



CLIMATE EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds on
Friday, 15th December, 2023
at 2.00 pm

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

B Anderson
J Bowden
P Carlill
E Carlisle
R Downes
K Dye (Chair)
M Foster
A Hannan
N Harrington
A McCluskey
O Newton
M Rafique
M Shahzad
E Thomson
J Tudor

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| 1 | | | <p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Head of Governance Services at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p> | |
| 2 | | | <p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report. 2) To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information. 3) If so, to formally pass the following resolution:- <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p> | |

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| 3 | | | <p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p> | |
| 4 | | | <p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.</p> | |
| 5 | | | <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting.</p> | |
| 6 | | | <p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2023 as a correct record.</p> | 5 - 14 |
| 7 | | | <p>CLIMATE EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>To consider the report of the Chief Officer (Climate, Energy and Green Spaces) presenting the annual update on the work of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee and its working groups.</p> | 15 - 30 |
| 8 | | | <p>COMMUNITY CLIMATE GRANTS UPDATE</p> <p>To consider the report of the Chief Officer (Climate, Energy and Green Spaces) providing an update on the progress of the community climate grants fund, which is a West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) funded project providing funding of up to £50,000 for community projects that reduce carbon and have a positive impact on equalities and/or deprivation.</p> | 31 - 34 |

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| 9 | | | <p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>To note the date and time of the next meeting as Monday 22nd January 2024 at 10.00 am</p> | |

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Climate Emergency Advisory Committee

Monday, 27th November, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor K Dye in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, J Bowden,
P Carlill, E Carlisle, R Downes, M Foster,
A Hannan, N Harrington, A McCluskey,
M Rafique, M Shahzad, E Thomson and
J Tudor

- 13 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**
There were no appeals against the inspection of documents.
- 14 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**
The agenda contained no exempt information.
- 15 Late Items**
No late items of business were added to the agenda.
- 16 Declaration of Interests**
No declarations of interest were made.
- 17 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Newton and Polly Cook, Chief Officer, Climate, Energy and Green Spaces.
- 18 Minutes of Previous Meetings**
RESOLVED -
- a) That the minutes of the last formal meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee held on 6th June 2023 be approved.
 - b) That the meeting notes of the Consultative Meeting of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee held on 16th October 2023 be noted.
- 19 Open Forum**
No matters were raised under the Open Forum item.
- 20 Working Groups Update**
Communities & Business Engagement WG – Councillor Shahzad reported on discussions held with Emma Beverley, Leeds 2023, which focussed on the practical challenges faced in terms of keeping events sustainable, such as the use of generators, energy and Wi-Fi. Use of a temporary sustainable barn had been successful for an event on Woodhouse Moor and it would be re-used for future events. The availability of public transport was also identified as an issue and the WG felt that further discussions were needed on bespoke provision timed to support events in the city.

The WG had noted that Leeds City Council (LCC) had subscribed to Sustainable Arts in Leeds (SAIL) and Councillor Shahzad encouraged all arts organisations to join.

Food labelling to highlight the carbon impact of the food purchased was also discussed, noting that a trial would be implemented at the Temple Newsam House café with results to be analysed on completion.

Infrastructure, Planning & Building WG – Councillor Dye reported on discussions on the Home Upgrade Grant, where LCC had received funding to upgrade homes not currently connected to the gas network, and how to encourage uptake. Information would be provided to all Councillors on eligibility for the scheme in order to identify residents who may wish to participate.

Discussions also focussed on the Update to the Energy Act and the forward plan to identify future items of business.

It was noted that the 4 WG Chairs would meet in December to discuss the forward plan and Members were encouraged to feedback items of interest to The Committee Chair for inclusion.

Additionally, dates for the Economy & Finance and Biodiversity, Food & Waste WGs were being considered and invitations would be sent to all Councillors in due course.

RESOLVED – To note the updates provided.

21 Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) Update

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer Climate, Energy and Green Spaces, on the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) - a global non-profit that runs the world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states and regions.

Since 2021, Leeds had submitted a public disclosure to CDP detailing the city's annual emissions, as well as the city's projects, programmes, and policies relating to climate change. On 14th November, CDP confirmed that Leeds was one of 119 cities to receive an 'A grade' in 2023. The 2023 submission to CDP was attached an appendix to the report.

The Chair highlighted that CDP was a worldwide initiative and welcomed the news that Leeds had retained its status as an A Grade city. In noting the volume and detail in the report, the Chair expressed thanks to the officers who provided the submission to CDP as it provided a superb summary of a huge amount of work taking place in Leeds.

The Committee noted that the full feedback from CDP would follow in due course which will report on those areas where improvements may be needed.

The Executive Member for Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Spaces commended the work of the CEGS team in compiling the submission, noting that the submission drew information across all council services. He reported that Leeds was one of the few councils to attain the A Grade two years in a row and was also reported to be the Council rated most likely to achieve net zero.

The Committee discussed the following comments:

- The cost of CDP.
- Benefits of having CDP and the weight it gives to Leeds' climate change work.
- Breakdown of CDP A grade cities throughout the world/mapping of their locations and having sight of the reports on other A grade cities to use as comparisons to show the measures they had implemented which may be of interest to Leeds.
- That the full CDP feedback report be brought to a future meeting and considered as a tool to determine the next steps to take and to inform where LCC makes investments/how funding can be drawn down to target hard to reach communities.

(Cllr Carlisle joined the meeting at this point)

RESOLVED - To welcome the recognition of Leeds as one of 119 cities across the globe awarded an 'A grade' by international authority the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), for the second consecutive year.

(Councillor Rafique withdrew from the meeting for a short while at this point)

22 Director's Update - City Development

The Director of City Development, Martin Farrington, provided an update to the Committee on the work of the Department. The accompanying presentation focussed on the following key matters:

Economic Development.

- Climate Change was embedded at the heart of the Inclusive Growth Strategy (launched in September 2023) and the city's Innovation Vision to 'Stimulate innovation which drives and delivers measurable impact towards a healthier, greener and inclusive future for Leeds and the world'.
- The Destination Marketing and International Relations plan (approved by Executive Board in October 2022) sets out how the city will drive sustainable tourism.
- The Future Talent Plan focussed on developing green skills and providing pathways into green jobs along with upskilling/re-skilling the existing workforce to enter the burgeoning green job marketplace. It was reported that there were approximately 20,000 net zero jobs across 470 companies in Leeds.
- The update of the Leeds Local Plan will focus on net zero, renewable energy generation, flood management and green and blue infrastructure through work on the Flood Alleviation Scheme, District Heating Scheme, to deliver Net Zero Homes, Woodland Creation, delivery of Green Spaces and support for Electric vehicles.

Culture

- Sustainable Arts in Leeds (SAIL) is a not-for-profit member's network supporting more than 300 Cultural and Creative industries across Leeds to realise an ambition for a zero emissions/zero waste sector. Leeds Culture Trust works with SAIL as a core delivery partner for Leeds 2023 Sustainable Action Plan.
- LCC signed up to the "Eurocities – Lille Call to Action for low carbon and more inclusive culture" and is developing an action plan around climate and sustainability priorities.
- The Major Events Framework sets out the Council's commitment to ensure that all major events contribute towards the city's ambition to become net zero by 2030.

Planning and Sustainable Development

- The Local Plan Update will ensure that planning policies address the climate emergency, through focussing on net zero, renewable energy generation, flood management and green and blue infrastructure through work on the Flood Alleviation Scheme, District Heating Scheme, to deliver Net Zero Homes, Woodland Creation, delivery of Green Spaces and support for Electric vehicles.
- Consultation on an update of the separate Leeds Local Plan 2040 took place in 2023 and further consultation is anticipated in the summer of 2024 on detailed policies and development sites on housing, the spatial strategy, economic development, transport and connectivity.

Asset Management and Regeneration

- Aire Park is being brought forward to provide interconnected, biodiverse and climate resilient interlinked spaces.
- The "Our Spaces Strategy" adopted in March 2020 supports the delivery of all new greening proposals in the city and delivered key projects including the Playhouse Gardens and public spaces at the Corn Exchange and Cookridge Street.
- Housing Growth – 1900 new build proposals are being taken forward which include low carbon measures for the majority of the current council housing programme.
- The Sustainable Travel Gateway had created pedestrian priority outside the city station, cycle hub and segregated cycle lanes to promote an alternative to cars.
- The Directorate continued to work Estate Optimisation/Rationalisation to ensure full utilisation of the LCC estate or release surplus space.

The Chief Officer, Highways and Transportation, Gary Bartlett, provided a presentation on the work of the department in relation to the following:

- New governance arrangements to support the departmental response to the climate emergency through the establishment of a Climate Emergency Task Group to review and develop actions to deliver the pledge to "promote climate actions that also protect and restore nature and biodiversity". The Task Group

was supported by new initiatives to create Climate Champions and a Future Climate Leaders Group amongst staff.

- The Transport Strategy had been developed to tackle climate change, deliver inclusive growth and improve health & wellbeing and included targets to promote behavioural change.
- The Leeds Public Transport Infrastructure Programme had provided benefits in terms of improved public spaces, widened footways and enhanced cycle network. Better access to public transport and reduced road congestion had been achieved along with improved air quality and reduced carbon emissions. A consultation was due to be undertaken to assess residents views of “before and after” the implementation of the Programme.
- The Corporate Travel Plan will be refreshed and each Council department will be tasked with reviewing their own travel plan and how their staff travel around the city.

To conclude, the Director highlighted the work included within the Natural Flood Risk Management Scheme which was implemented in conjunction with the Environment Agency. The use of tree planting and soil management was critical to manage flood risk.

During the discussions the following matters were considered

- Connectivity between the bus and rails stations in the city centre and at the White Rose centre. The Committee noted that it was not practical to move the bus station nearer to City Station and the focus of the approach taken in the city was to improve the experience by creating better space for walking and cycling. It was confirmed that the White Rose station did have connectivity through to the bus station.
- Connectivity between the city centre and Leeds Bradford Airport via taxi and private hire and buses/trains.
- Information on “Planning for the Planet” and making space for community growing in developments would be provided to the Committee following the meeting.
- Feed Leeds would be addressed in the Local Plan and it was agreed that this would be raised with the team working on the Plan.
- The take-up of the use of Beryl Bikes would be considered at a Board meeting due to be held shortly and it was agreed that a report back would be provided to the Committee. It was noted that initial reactions to the scheme had been favourable. In response to a query regarding a development in Aireborough that had showed an interest in installing Beryl Bikes, it was agreed that officers would respond directly to the Member following enquiries.
- In response to comments that a cultural change was needed to encourage take-up of car sharing, it was noted that the Council previously had a car sharing space but the issue would be raised to determine whether the scheme still existed.
- The role for Community Committees in the development of transport options in their localities. It was noted that the “Leeds Streets For All” consultation had commenced seeking residents views on the highways and transportation

issues which impacted on them the most, and when funding became available, the findings would be addressed.

RESOLVED –

- a) To thank the Director and officers for their update and presentation
- b) To note the contents of the discussions and the measures being implemented by the City Development Directorate to tackle climate change.

23 Leeds Food Strategy

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer, Climate, Energy and Green Spaces which provided an oversight of the Leeds Food Strategy.

Andrew White, Climate, Energy & Green Spaces team and Sonja Woodcock, Zest and Food Wise Leeds provided a presentation, highlighting the following issues to the Committee:

- The background to the development of the current Leeds Food Strategy which was launched in July 2023, as a partnership of Food Wise Leeds and Leeds City Council (Public Health, Financial Inclusion, Climate, Energy & Green Spaces teams). The Strategy has three missions which align with the three pillars of the Leeds Best City Ambition:
 - Mission 1: To improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the city through eating well.
 - Mission 2: To ensure we can all access affordable, nutritious food as part of a diverse, inclusive, and vibrant food economy.
 - Mission 3: To ensure the way Leeds produces, consumes, and disposes of food is fit for the future and supports our climate action plan.
- Each mission has its own objectives which reflect the what the Council can undertake and the areas where the Council will work in partnership. Each objective will be implemented differently in response to different parts of the city.
- The Strategy includes 42 actions and overall progress on the actions will be reported to Executive Board in Spring 2024.

During discussions the following issues were identified as matters to explore:

- A review of the food offer in leisure and cultural sites, such as vending machines in leisure centres, to ensure healthy options were more readily available and promoted. It was noted that the Public Health team had undertaken work on vending machines on the LCC estate and that the snacks offered were under a specific calorie level. It was felt that the initial focus for the council needed to be on the food the Council served and procured, however the discussion had identified a further challenge to follow up with procurers.

(M Shahzad and A Hannan withdrew from the meeting at this point)

- Further work with schools and colleges which did not buy food from the Council to encourage a broad offer of food for students was available. Anecdotal evidence showed that if students did not find something they wanted to eat at school/college, they would be likely to buy food from fast food/high street on the way home.
- Having more space to grow in the city centre and further discussions on the city's land use strategy.
- Work with the farming community to ensure they followed good employment practices, noting that the Strategy reflected on the broader aim for sustainable good places to work with. It was also noted that the team were working to build good relationship with the National Farmers Union.

The Committee noted the reported difficulties in implementing community composting schemes due to an issue with Waste Transfer Licences which community composting should be exempt from. This issue needs to be resolved to enable the project to flourish. Members lent their support to the initiative in order to encourage administration of the exemption.

The Committee also supported the suggestion that the draft report measuring the success of the Food Strategy actions be discussed by the Committee's WG prior to being presented to the Executive Board in Spring 2024.

RESOLVED -

- a) To note the contents of the report, particularly the three overlapping themes of Health & Wellbeing, Food Security & Economy, and Sustainability & Resilience.
- b) To note the progress made to date, as well as the longer term ambitions for partnership, engagement and policy alignment so that the Leeds Food Strategy delivers for the city.
- c) To support the communication, delivery and development of the Strategy by members of CEAC and additionally, the Committee's support for community composting be included as a call for action in a future Leeds Food Strategy Newsletter.

24 Update on the work of the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission and Leeds Climate Commission

The Committee received a Briefing Report on the work of the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission and the Leeds Climate Commission. The paper provided context to discussions on priorities for integrated climate actions across the city and how the Commissions could effectively work with the Committee.

Rosa Foster, Co-Director, Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission and Amelia Duncan, Leeds Climate Commission Research Fellow, attended the meeting and provided a presentation which included the following matters:

- The first Climate Commission was established in 2017 in Leeds, recognising that the public/private and Third Sector needed to work in partnership to address climate change and had received funding to continue until 2030. 20 Climate Commissions (CC's) were now established nationwide.

- The Yorkshire & Humber CC (Y&H CC) was established in 2021 in response to regional flooding and was funded to continue to 2030. The Y&H CC aims to build a regional picture and evidence base and;
 - Mobilise existing capacity across all organisations to act on climate change,
 - Discuss the issues and develop a collective approach and response to national policy,
 - Focus on communities and engagement,
 - Establish a Public Affairs Group in 2024,
 - Review and analyse progress regularly.

- Referencing the Update from the Director of City Development (minute 22 above) it was reported that the Yorkshire Leaders Board had recently approved 8 planning principles which could be shared with the Committee following the meeting.

- The Leeds CC had undertaken a strategic review and refresh of its principles including specific pieces of work to independently evaluate progress on climate action in the city – to identify what has been successful, and what the city has struggled to achieve.

- The next steps for the Leeds CC were outlined as:
 - To convene, learn from the review and to facilitate the future approach,
 - To act as a catalyst and driver for change and collaboration
 - To publish the plans for next steps and appoint new commissioners in 2024.

During discussions, the following matters were considered:

- Recognition that not all residents used digital or social media outlets and some communities interested and active in climate change would not access the data to be published through Common Place. It was noted that the establishment of the Public Affairs Group would consider how to reach those communities. The roles of local networks such as schools and Neighbourhood Networks were highlighted as useful contacts.

- The importance of social/cultural work to build enthusiasm for climate change work. A suggestion was made that the Y&H CC could undertake an experimental campaign or mapping exercise on what is available in communities and to find ways to reach key people embedded in communities to highlight the offer. The Committee was requested to consider the suggestion and provide information for the Y&H CC to consider.

- The importance of encouraging people to act confidently to tackle climate change. It was noted that young people can feel hopeless in the face of the enormity of the issue, but there was resilience and knowledge in communities to drive the change needed. The key was being able to tackle feelings of disenfranchisement and it was important to ensure positive messages and results were communicated to show how every small action can make a positive change, as much as the big strategy ideas.

- The work of the Climate Action Leeds groups was highlighted, such as the Seacroft group, and an invitation to attend local group meetings was accepted.
- Recognition that being part of the CC regional programme would be beneficial in terms of sharing best practice with partners; accessing other small networks and connecting with stakeholders; being able to link small local projects to the University resources and amplifying voices being able to respond to and lobby for national policy.

In conclusion, the Committee welcomed the offer for the Climate Commission representatives to report back to the Committee and/or its Working Groups in the future.

RESOLVED -

- a) To thank the attendees for their presentation
- b) To note the contents of the Briefing Report and views shared during discussions.

25 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Friday 15th December 2023 at 2.00 pm.

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Climate Emergency Advisory Committee Annual Report

Date: 15 December 2023

Report of: Chief Officer Climate, Energy and Green Spaces

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

Brief summary

The Climate Emergency Advisory Committee (CEAC) was introduced following the declaration of the Climate Emergency in March 2019. It is a cross party advisory Committee authorised to consider and make recommendations regarding climate change and sustainability.

An annual report is provided to Full Council on the work of CEAC, which the CEAC Main Committee review prior to the Council meeting.

Recommendations

- a) To note the contents of the report and the work of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee throughout the 2022/23 and 2023/24 (to date) municipal year

What is this report about?

1. This report provides an annual update on the work of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee and its working groups. The last report was published in January 2023. This report does **not** provide an update on all climate work undertaken by the council – this will be covered in the annual report that is taken to Executive Board in September 2024

What impact will this proposal have?

- 1 There is no direct impact from this, however it highlights the continued work undertaken by CEAC in their role supporting the net zero ambition

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth
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Zero Carbon

- 2 CEAC supports the council's net zero ambition as a cross party advisory committee authorised to consider and make recommendations regarding climate change and sustainability

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

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| Wards affected: |
| Have ward members been consulted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

- 3 Not applicable

What are the resource implications?

- 4 There are no direct resource implications as a result of this report.

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

- 5 There are no specific risk management implications as a result of this report.

What are the legal implications?

- 6 There are no direct legal implications as a result of this report.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 7 Not applicable

How will success be measured?

- 8 Not applicable

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

- 9 Not applicable

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Climate Emergency Advisory Committee Annual Report to Full Council
- Appendix 2 – CEAC Main Committee – Open Forum submissions

Background papers

None

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Summary:

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- This report provides an annual update on the work of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee and its working groups. The last report was published in January 2023. This report does **not** provide an update on all climate work undertaken by the council – this will be covered in the annual report that is taken to Executive Board in September 2024
- The main Committee has continued to host open forum, allowing members of the public to present on issues that they wish the Committee to consider either in person, via video link, via pre-recorded video, or submitted text. This is considered an important aspect as it provides an opportunity for public engagement.
- Climate Adaptation is integrated throughout the work of CEAC, with speakers at each main Committee meeting providing information as to how it is featuring amongst their work.
- The development of a forward plan at the start of each municipal cycle allows opportunity to curate the agendas to ensure all areas of climate related work are covered and those with the expertise on subjects can be invited at the earliest opportunity.
- The key themes that have been explored by the Committee since the previous report updating on the Committee's work are:
 - The development of **policy** related to the city's climate emergency response, e.g. Mass Transit, Leeds Food Strategy, Corporate Travel Plan, Inclusive Growth Strategy.

- The implementation and **delivery** of programmes or initiatives related to the city's climate emergency response, e.g. Flood Risk Management, Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS), Woodland Creation.
 - How residents and stakeholders are being **engaged** to shape and accelerate the city's climate emergency response, e.g. communications, Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission (YHCC), Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
- Climate Emergency Advisory Committee working groups allow elected members to explore issues in more depth, often hearing from external speakers as well as officers from across the council. The working groups provide a number of key benefits:
 - Supporting members to be well briefed on climate related areas, improving climate understanding and enabling them to engage in climate-related discussions in a more meaningful way with stakeholders including residents;
 - Providing a forum for 'check and challenge' of progress against a number of key themes as well as supporting the development of policy;
 - Developing cross-party national asks on key climate related issues;
 - Input collectively into local and national consultation responses
- All four Committee working groups have continued unchanged since last year, with the headings remaining as:
 - Food, Biodiversity and Waste working group
 - Infrastructure, Energy and Buildings working group
 - Community and Business Engagement working group
 - Economy and Finance working group
- While the CEAC Main Committee is designed to receive and comment on updates on work that has taken place in addressing climate change, the working groups are designed for constructive feedback on policies and plans still under development.

1. CEAC Main Committee

- 1.1.1 Now in its fifth year of operation, the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee has maintained a hybrid structure, with meetings taking place both virtually and in person. This allows for improved accessibility as well as the reduction of carbon emissions associated with the travel of members and guest speakers. The meeting continues to be broadcast via YouTube, allowing opportunity for the community to access the meeting, both live and to the recording at a later date.
- 1.1.2 As mentioned earlier in the report, members of the public continue to be invited to speak at Open Forum. Those who have spoken in this municipal year are listed within Appendix 2, alongside the responses they have received.
- 1.1.3 In some instances, Open Forum has resulted in further research being undertaken to ensure the committee can reach a well-informed position and advocate for changes to national policy, if appropriate. Open Forum has also allowed a diverse range of views on climate action to be heard, including from residents who wish to raise their disagreements with current national and local policy on climate action. Open Forum therefore provides an important democratic function and enables the committee to

consider the full spectrum of local views when making its recommendations and engaging with the people making or delivering climate policy locally.

- 1.1.4 Over the course of 2023, the main Committee has met a total of seven times.
- 1.1.5 As per the previous year, each of the council's directors received an invitation to attend a main Committee meeting on a rolling basis to provide an overview of how their directorate is supporting the city's response to the climate emergency. This ensures that the Committee has insight into a wide spectrum of work and will help identify areas to explore in more depth as part of next year's work programme. This provides opportunity for the Committee to feedback into key strategies and workstreams that departments are undertaking and provides an opportunity to challenge officers in the work that they are delivering.
- 1.1.6 In November 2023, Leeds City Council was awarded an 'A' grade for the second consecutive year and recognised as one of 119 city authorities across the world leading the way on climate action in a new list published by renowned international authority, the Carbon Disclosure Project.
- 1.1.7 To retain this grading highlights the cross-cutting work being done throughout the council in achieving net zero and ensure that the city continues to lead on climate action in future years. The Committee intends to use the feedback to identify further opportunities of development and areas of focus for the Committee's agenda in the year ahead and asked that the CDP feedback report be brought to a future working group for discussion.
- 1.1.8 A summary of the key themes that were discussed at the main Committee this year is included below.
- 1.2 The development of policy related to the city's climate emergency response
 - 1.2.1 **Mass Transit** was the first topic of the calendar year to be addressed at the main Committee.
 - 1.2.2 Officers spoke about the West Yorkshire Mass Transit programme proposals, as well as updating members on the Council's response to the statutory consultation of the West Yorkshire Mass Transit Vision 2040.
 - 1.2.3 Proposals that were presented highlighted alternative methods of transportation to a car and how environmental responsibility will be integrated into the work through the consideration of biodiversity, use of the natural landscape and place making.
 - 1.2.4 Key areas of discussion focused on how route planning is key to future developments and the importance of the balance between prioritising areas with low car ownership and areas with high car ownership and congestion.
 - 1.2.5 It was agreed that creating attractive alternatives to using the car is key to unlocking opportunities around the city, with many alluding to the fact radial public transport is important to assist the behaviour change to car use and will help to progress the net zero ambition and reducing carbon emissions.

- 1.2.6 Linking into this, the **Corporate Travel Plan** was a key item of interest discussed by members. In addressing movement around the city, and the number of employees Leeds City Council has, it was identified as a key area of development in the work needing to be done to reduce carbon emissions.
- 1.2.7 More in-depth data and statistical research would provide evidence-based reasoning behind the current behaviour change and what is needed to naturally create the modal shift. The right approach and engagement were identified as a key element when developing this work.
- 1.2.8 The Committee noted the barriers within implementing a Corporate Travel Plan and understood that consideration would have to be taken in relation to office locations of employees, the type of work they undertake and the home location of employees.
- 1.2.9 Following the discussion, the Committee agreed that the chair would ask each director to report on their directorate's implementation of the Corporate Travel Plan with the aim of reducing emissions.
- 1.2.10 Having been approved by Executive Board in March 2023, in November an update was brought to the main Committee on the development of the **Leeds Food Strategy**.
- 1.2.11 An extensive action plan has been developed under each of the three missions during this time, with workshops and working groups held to prioritise the first areas of development.
- 1.2.12 The Leeds Food Strategy is a strong example of the partnership work needed to implement the work throughout the city. The involvement of multiple internal departments as well as third sector representatives provides the vital links throughout the communities of Leeds.
- 1.2.13 Members were supportive of the work brought forward to date and echoed the vast workload involved in the ongoing development of the strategy while it is embedded into the city.
- 1.2.14 The Committee noted the reported difficulties in implementing community composting schemes and Members lent their support to the initiative in order to encourage the roll out of community composting across the city.
- 1.2.15 Members also supported the suggestion that the draft report measuring the success of the Food Strategy actions be discussed by the Committee's Food, Biodiversity and Waste working group prior to being presented to the Executive Board in March 2024.
- 1.2.16 The updated **Inclusive Growth Strategy** had recently been updated to reflect the changed economic, political, social and environmental context whilst maintaining a focus on economic growth that benefits everybody within the city.

- 1.2.17 Senior officers were joined by key external partners for the meeting, providing a breadth of information and examples of the work being undertaken throughout the city's digital sector, in reducing carbon emissions.
- 1.2.18 The Committee and speakers noted that developing green skills within West Yorkshire is key to achieving net zero and it is important for businesses to engage with educational establishments to share these opportunities and raise awareness of the green jobs market.
- 1.2.19 The Committee noted the work that had been undertaken to date and requested that within the Social Progress Index a forward programme of future indicators regarding climate change to be designed, when resources permit.
- 1.2.20 Later in the year, the **Net Zero Homes Plan** was welcomed by the main Committee. Members noted the work that had been undertaken by officers to consider how improvement schemes and support can be communicated to residents.
- 1.2.21 The Committee noted that residents require reassurance and access to accurate information, which the Net Zero Homes Plan provided.
- 1.2.22 Work has been done to circulate the wider benefits to residents, such as those of a financial nature, when improving their home efficiency. Understanding the different co-benefits of home retrofit that may appeal to residents has underpinned tailored communications.
- 1.3 The implementation and delivery of programmes or initiatives related to the city's climate emergency response
- 1.3.1 Colleagues from Climate, Energy and Green Spaces attended meetings throughout the year to update the Committee on the substantial work being done to decarbonise infrastructure throughout the city and to explain the support being delivered to residents to make their home more efficient; helping the net zero ambition for the city and their own wellbeing.
- 1.3.2 Highlights were shared of the carbon emissions reductions that had been made to date through the different Public Sector Decarbonisation Schemes and the different types of buildings that had been supported to date including leisure centres, schools and heritage buildings.
- 1.3.3 With extensive information provided on the background to the public decarbonisation work, challenges were highlighted which provided an insight into the barriers and bottlenecks the team face in project delivery.
- 1.3.4 The limited time frame in which to obtain and then use grant funding was used as an example of an additional strain to stretched delivery capacity. Another example, not exclusive to just this area of work, was how external impacts, such as utility company capacity, can also delay projects.

- 1.3.5 Members were pleased to see the volume of work achieved so far and a discussion was had as to what could be done to share the good work and encourage eligible buildings in their wards to enquire about how they can decarbonise their property.
- 1.3.6 The Committee welcomed an update on **Flood Risk Management** in July. Senior officers provided an update on the implementation of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, particularly over the last 12 months, as well as future measures proposed for the coming years.
- 1.3.7 Members noted that two key topic areas would be taken to their relevant working groups. The Infrastructure, Planning and Buildings working group would explore surface water incentives further and the Community and Business Engagement working group would consider the current monitoring indicators and improving engagement within the community.
- 1.3.8 Supporting the net zero ambition is the work being done through **Woodland Creation** which has presented, similar to other areas, celebrations and challenges while understanding the needs of the community.
- 1.3.9 The development of woodland and tree planting initiatives has to integrate with other strategies, one of those highlighted by colleagues is linking into the ongoing work within our green spaces to make them places people can safely enjoy. For example, trees provide shading within green spaces during increased temperatures, contributing towards the adaptation work needed within the city.
- 1.3.10 Following the discussion, Committee members agreed to support the tree planting scheme and to engage with ward members and residents to seek sites.
- 1.4 How residents and stakeholders are being engaged to shape and accelerate the city's climate emergency response
- 1.4.1 Although presented as a standalone item at one of the earlier Committee meetings, it has been evident throughout the course of the year that communications and engagement has featured in most meetings and within the working groups.
- 1.4.2 With the limited resource available within the Climate, Energy and Green Spaces team, it was agreed that the work to achieve the Council's net zero ambition has to be a collaborative effort throughout the departments within the Council and as a wider city.
- 1.4.3 At the meeting in March, Committee members recommended that climate literacy training be delivered across the council including to elected members. Due to the current financial challenge the council is facing, it has been noted that additional work needs to be done to identify the resource for this.
- 1.4.4 The Committee noted that a lot of good work is being done to support climate adaptation and feedback from the Committee was that the public's awareness of this

work could be improved – if they were, this could open more opportunities for engagement.

- 1.4.5 Members were particularly keen to understand how community engagement could be developed further and were eager to stress the importance of engaging with residents, particularly those participating in home improvement schemes. This would ensure residents understood the reason for their home alterations, the benefits to them and lessen the risk of engaging with fraudulent contractors and companies.
- 1.4.6 It was welcomed that methods of communications and engagement include virtual and in-person consultations, as the mutual agreement by the Committee is not everybody has the same level of accessibility to resources.
- 1.4.7 The attendance of the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission and Leeds Climate Commission later in the year highlighted the key partnership work that Leeds is involved in and the importance of utilising partnerships throughout the region.
- 1.4.8 Discussions were had as to how consistent communications and engagement needs to remain at the heart of the work being done by the council to reach the net zero ambition.
- 1.4.9 The Committee made recommendations to the representatives from the commissions about future priorities that the commissions could focus on and invited them to a future CEAC meeting.

2. CEAC Working Groups

- 2.1.1 Climate Emergency Advisory Committee working groups provide an additional opportunity for elected members to explore issues in more depth, often hearing from external speakers as well as officers from across the council.
- 2.1.2 While the CEAC Main Committee is designed to receive and comment on updates on work that has taken place in addressing climate change, the working groups are designed for constructive feedback on developing policies and plans still under development.
- 2.1.3 The working groups also allow opportunity for discussions and input on regional and national consultations.
- 2.1.4 Each working group's activities and key outputs are summarised below:

2.2 Food, Biodiversity and Waste working group

- 2.2.1 The first Food, Biodiversity and Waste working group of the calendar year was focused on the outcome of the Leeds Food Strategy consultation, prior to the Executive Board meeting. Members were provided opportunity to feedback on the results and better understand, and provide suggestions on, the concerns that had been raised by residents, businesses, local charities and other stakeholders.

- 2.2.2 Continuing with the Food Strategy theme, the next meeting of the working group focused on community growing; identified as one of the objectives within the 'Sustainability and Resilience' mission of the strategy.
- 2.2.3 An in-depth discussion was had to understand the barriers faced within community growing, the different opportunities available and what authority Leeds City Council had in resolving any challenges.
- 2.2.4 Incredible Edible was one example of a partnership operational within communities, having attended a main Committee meeting earlier in the year to highlight their challenges in expanding throughout the city.
- 2.2.5 Suggestions from members focused on community-led initiatives, changes to existing policies within the Council and utilising existing community networks. It was agreed that these areas would be explored in further detail by officers and prioritised accordingly as part of the available resources and timescales required.

2.3 Economy and Finance working group

- 2.3.1 The first Economy and Finance working group of the year received a detailed update from colleagues within the Procurement team which shared the work being done within procurement, alongside structure changes, to reduce carbon emissions.
- 2.3.2 Procurement is an area of priority when addressing net zero, especially emissions which occur indirectly from within supply chains and not as a result of the immediate activity by the council; known as scope 3 emissions.
- 2.3.3 It was a conversation welcomed by the working group members, who provided suggestions to colleagues within Procurement on how emissions can be reduced in a shorter timescale. An example of one of these suggestions made was in relation to increasing the social value percentage within contracts. Members of the working group noted that they would like Procurement to return to the working group during the next municipal year to further support their work reducing emissions within their work.
- 2.3.4 Green Finance (later renamed) was another subject matter brought to the working group throughout the year. Conversations were had amongst members as to how, in reality, this could benefit communities and how impactful this would be in relation to net zero. It was agreed that alternative channels would be identified to better support the kind of investment required.

2.4 Planning, Buildings & Energy working group

- 2.4.1 The Planning, Buildings and Energy working group started the year with the Net Zero Homes Plan (which, as seen earlier in the report has since been developed further) and the latest government support schemes – providing opportunity for members to feedback on the material needed to communicate this at ease with their communities.
- 2.4.2 It was important given the scale of the consultation that the Local Plan Update was a part of the working group once initial consultation results had been evaluated. This

provided a strong indication of the challenges that may present themselves at a later stage of the consultations. Feedback and suggestions were welcomed by officers who committed to returning to the working group throughout the consultation progress.

2.4.3 The Home Improvement Grant (HUG) Scheme was the substantive item at the following working group, brought to members for a briefing, but also for honest feedback, again, ahead of the official introduction. Members provided their insight and understanding to help improve the relevance and relatability of public documentation and communications relating to this work.

2.5 Community and Business Engagement working group

2.5.1 Supporting SME's and communities with accessibility to grants and overcoming barriers has played a key role throughout discussions at the Community and Business Engagement Working Group this year.

2.5.2 External guest speakers from West Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce and Greenwood provided valuable insight into the different challenges and opportunities facing public sector and private sector organisations in working towards net zero.

2.5.3 Members were keen to understand how they could support businesses in obtaining access to funding to make improvements that reduce emissions, however differing policies and conditions of grants often become barriers to some smaller enterprises. A preview of the Business Sustainability Scheme from West Yorkshire Combined Authority was seen as a positive opportunity for many SMEs. Members agreed to help promote this programme and encourage sign up for this.

2.5.4 Leeds 2023 has been a large presence in the city during the last 12 months. With a strong focus on sustainability throughout the year's events, the working group, were keen to understand how the legacy of the events would see sustainability improvements implemented throughout the city; identifying how this can be implanted at future events and sharing best practice with others who run public events.

2.5.5 Engaging with children is often highlighted as a important consideration when communicating climate conversations with communities. The working group heard from officers representing Child Friendly Leeds, while they were refreshing their "12 Wishes" in celebration of their tenth year, and their proposals to have a wish (informed by young people) directly linking to climate and net zero.

2.5.6 Members were supportive of this idea and discussions have continued on a regular basis to understand what additional actions can be taken, including promoting climate friendly activities and opportunities for young people via stalls at events.

3. Conclusion

3.1.1 This year's Climate Emergency Advisory Committee has considered a wide range of issues at the main Committee meetings, referring many issues to its working groups for further examination.

- 3.1.2 The working groups have also evolved to better reflect the key topics that the Committee wanted to explore. CEAC will continue to play a key role in ensuring that the net zero ambition is embedded across the council and will make recommendations for effective action.
- 3.1.3 The Committee has seen that the Council is making significant progress, with the powers and resources available to it, to reduce the city's impact on the environment through its policies and delivery programmes.
- 3.1.4 The Committee recognises that much of the Council's work in this area is objectively ambitious and considered best practice among the local government sector. It notes the 'A Grade' recognition by the CDP that the council has been awarded.
- 3.1.5 The Committee will continue to play an important role to check, challenge, and support the relevant work of different council departments as appropriate to help ensure that the council is leading by example and making progress as fast as practical, with reasonable community and stakeholder engagement and support.
- 3.1.6 The Committee notes that the capacity and capability of the local authority and wider city to deliver faster progress in reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change is currently constrained by factors beyond the local authority's control. The Committee has, and will continue to, engage with national policymakers and others to advocate for the changes that would enable Leeds council, communities, and businesses to accelerate action on climate change.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 To note the contents of the report and the work of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee throughout the 2022/23 and 2023/24 (to date) municipal year

Appendix 2 – CEAC Main Committee - Open Forum submissions

| Open Forum Submission Date | Submission Received From | Key Issues Raised | Council Response |
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| 28 th November 2022 | No open forum submissions were received | N/A | N/A |
| 12 th December 2022 | No open forum – special meeting | N/A | N/A |
| 18 th January 2023 | Plastic Free Fields | The group's submission was regarding the installation of plastic sports grounds on natural spaces in Leeds. The submission explained the impact that black crumb can have on both animals and humans. | <p>The Committee agreed to raise concerns about the issue of black crumb surfacing with Sports England.</p> <p>The Chair communicated the response from Sports England once received to the original contributor and CEAC.</p> <p>Following further correspondence, relevant officers supported the Chair with additional research and a response regarding further concerns of black crumb surfacing.</p> |
| | Stephen Roe | The lack of environmental consideration given to planning decisions in a recent development within their local area, and the need for local needs to be met to reduce car emissions. | <p>As the next meeting of the Infrastructure, Planning and Buildings working group was due to discuss the Local Plan Update, the Committee agreed to discuss this issue in greater depth there.</p> <p>At the working group in March, it was identified that the concern raised by Stephen was relevant to the Local Plan Update and the Chair contacted Stephen following this meeting to encourage feedback through the active consultation.</p> |
| 20 th March 2023 | The Commitment | William Eccles and Lilla Toth made a representation to the Committee concerning their organisation's objectives and purpose, which included individuals pledging to only vote for candidates | The Committee requested that The Commitment share its report containing their full recommendations, and for an update to be provided in due course as the number of pledges made by Leeds residents increased. |

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| | | who prioritise addressing the climate emergency. | |
| | Guiseley Primary School | The Committee received a video presentation with pupils from Guiseley Primary School requesting wildflower seeds. | The Committee noted that Ward Members can use money from MICE (Members Improvements in the Community and the Environment) for such matters and that individual Members were encouraged to liaise directly with primary schools in their ward areas in relation to the provision of wildflower seeds. |
| 6 th June 2023 | Suzanne Harbourne | Suzanne requested information on the evidence base used within Leeds City Council and other statutory organisations regarding climate change mitigation and adaptation, and how this is balanced with economic growth and personal liberty. | The required information was sent to Suzanne from the Chair, including the evidence for the climate emergency declaration and the work underway to address this throughout the council. <i>Please see below for additional action.</i> |
| | Trudie Canavan | Trudie discussed different climate change statistics and policies, and requested further information on how Leeds City Council intends to improve its public consultations. | The Chair responded to Trudie providing an update on the current policies within Leeds City Council and invited Trudie to meet with officers to identify improvements to public consultations. Both Trudie and Suzanne met with the chair and officers at a later stage to discuss the current climate policies and the areas Leeds City Council have influence over, and those which Government have influence over. Feedback was received from both Trudie and Suzanne on public consultations and the Chair confirmed at the November 2023 Main Committee meeting that they would write to every senior officer in the Best Council Leadership Team to let them |

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| | | | know about this conversation, remind them of the important democratic function of consultation and engagement. |
| | Kate Hutchinson | Kate sent a video presentation regarding Yorkshire Sustainability Week, which took place 3rd – 7th July 2023 and focused on balancing growth and sustainability within the entrepreneurial space. | No further action required. |
| 5 th July 2023 | Dan Robinson – Incredible Edible | <p>Dan Robinson provided the Committee with an overview of the work of Incredible Edible (IE), a food growing project which aims to connect communities through food. Discussions with Members focussed on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barriers to establishing a group • Locations • Local Parish Councils • Finance | <p>The Committee noted the contents of the presentation and agreed that the presentation slides and contact details be provided to Members and the Executive Manager, Flood Risk & Climate Resilience, to support future discussions.</p> <p>Members also noted that this issue had previously been discussed by the Food & Biodiversity Working Group and would be progressed through the Food Strategy where appropriate.</p> |
| 18 th September 2023 | John Illingworth | Mr John Illingworth provided the Committee with an overview of areas of concern which he felt hindered the city's | Officers from within the Council's Climate, Energy and Green Spaces Team provided a response focusing on the technical asks of John's submission, highlighting the progress Leeds is making towards net zero |

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| | | zero carbon ambition within Zero Carbon energy Markets | |
| 16 th October 2023 | Denise Gaines Marsden | Rooftop Gardens, increasing biodiversity throughout the city through developing rooftops and creating a path for insects. | The Chair responded to Denise confirming that relevant teams and officers would explore opportunities available to do this and what challenges arise currently in doing this. An update will be provided in due course following this work. |
| | Phil Gees | Hydro-electricity; how can this be implemented in Leeds through working with neighbouring regions | The Chair responded to Phil confirming that officers are looking into the points raised within the submission, including specific sections of water. An update will be provided by the Chair in due course. |

Community Climate Grants Update

Date: 15 December 2023

Report of: Chief Officer Climate, Energy and Green Spaces

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

Brief summary

This report provides an update on the progress of the community climate grants fund, which is a WYCA funded project providing funding of up to £50,000 for community projects that reduce carbon and have a positive impact on equalities and/or deprivation.

The first bidding window closed in early November with 29 bids received. This report provides details of the value of bids, the areas of the city projects will benefit, and the broad project categories they will deliver.

A further sum worth approximately up to £100,000 for Leeds is to be made available by WYCA for a second round of funding. This report suggests a range of options for distributing funding differently in a second funding round and encourages the views of the committee on these options.

Recommendations

- a) To note the update on community climate grants and provide views on the process for distributing additional funding made available for a second funding wave.

What is this report about?

- 1 Community Climate Grants is a WYCA funded initiative to provide funding to projects in local communities across West Yorkshire that reduce carbon and have a positive impact on deprivation and/or inequality.
- 2 Each authority in West Yorkshire was provided with an allocation to distribute to projects in their area. The total value of this funding is £2 million across West Yorkshire. The value in Leeds is £604,000, with £544,000 to be awarded as project grants.
- 3 Community groups were invited to bid for funding worth between £5,000 and £50,000. All projects must demonstrate they will lead to a reduction in carbon emissions and have a positive impact on deprivation and/or inequality. Projects must fall into at least one of four low carbon priority areas:
 - a) Green and climate ready nature solutions
 - b) Healthy affordable and efficient buildings
 - c) Local, clean and renewable energy
 - d) Walking, cycling and public transport
- 4 The scheme launched in Leeds in early September, with an initial application window to 3rd November.

Details of bids received

- 5 Bidding closed on 3rd November. At time of writing this report, evaluation of bids is ongoing and will be complete by mid-December. We can therefore only share aggregate details on the submitted bids.
- 6 We received 29 bids in total within the deadline, with a total value of £869,113 - approximately £325,000 more than the funding available. The value of bids is clustered more around the higher end - we received ten worth £40k-£50k. The remaining bids had a fairly even spread along the value scale.

| | £5k-£10k | £10k - £20k | £20k - 30k | £30k - £40k | £40k - £50k | Total value of all bids |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bids received | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 10 | |
| Total value | £43,276.00 | £102,957.62 | £95,702.00 | £145,700.00 | £481,478.00 | £869,113.62 |
| % of all bids value | 4.98% | 11.85% | 11.01% | 16.76% | 55.40% | |

- 7 There was a fairly even spread among the four low carbon priority areas except for walking, cycling and public transport in which we only received two bids.

| | Local clean and flexible energy solutions | Healthy, affordable and efficient buildings | Walking, cycling and public transport | Green and climate ready nature solutions |
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| Bids received | 8 | 8 | 2 | 11 |
| % of total | 27.59% | 27.59% | 6.90% | 37.93% |

- 8 A summary of bidders' stated beneficiary postcode areas is shown below. The table only shows the top ten postcode areas provided; bidders could provide multiple areas which is why the number of bids benefitting each area is more than the total number of bids.

| Leeds Postcodes | Total bids benefitting each area | Percentage |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| LS14 | 10 | 11% |
| LS10 | 8 | 8% |
| LS9 | 7 | 7% |
| LS11 | 6 | 6% |
| LS15 | 5 | 5% |
| LS17 | 5 | 5% |
| LS8 | 5 | 5% |
| LS13 | 4 | 4% |
| LS21 | 4 | 4% |
| LS5 | 4 | 4% |

Additional funding

- 9 We are anticipating that further funding of c£100,000 will be available to the council for a second wave of funding, on top of any funding not allocated in wave 1. This in part consists of Leeds's share of approximately £150,000 top-up funding that was retained from the first funding wave by WYCA, with the intention to decide how it should be distributed at a later date. It was recently agreed that this would be distributed proportionally to each constituent authority along the same lines as the initial funding pot. Leeds's share of this will be approximately £50,000
- 10 WYCA are also bidding for further funding from the National Lottery. This is likely to be worth a further £150,000 across West Yorkshire. Leeds would be entitled to approximately a third of this funding in total based on allocation by population, meaning we would expect to receive £50,000 of this additional funding.
- 11 We would welcome views on options for amending the bidding process to distribute this additional funding. Potential options include:
- a) Run an open bidding process along the lines of wave 1
 - b) Focus on postcode areas underrepresented in the first wave of funding
 - c) Focus on project types underrepresented in the first wave of funding
 - d) Focus on lower value projects due to the lower amount of funding available
- 12 We are looking to launch a second wave of funding as soon as possible once funding allocations for wave 1 have been decided.

What impact will this proposal have?

13 The Community Climate Grants Scheme directly funds projects across that reduce carbon emissions and have a positive impact on deprivation and/or inequality.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

14 Community Climate Grants will fund projects in Leeds communities that directly reduce carbon and that in many cases will have a positive impact on health and wellbeing such as warmer buildings, improved greenspaces and community food growing.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

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| Wards affected: |
| Have ward members been consulted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

15 Not applicable

What are the resource implications?

16 There are no direct resource implications as a result of this report.

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

17 There are no specific risk management implications as a result of this report.

What are the legal implications?

18 There are no direct legal implications as a result of this report.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

19 Not applicable

How will success be measured?

20 Not applicable

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

21 Not applicable

Appendices

- None

Background papers

None