

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE PANEL

Updates for Postponed 1st April 2020 Meeting

Updates on recent progress

1. Launch of [Draft Climate Action Plan](#)

The draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) was published on the Council's website on 13th March 2020. It has also been directly publicised to staff and Councillors, as well as being highlighted on the Council's social media accounts.

People have been asked to provide comments and suggestions by 19th April 2020. Depending on responses by this date, given the current situation with Covid-19, it might be that the deadline is extended.

The intention is still to adopt the CAP in summer 2020 although this will depend on how the current Covid-19 situation develops.

2. Preparing 2019/20 baseline.

With the current monitoring year (2019/20) now ended, Bevan Jones will soon start asking for output data which can then be used to provide an updated carbon emissions baseline. This will follow the same approach as for 2018/19 so that we can start to build up a picture of the Council's performance over time and identify where we have been successful, as well as where extra action is needed.

3. Emerging national and regional policy.

[Transport Decarbonisation Plan](#)

The Government is developing a plan by the end of 2020 to accelerate the decarbonisation of transport. The plan will set out in detail what government, business and society will need to do to deliver the significant emissions reduction needed across all modes of transport, putting us on a pathway to achieving carbon budgets and net zero emissions across every single mode of transport by 2050.

Strategic priorities have been identified to guide the development of the plan:

- Accelerating modal shift to public and active transport.
- Decarbonisation of road vehicles.
- Decarbonising how we get our goods.
- Place-based solutions for emissions reduction.
- UK as a hub for green transport technology and innovation.
- Reducing carbon in a global economy.

London seems to be relatively well advanced in terms of the first four challenges, with the remaining two appearing to have a national focus, albeit with local opportunities.

There will be ongoing engagement with stakeholders, so the Council will be able to input into the plan. The plan will be relevant to both the development of the Local Plan and a future transport strategy for Enfield.

Role of planning in addressing climate change

There was due to be a presentation to the Task Force on the role of planning in addressing climate change with the key themes being:

- How is climate change, both immediate impact and future resilience, currently taken into account as part of the planning process?
- What is being done to make sure that addressing climate change is embedded in the emerging Local Plan?

Unfortunately, due to staff absence, it has not been possible to complete this work so it will be brought to a future meeting.

Communications and engagement

The Climate Action branding has been applied to the relevant pages on the Council's website and the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) reflects the style guide presented at the previous CCTF meeting.

As noted above, the draft CAP has been launched. Due to concerns about Covid-19 the public engagement meeting scheduled for 19th March 2020 was cancelled. However, the CAP has been made available for people to provide comments and suggestions.

There have been a number of staff suggestions with the main themes being:

- Increase onsite recycling and reduce use of plastic and paper.
- Reduce wasted energy including by making buildings smarter.
- Encourage active and sustainable travel as well as car sharing.
- Generate electricity and power buildings and lights with solar panels.

These will be looked into as part of the work to develop an implementation plan to support delivery of the actions in the CAP.

Covid-19 has also delayed the Schools' Summit so that this is likely to take place later in 2020.

Meeting forward plan

Given the current Covid-19 situation is having a significant impact on staff resources, it is still to be determined when the next meeting will take place. Currently any meeting will likely be via Skype / Teams. Updates on progress will be provided in the meantime.

Future agenda items:

- Role of planning in addressing climate change
- Renewable energy generation
- Electric vehicle charging points