongoing dialogue with Youth Parliament will also be important.

Actions

- Public meeting to be arranged for March. (Harriet Potemkin, Sarah Cary, David Greely)
- Community engagement work to continue after the strategy launch including looking to convene a Citizen's Jury.
- Further work to be done with schools and young people to develop proposals for a school summit.

Meeting forward plan

The following topics were agreed for inclusion on the agenda for future meetings:

- The role of planning in delivering climate action, including opportunities to increase electric vehicle charging provision.
- Renewable energy generation.
- Emerging national policy, including the Environment Bill; and London Assembly report on priorities for carbon emissions for buildings and homes.
- Community and citizen engagement.

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Next meeting to be arranged for March with this and future meeting dates placed on the Council's website.