

Climate emergency Annual Update

Date: 6 December 2024

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

The formal remit of the Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing and Communities) includes delegated functions relating to climate change. However, to avoid duplication with the work programme of the Climate Emergency Advisory Committee the Scrutiny Board has previously determined that this element of its remit should be addressed through the receipt of the Climate Emergency Annual Update.

The appended report was considered by the [Executive Board on 16 October 2024](#). It provides an annual review of the work that continues to be undertaken on a Council and citywide basis following the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019. The report also reflects upon wider regional and national changes that are relevant to the city's decarbonisation.

Recommendations

- a) Members are asked to note and comment upon the appended report, and to identify any further actions or areas for work for the Scrutiny Board.

What is this report about?

- 1 The appended report provides an update on work which continues to be undertaken in response to the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 The appended report sets out a review of policies and projects which are designed to reduce carbon emissions in the city as part of wider work towards the Council's ambition to be a net-zero city.

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

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 3 Responding to climate change is central to the overall vision for the future of Leeds as set out in the Best City Ambition.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 4 Further information about stakeholder engagement is detailed in the appended report.

What are the resource implications?

- 5 Further information is provided in the appended report.

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

- 6 Further information is detailed in the attached report, including the listing of climate change within the Council's [Corporate Risk Register](#).

What are the legal implications?

- 7 There are no specific legal implications.

Appendices

- Executive Board report: Climate Emergency Annual Report

Background papers

- None