



## CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Meeting to be held remotely\* on 17 January 2022  
at 10.00am

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### MEMBERSHIP

Councillors  
B Anderson  
N Buckley  
P Carlill  
M Dobson  
Finnigan  
E Flint  
A Forsaith  
A Garthwaite  
C Hart-Brooke  
H Hayden  
J Illingworth  
M Shahzad  
P Wadsworth  
N Walshaw (Chair)  
P Wray

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# A G E N D A

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1			<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
2			<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>To disclose or draw attention to any interests in accordance with Leeds City Council's 'Councillor Code of Conduct'.</p>	
3			<p><b>NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 13 DECEMBER 2021</b></p> <p>To receive the notes of the consultative meeting held 13th December 2021.</p>	5 - 6
4			<p><b>OPEN FORUM</b></p> <p>At the discretion of the Chair, a period of up to 15 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Committee. No member of the public shall speak for more than five minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.</p> <p>Please note: Members of the public are asked to submit a video of their question or statement to <a href="mailto:climate.emergency@leeds.gov.uk">climate.emergency@leeds.gov.uk</a> by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th January 2022.</p>	
5			<p><b>WORKING GROUPS UPDATE</b></p> <p>To receive a verbal update on the progress of the Committees' working groups to date.</p>	
6			<p><b>FUTURE FASHION FACTORY UPDATE</b></p> <p>To receive the report of the Head of Economic Policy which introduces the work of the Future Fashion Factory and how its programmes support the fashion and textile industry to help address the climate.</p>	7 - 10

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**FUTURE TALENT PLAN UPDATE**

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To receive the report of the Head of Economic Policy which introduces a presentation that provides an introduction to work undertaken by the council to refresh the city's Employment and Skills Plan. The project is being undertaken by the Employment and Skills Service and the Economic Policy Team, and representatives from Economic Policy will be in attendance at the meeting.

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**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 9th March 2022 10am

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## CLIMATE EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CONSULTATIVE MEETING

**MONDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Councillor N Walshaw in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, N Buckley,  
P Carlill, E Flint, A Forsaith, A Garthwaite,  
C Hart-Brooke, H Hayden, J Illingworth,  
M Shahzad, P Wadsworth and P Wray

### **33 Annual Report to Full Council**

The Chief Officer (Sustainable Energy and Air Quality) submitted a report seeking the approval of the committee's Annual Report to Full Council.

The Chief Officer introduced the report, providing an overview of the work of the committee and working groups during 2021 and advised Members that a separate update of all council-led projects and programmes in response to the Climate Emergency, will be submitted to Executive Board in February 2022.

Members requested several amendments to the annual report, as follows:

- That the Chair's foreword be amended to expand on the reference to four-degree warmed world, and that the reference to remote meetings 'assisting healthy work life balance for members and officers' be removed.
- That the responses to open forum submissions throughout the year be appended to the report, along with lobbying correspondence, where appropriate.
- In response to a request for the inclusion of next steps and key actions for the committee and its working groups, and several suggestions of future areas of focus for the committee, it was suggested that a draft work schedule for the 2022/23 municipal year be appended to the report.
- That the 'Finance Working Group' section be amended to reflect that the group have held one meeting to date. It was also requested that references to exploring alternative funding solutions within the report summary be reworded for clarity.
- That a section detailing the progress following the committee's recommendation to Executive Board, regarding the West Yorkshire Pension Fund's investment in fossil fuels, be included.
- That the reference to PAS2035 in the report be explained for clarity.

The Chair and Members thanked the Chief Officer for her support to the committee and its working groups, and valuable presentations on a wide range of matters throughout the year.

**RECOMMENDED** – That the annual report be referred to Full Council, subject to amendments requested during the meeting and a final version agreed with committee members prior to submission.

## Future Fashion Factory Update

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Report of: Head of Economic Policy

Report to: The Consultative Meeting of Members of the 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

- This report introduces the work of the Future Fashion Factory and how its programmes support the fashion and textile industry to help address the climate emergency. Future Fashion Factory is part of the Creative Industries Cluster Programme, funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council and part of the Industrial Strategy. In 2018, Leeds City Council committed to supporting the University of Leeds led Future Fashion Factory (FFF) 5-year programme to support innovation in the UK fashion and textiles industry. Leeds City Council's Economic Policy Team work closely with Yorkshire Textiles as part of this work.
- Future Fashion Factory aims to research and develop advanced digital and textile technologies to transform the fashion and textiles industry's design process, the industry's ability to shift from linear to circular economies as a means of waste reduction (and its related costs) and to create new sustainable business models. Innovative design and manufacturing advances will address the need to make the fashion industry greener by shortening product development cycles and lead times in order to increase agility and to develop fashion designers capable of exploiting new textile and digital technologies as part of the creative design process to promote sustainability and circularity in the fashion industry.
- Leeds aspires to be a city that is distinctive, sustainable, ambitious, fun and creative for all while promoting a more competitive, less wasteful, more resource efficient, low carbon economy. Spotlighting the work of FFF allows Leeds City Council the opportunity to promote the region's longstanding textile and manufacturing heritage and helps to address the digital and environmental challenges in the fashion and textile industry in an innovative way.

## Recommendations

- a) To note the contents of this report and presentation and invite members to comment.

## Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 Leeds City Council, via the Economic Policy Team, has been involved with the Future Fashion Factory Project from its inception in 2018. The opportunity to present a summary of the programmes of work undertaken by the project to date will give the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee some insight on what has been taking place and its impact on Leeds and the wider UK economy and at the same time address the growing issues surrounding the environmental sustainability of the fashion and textile industry.
- 2 Future Fashion Factory is an industry-led collaborative research programme that brings together the expertise of manufacturing, retail, public sector and academia in a pioneering way. The outcomes of the research projects will link the textile design and manufacturing centres within the Leeds City Region with the creative design and retail centre of London allowing for greater supply chain transparency, tackling over-consumption and creating circular economies.

## What impact will this proposal have?

### Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted?      Yes      No

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

## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 4 Future Fashion Factory is an industry-led collaborative research programme that brings together expertise from ten core industry partners, with many more forming a wider network. The Programme involves collaboration with the Universities of Leeds, Huddersfield and the Royal College of Art, as well as the Textile Centre of Excellence in Yorkshire.

## What are the resource implications?

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

## What are the legal implications?

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

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

- 7 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

- 8 The project highlighted 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?**

9 Not applicable

**b) How will success be measured?**

10 Not applicable

**c) What is the timetable for implementation?**

11 Not applicable

**Appendices**

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**Background papers**

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## Future Talent Plan Update

Date: 17th January 2022

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Report to: Consultative Meeting of Members of the 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

- This report introduces a presentation at the meeting that provides an introduction to work undertaken by the council to refresh the city's Employment and Skills Plan. The project is being undertaken by the Employment and Skills Service and the Economic Policy Team, and representatives from Economic Policy will be in attendance.
- The aim is to deliver a city-wide plan, now called the Future Talent Plan, that will be owned and updated by stakeholders in the city, supporting people to develop and maintain the skills that make them and our businesses resilient in the face of change. The plan is currently being developed and it is intended to be taken to Executive Board in Spring 2022. It will also inform any refresh of the overarching Inclusive Growth Strategy.
- In addition to green skills emerging as an important theme in our public consultation, we want to engage further around the related needs, opportunities and challenges. As well as seeking input at CEAC, we are planning a listening event with the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission to take place in early Spring.

### Recommendations

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### Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 The council is refreshing its Employment and Skills Plan as a result of economic trends and policy changes that have happened since the publication of the council's previous Talent and Skills Plan in 2017, including accelerated trends due to Covid-19, the need to move to net zero; digital adoption; and retail transformation, as well as Brexit; changes in national skills policy and Devolution.
- 2 Extensive stakeholder engagement has already been undertaken to crowdsource the development of our Future Talent Plan, and through our online consultation 'conversation' with the public, an understanding of skills in demand in Leeds was gathered. Green skills, to support an environmentally sustainable society, was a topic engaged with by the public.

- 3 In order to generate action around supporting skills development in emerging areas of the economy such as green, as well targeting employment and skills support towards high carbon transition sectors, it is important that we engage with key stakeholders involved in the Leeds climate agenda, as well as with industry.

**What impact will this proposal have?**

**Wards Affected:**

Have ward members been consulted?      Yes      No

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

**What consultation and engagement has taken place?**

- 5 In addition to the project consultation and stakeholder engagement undertaken, to ensure climate-related engagement the Committee meeting will provide an opportunity for Members to comment on the information presented, alongside the Y&H Climate Commission listening event planned for Spring.

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