

# Carbon Disclosure Project feedback and areas of development

Date: 22 January 2024

Report of: Chief Officer Climate, Energy and Green Spaces

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

## Brief summary

Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) is a global non-profit that runs the world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states and regions. More than 24,000 organisations around the world disclosed data through CDP in 2023 (including listed companies worth two thirds of global market capitalization) and over 1,100 cities, states and regions.

Since 2021, Leeds has submitted a public disclosure to the Carbon Disclosure Project detailing the city's annual emissions, as well as the projects, programmes, and policies relating to climate change. This provides a useful, independent, robust check on the city's climate action—complementing the work of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee.

In 2022, Leeds was, for the first time, one of 121 cities that received an 'A grade'. The grading used by CDP is updated every year to require more stringent action. On 14th November, it was confirmed that Leeds was one of 119 cities that received an 'A grade' in 2023.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the submission was brought to the CEAC Main Committee meeting for discussion. Following this, it was agreed that once feedback had been received on the submission, officers from Climate, Energy and Green Spaces would return to CEAC to share this feedback.

In addition to this, it was agreed the feedback would be utilised as a tool for developing the forward plan of the CEAC Main Committee throughout the remainder of the present municipal year and into 2024/25.

## Recommendations

- a) To note the contents of the report and presentation to be made to the committee, and to agree to use the feedback to develop the CEAC Main Committee forward plan.

### What is this report about?

1. This report provides an update to CEAC on the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) feedback, which, as agreed at the November CEAC Meeting, will be used to develop the CEAC Main Committee forward plan. As the feedback was not available at the time of this cover report being submitted, it will instead be presented during the meeting.

### What impact will this proposal have?

- 1 The feedback from the CDP submission will help inform the forward plan of the CEAC Main Committee, therefore impacting on the work undertaken by the committee in their role supporting and providing check and challenge on the city's climate emergency response.

### How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing       Inclusive Growth       Zero Carbon

- 2 The annual CDP submission is integral in providing feedback to strengthen the work being done in support of the council's net-zero ambition. It includes questions relating to all three pillars of the Best City Ambition.

### What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?       Yes       No

- 3 Not applicable

### What are the resource implications?

- 4 There are no direct resource implications as a result of this report.

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

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

### What are the legal implications?

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

### Options, timescales and measuring success

#### What other options were considered?

- 7 Not applicable

### How will success be measured?

- 8 Success will be measure by the CDP 2024 submission outcome and the feedback following this in January 2025.

**What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?**

9 Not applicable

**Appendices**

**Background papers**