

**Report of Director of Resources and Housing  
Report to Climate Change Advisory Committee**

**Date: 2 July 2019**

**Subject: Setting the Scene for the Climate Emergency**

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of the main issues**

This report provides an overview of the presentation that will be given to the inaugural meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee to help to provide the background to the Climate Emergency and the actions that have taken place to date.

**Recommendations**

Members are asked to receive the presentation and to offer any feedback.

**1. Purpose of this report**

1.1 This report provides an overview of the content of the presentation that will set the scene on the climate emergency

**2. Background information**

2.1 The Leeds Climate Commission was established in 2017 to help Leeds to make a positive choice on issues relating to energy, carbon, weather and climate. It brings together key organisations and actors from across the city and from the public, private and third sectors.

2.2 Informed by the work of the UK Committee on Climate Change, the Leeds Climate Commission seeks to be an independent voice in the city, providing authoritative

advice on steps towards a low carbon, climate resilient future so as to inform policies and shape the actions of local stakeholders and decision makers.

- 2.3 It will monitor progress towards meeting the city's carbon reduction targets and recommend actions to keep the city on track and advise on the assessment of the climate-related risks and adaptation opportunities in the city and on progress towards climate resilience.
- 2.4 In the 'Further Information' section there is a link to the report produced by the UK Committee on Climate Change as well as the roadmap produced by the Leeds Climate Commission.
- 2.5 The report that went to Executive Board in April following the declaration of the Climate Emergency is appended to provide a summary of our current position and next steps.

### **3. Main issues**

- 3.1 A presentation will be provided to the inaugural meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee to provide the following information:
  - 3.1.1 High level summary of the current emission levels, progress to date and the targets;
  - 3.1.2 Process changes since the declaration of the climate emergency;
  - 3.1.3 Internal communications currently underway;
  - 3.1.4 Key actions linked to the council's own building stock, including housing;
  - 3.1.5 Launch of top ten energy user group;
  - 3.1.6 Overview of our approach to both fleet and the challenges related to 'grey fleet';
  - 3.1.7 Approach to biodiversity.

### **4. Corporate considerations**

#### **4.1 Consultation and engagement**

- 4.1.1 The Committee meeting will provide an opportunity for engagement on the content of the presentation.

#### **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

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

#### **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

- 4.3.1 In March 2019, Full Council passed a resolution declaring a Climate Emergency. The presentation outlined in the report sets the scene for the Climate Emergency.

#### **4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money**

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

#### **4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in**

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

#### **4.6 Risk management**

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

### **5. Recommendations**

5.1 Members are asked to receive the presentation and to offer any feedback.

### **6. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

6.1 None

### **7. Further Information**

7.1 <http://leeds.candocities.org/leeds-carbon-roadmap>

7.2 <https://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Net-Zero-The-UKs-contribution-to-stopping-global-warming.pdf> (Executive Summary on page 11 to 38 of document)

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.