

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee

Tuesday, 15th December, 2020

PRESENT: Councillor N Walshaw in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, J Bentley,
N Buckley, P Carlill, A Forsaith,
A Garthwaite, J Illingworth, M Midgley,
L Mulherin, M Shahzad, P Wadsworth and
P Wray

35 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

36 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

37 Late Items

There were no late items.

38 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable or other interests.

39 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

40 Annual Report to Full Council

The Chief Officer (Sustainable Energy and Air Quality) submitted a report that introduced the Committee's Annual Report to Full Council, requiring approval prior to submission in January 2021. The Chief Officer provided an overview of the contents of report and asked Members for any comments or suggested amendments.

The following matters were raised:

- Members requested more emphasis to be made within the report of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, with specific recognition of the significant changes to the way people work and live as a result, as well as the impact on the Committee's meeting schedule.
- It was noted that it may be appropriate for Councillor Buckley to provide a signature to the Chair's foreword, as Shadow Chair of the Committee.

- Members requested that references to the Open Forum be strengthened, to include a comprehensive list of all attendees and their submissions, along with details of the responses given, as an appendix to the report.
- Whilst recognising that the report is intended to provide update to Full Council, Members noted that a wider communications exercise is required to inform the public of the work of the Committee, and the evidence led approach to achieving the various national and regional targets for air quality and carbon reduction.

The Chief Officer advised that the amended report would be circulated to Members for final comments, ahead of submission to Full Council.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the amendments requested as set out above, the report be approved for submission to Full Council on 13th January 2021.

41 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 18th January 2021 at 10.00 a.m.