

Draft Climate Emergency Report

Date: 2 March 2023

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing & Communities)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

In 2019 the council declared a climate emergency with a target of achieving net zero emissions for the city by 2030.

The appended report provides the annual update against this target at both a council and city level. It also updates and reflects on wider changes relevant to the city's decarbonisation that have happened both regionally and nationally.

The Scrutiny Board is asked to note and comment upon the report ahead of it being considered by the Executive Board on 15 March 2023.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- a) note and comment upon this report ahead of it being considered by the Executive Board on 15 March 2023.
- b) identify any future areas of work the Board may wish to recommend for consideration by the successor scrutiny board.

What is this report about?

- 1 This report is the annual review of the work undertaken in response to the declaration of a Climate Emergency in March 2019.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 The appended report sets out ongoing and future activity, and the associated impact of that work.

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

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 3 Responding to climate change is central to the overall vision for the future of Leeds as set out in the Best City Ambition. Although the appended reports primarily focus on the council's approach to the climate emergency, much of the work undertaken provides multiple benefits relating to all three of the Council's key pillars. Further information is set out in the appended report.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 4 Consultation and engagement activity is set out in the appended reports.

What are the resource implications?

- 5 Resource implications of ongoing activity are set out in the appended reports.

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

- 6 The ways in which key risks are being managed is set out in the appended reports.

What are the legal implications?

- 7 Legal implications of ongoing activity are set out in the appended reports.

Appendices

- Appendix A: Executive Board report on Climate Emergency and its associated appendices

Background papers

- None