

Appendix 1 – Climate Emergency Advisory Committee - Open Forum submissions

Open Forum Submission Date	Submission Received From	Key Issues Raised	Council Response
28 th November 2022	No Open Forum submissions were received	N/A	N/A
12 th December 2022	No open Forum – special meeting	N/A	N/A
18 th January 2023	Plastic Free Fields	The group's submission was regarding the installation of plastic sports grounds on natural spaces in Leeds. The submission explained the impact that black crumb can have on both animals and humans.	<p>The Committee agreed to raise concerns about the issue of black crumb surfacing with Sports England.</p> <p>The Chair communicated the response from Sports England once received to the original contributor and CEAC.</p> <p>Following further correspondence, relevant officers supported the Chair with additional research and a response regarding further concerns of black crumb surfacing.</p>
	Stephen Roe	The lack of environmental consideration given to planning decisions in a recent development within their local area, and the need for local needs to be met to reduce car emissions.	<p>As the next meeting of the Infrastructure, Planning and Buildings working group was due to discuss the Local Plan Update, the Committee agreed to discuss this issue in greater depth there.</p> <p>At the working group in March, it was identified that the concern raised by Stephen was relevant to the Local Plan Update and the Chair contacted Stephen following this meeting to encourage feedback through the active consultation.</p>
20 th March 2023	The Commitment	William Eccles and Lilla Toth made a representation to the Committee concerning their organisation's objectives and purpose, which included individuals pledging to only vote for candidates	The Committee requested that The Commitment share its report containing their full recommendations, and for an update to be provided in due course as the number of pledges made by Leeds residents increased.

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	Guiseley Primary School	The Committee received a video presentation with pupils from Guiseley Primary School requesting wildflower seeds.	The Committee noted that Ward Members can use money from MICE (Members Improvements in the Community and the Environment) for such matters and that individual Members were encouraged to liaise directly with primary schools in their ward areas in relation to the provision of wildflower seeds.
6 th June 2023	Suzanne Harbourne	Suzanne requested information on the evidence base used within Leeds City Council and other statutory organisations regarding climate change mitigation and adaptation, and how this is balanced with economic growth and personal liberty.	The required information was sent to Suzanne from the Chair, including the evidence for the climate emergency declaration and the work underway to address this throughout the council. <i>Please see below for additional action.</i>
	Trudie Canavan	Trudie discussed different climate change statistics and policies, and requested further information on how Leeds City Council intends to improve its public consultations.	The Chair responded to Trudie providing an update on the current policies within Leeds City Council and invited Trudie to meet with officers to identify improvements to public consultations. Both Trudie and Suzanne met with the chair and officers at a later stage to discuss the current climate policies and the areas Leeds City Council have influence over, and those which Government have influence over. Feedback was received from both Trudie and Suzanne on public consultations and the Chair confirmed at the November 2023 Main Committee meeting that they would write to every senior officer in the Best Council Leadership Team to let them

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			know about this conversation, remind them of the important democratic function of consultation and engagement.
	Kate Hutchinson	Kate sent a video presentation regarding Yorkshire Sustainability Week, which took place 3rd – 7th July 2023 and focused on balancing growth and sustainability within the entrepreneurial space.	No further action required.
5 th July 2023	Dan Robinson – Incredible Edible	<p>Dan Robinson provided the Committee with an overview of the work of Incredible Edible (IE), a food growing project which aims to connect communities through food. Discussions with Members focussed on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barriers to establishing a group • Locations • Local Parish Councils • Finance 	<p>The Committee noted the contents of the presentation and agreed that the presentation slides and contact details be provided to Members and the Executive Manager, Flood Risk & Climate Resilience, to support future discussions.</p> <p>Members also noted that this issue had previously been discussed by the Food & Biodiversity Working Group and would be progressed through the Food Strategy where appropriate.</p>
18 th September 2023	John Illingworth	Mr John Illingworth provided the Committee with an overview of areas of concern which he felt hindered the city's	Officers from within the Council's Climate, Energy and Green Spaces Team provided a response focusing on the technical asks of John's submission, highlighting the progress Leeds is making towards net zero

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		zero carbon ambition within Zero Carbon energy Markets	
16 th October 2023	Denise Gaines Marsden	Rooftop Gardens, increasing biodiversity throughout the city through developing rooftops and creating a path for insects.	The Chair responded to Denise confirming that relevant teams and officers would explore opportunities available to do this and what challenges arise currently in doing this. An update will be provided in due course following this work.
	Phil Gees	Hydro-electricity; how can this be implemented in Leeds through working with neighbouring regions	The Chair responded to Phil confirming that officers are looking into the points raised within the submission, including specific sections of water. An update will be provided by the Chair in due course.