

Climate Emergency Advisory Committee 2024/25 Forward Plan

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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

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 the 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, the Committee is currently complemented by four related working groups aligned to the key themes of the Climate Emergency – Planning, Buildings and Energy; Biodiversity and Food; Community and Business Engagement; and Finance.
- The above working group structure will be re-formatted to create monthly neutral workshops to address discussions which cover multiple themes
- This report proposes a meeting schedule for the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee for the 2024/25 municipal year.
- 2024/25 meeting dates will not be confirmed until the Council AGM in May 2024
- To ensure that all aspects of the city's climate action are considered over the course of the municipal year, it is proposed that each meeting will progress one (or more) of the key climate change mitigation and adaptation themes, identified as follows:

Climate change mitigation

- 1) Power
- 2) Buildings
- 3) Transport
- 4) Resources
- 5) Business & Industry
- 6) Nature & Greenhouse gas removal (GGR)

Climate change adaptation

- 7) Flood resilience
- 8) Heat resilience
- 9) Drought resilience
- 10) Cascading impact resilience

Recommendations

- a) To consider the proposed meeting schedule for the municipal year in Appendix 1 and provide feedback

Why is the proposal being put forward?

- 1 The attached Climate Emergency Advisory Committee Forward Plan sets out the 2024/25 meeting topics to be discussed and is important in considering all areas of work in addressing net-zero.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards Affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 2 The work of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee contributes to addressing the city's net-zero ambition.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

- 3 The forward plan has been designed to incorporate suggestions from previous working groups and the work underway within the council and wider city that is key to achieving net-zero.

What are the resource implications?

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

What are the legal implications?

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

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

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

Does this proposal support the council's 3 Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

- 7 The Forward Plan identifies the work that will be brought to the committee in 2024/25

Options, timescales and measuring success

a) What other options were considered?

- 8 Not applicable.

b) How will success be measured?

- 9 Not applicable.

c) What is the timetable for implementation?

10 Not applicable.

Appendices

11 Appendix 1 – CEAC 2024/25 Forward Plan

Background papers

12 None.