

## Forward Plan 2021/22

Date: 16 June 2021

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, three working groups were set up that were aligned to the key themes of the Climate Emergency – Planning, Buildings & Energy, Biodiversity & Food, and Transport.
- This report provides a proposal for the forward plan for future meetings of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee, and an opportunity to revisit the structure and work programmes of the working groups.

### **Recommendations**

- a) To consider the proposed meeting schedule for meeting in 2021/22 at Appendix 1 and provide feedback;
- b) To consider changing the name and remit of the current Transport working group to 'Behaviour Change and Transport'.

### 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 2021/22 municipal year have been set as follows:  
Wednesday 28th July 2021 10.00 a.m.  
Monday 13th September 2021 10.00 a.m.  
Monday 1st November 2021 10.00 a.m.  
Monday 17th January 2022 10.00 a.m.  
Wednesday 9th March 2022 10.00 a.m.
- 3 A proposed schedule for the 2021/22 meetings is set out at Appendix 1 for Member's consideration. The Committees' Terms of Reference are set out at Appendix 2.
- 4 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 & Energy, Biodiversity & Food, and Transport. Members are asked to provide feedback on the working group approach and consider whether any changes to the structure and remit of each group are required.
- 5 Specifically, it is suggested that the remit of the current Transport working group could be broadened to include behavioural change more generally, allowing focused discussions to take place around communications strategies and campaigns.

### What impact will this proposal have?

#### Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted?       Yes       No

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

### What consultation and engagement has taken place?

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

### What are the resource implications?

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

### What are the legal implications?

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

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

- 10 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

11 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?**

12 Not applicable.

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

13 Not applicable.

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

14 Not applicable.

### **Appendices**

15 Appendix 1 – Climate Emergency Advisory Committee 2021/22 Proposed Schedule

16 Appendix 2 - Climate Emergency Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

### **Background papers**

17 None.