

Forward Plan 2022/23

Date: 23 June 2022

Report of: Chief Officer (Sustainable Energy and Air Quality)

Report to: Climate Emergency Advisory Committee

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The Climate Emergency Advisory Committee was introduced following the declaration of Climate Emergency in March 2019. It is a cross party advisory committee authorised to consider and make recommendations regarding climate change and sustainability.
- In addition to the formal committee meetings, the Committee established four working groups aligned to the key themes of the Climate Emergency – Planning, Buildings and Energy, Biodiversity and Food, Behaviour Change and Transport, and Finance.
- This report proposes a meeting schedule for the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

Recommendations

- a) To consider the proposed meeting schedule for meeting in 2022/23 at Appendix 1 and provide feedback.
- b) To consider the suggested amendments to the committee's working groups.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 The first meeting of the new municipal year provides an opportunity to reflect on the structure of meetings and working groups, to ensure that the work of the committee aligns with council priorities, and reflects the current challenges of tackling climate change, both locally and nationally.
- 2 The meeting dates for the 2022/23 municipal year have been set as follows:
Thursday 23rd June 2022 2.00 p.m.
Thursday 21st July 2022 2.00 p.m.
Monday 19th September 2022 1.00 p.m.
Monday 24th October 2022 1.00 p.m.
Monday 28th November 2022 1.00 p.m.
Monday 23rd January 2023 1.00 p.m.
Monday 20th March 2022 1.00 p.m.
- 3 A proposed schedule for the 2022/23 meetings is set out at Appendix 1 for Member's consideration. In addition to the items set out at Appendix 1, the Chair will invite each director of the council to attend a meeting throughout the year to provide an update on the work taking place in each directorate to address the climate emergency. The committees' Terms of Reference are set out at Appendix 2.
- 4 The Leeds approach to climate mitigation and adaptation follows two key national strategies – the [Net Zero Strategy](#) and the [National Adaptation Programme](#). It is proposed that over the course of the next municipal year, each meeting will monitor progress of one or more key climate mitigation and adaptation themes, as follows:

Climate Mitigation

- 1) Power
- 2) Fuel
- 3) Heat & Buildings
- 4) Transport
- 5) Nature & Waste
- 6) Industry
- 7) Greenhouse Gas Removal

Climate Adaptation

- 8) Flooding
- 9) Heat
- 10) Drought/Water Supply
- 11) Economic Impacts

- 5 In addition to the formal committee meetings, three working groups were set up that were aligned to the key themes of the Climate Emergency – Planning, Buildings and Energy, Biodiversity and Food, Behaviour Change and Transport, and Finance.
- 6 It is proposed that the working group titles and remits be amended to the following:
 - *Infrastructure, Planning and Buildings* – Chaired by Councillor K Dye. Remit to include all aspects of housing and public building retrofit, green planning, energy, and transport.

- *Biodiversity, Food and Waste – Chaired by Councillor B Anderson.* Remit to include food production and supply, the circular economy, tree planting, parks and countryside, and waste services.
- *Community and Business Engagement – Chaired by Councillor M Shahzad.* Remit to include behaviour change initiatives, city-wide communications, local community projects, and business engagement.
- *Economy and Finance – Chaired by Councillor P Carlill.* Remit to include business cases for climate action, innovative funding solutions, green jobs and skills, and economic impacts of climate change.

7 The Chair sought the views of committee members in advance of the meeting in regards to the continuation of remote meetings or the return to physical meetings for the forthcoming municipal year. Most members preferred the remote meeting approach but also recognised the benefits of physical meetings. Therefore, the Chair has resolved that the first and last meetings of the municipal year will take place physically, in the Civic Hall, with all other meetings (including working group meetings) to be held remotely. Where a meeting requires a formal decision to be taken, in line with the Local Government Act 1972, a physical meeting will be held.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

8 There are no equality and diversity, or cohesion and integration implications as a result of this report.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

9 The Committee meeting will provide an opportunity for engagement on the content of the forward plan.

What are the resource implications?

10 There are no specific implications as a result of this report.

What are the legal implications?

11 There are no specific implications as a result of this report.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

12 There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

13 The content of the forward plan will support the work that the council needs to undertake to meet its targets as part of the Climate Emergency declaration.

Options, timescales and measuring success

a) What other options were considered?

14 Not applicable.

b) How will success be measured?

15 Not applicable.

c) What is the timetable for implementation?

16 Not applicable.

Appendices

17 Appendix 1 – Climate Emergency Advisory Committee 2022/23 Proposed Schedule

18 Appendix 2 - Climate Emergency Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Background papers

19 None.