

Council 13 December 2021

Item 5 refers

Question submitted by the public

1. QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLOR JONATHAN BATEMAN (CHAIRMAN OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP)

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- 1.a. When will the delivery plan and the communications plan- referred to in the Action Plan document but yet to be formulated- be presented and how will they be drawn up, i.e. will there be further public consultation ?
- b. What will the scope of the delivery plan be ?
- c. Will it apply to Council operations and estate only or will it extend to decisions and actions affecting the district as a whole ?
2. The draft Action Plan states that Council will report annually on progress made in its delivery. How will progress be measured and reported to the public ?
3. Will the Council agree to change the wording of the last bullet point on page 19 of the Climate Emergency Action Plan document from 'Embed consideration of carbon reduction in all Council operations and decision-making principles' to 'Embed the requirement to reduce carbon emissions in all Council operations and decision-making principles' as this better reflects the urgent need to ensure priority is given to reducing CO 2 emissions in the face of the climate crisis ?

Responses

*Mr Bateman*

1. The delivery plan will be part of the corporate delivery plan. The delivery plan will cover individual costed projects to reduce emissions or build resilience. It will also include information on partnership projects, so will cover projects for the whole district as well as council own estate. *- when? public consultation?*
2. As set out in the Council report it is proposed that the Climate Emergency Action Plan forms part of the Corporate Plan moving forwards and as such will be embedded as part of the Councils vision for the future and its implementation will be monitored as part of the Council performance management process, which includes quarterly updates to the Cabinet and

also reporting to the Scrutiny Commission. In addition an inventory of council emissions will be published annually, including information on gas and electricity use in council buildings (scope 1 and 2) and emissions from contracted services (Scope 3). A report on district wide emissions will also be collated from Government data.

3. The Council declared a Climate emergency At their meeting of the 24th June 2019. The Council committed to reducing the Council's own emissions to net zero, as far as practical by 2030. The Action Plan has been developed in line with the approved mandate from Council.

TC: Further questions - timing things up - what + when  
- involvement of public

- disappointment at 'language'

with specifics

CB: - can't reply now, but will get back in due course