

## Climate Change Update

Date: 24 February 2022

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

### **What is this report about?**

#### **Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions**

- In March 2019, Full Council passed a resolution declaring a Climate Emergency.
- In May 2019, the then Leader of Council reviewed the Executive arrangements for the authority to reflect the Council's policy objectives in this area and the Climate Change Advisory Committee was established.
- CEAC is a cross party advisory committee authorised to consider and make recommendations regarding climate change and sustainability.
- The Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) received updates on progress towards the Council's climate change ambitions, along with the activity and work priorities of CEAC in September 2019 and February 2021.
- Members requested that the Scrutiny Board be kept updated on the progress of this work and the activity of CEAC given the Scrutiny Board's remit incorporates oversight of decision making relating to climate change, sustainable energy and carbon reduction.
- The Scrutiny Board is receiving the draft CEAC report in advance of its consideration at full Council in March 2022.
- Also attached to this item is the Annual Climate Emergency Report, which was provided to the Executive Board on 9 February.

### **Recommendations**

- a) Members are asked to note the content of this report and to identify any future areas of work the Board may wish to recommend for consideration by the successor scrutiny board.

### Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 The item has been scheduled at the request of the Scrutiny Board to update members about the work of the Council's Climate Emergency Advisory Committee and to provide an opportunity to explore the Annual Climate Emergency report.

### What impact will this proposal have?

**Wards affected:**

Have ward members been consulted?       Yes       No

- 2 The appended reports will also be considered by Executive Board and full Council.

### What consultation and engagement has taken place?

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

### What are the resource implications?

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

### What are the legal implications?

- 5 Legal 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 risk are being managed is set out in the appended reports.

### Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth       Health and Wellbeing       Climate Emergency

- 7 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.

### Appendices

- 8 Appendix A: Executive Board Climate Emergency Annual Report
  - Appendix 1: Energy Strategy and Action Plan
  - Appendix 2: Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy and Action Plan
- 9 Appendix B: Draft CEAC update for consideration by Council in March 2022.

### Background papers

- 10 None