

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE PANEL

MEETING ACTION NOTES

15th March 2021 - Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Cllr Ian Barnes (Chair), Cllr Mahym Bedekova, Cllr Catherine Chibah, Cllr Birsen Demirel, Rafe Bertram, Matt Bowmer, Sarah Cary, Joanne Drew, Tilly Ford, Amanda Grosse, Michelle Larche, Tinu Olowe, Harriet Potemkin, Jon Sharkey, Glenn Stewart. Apologies noted for Mark Bradbury, Fay Hammond, Tinu Olowe and Tony Theodoulou.

Introductions:

Cllr Barnes welcomed everyone and highlighted recent funding bids:

- Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme – around £3.8m to support retrofit of Council buildings.
- Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator – £3.3m mix of Council and Government money to deliver whole house retrofit.

Buildings Retrofit – Progress to Date and Next Steps

Dominic Millen gave a presentation which covered:

- The importance of retrofitting buildings to achieve Council and borough wide targets (housing alone makes up 38% of borough emissions).
- The challenges of delivering retrofit projects as well as the benefits.
- Examples of planned and potential projects in Enfield including the programme of holistic works at Walbrook House, a pilot connecting existing homes to Energetik and ongoing retrofit works to corporate buildings.
- The Retrofit London programme for which the Council is joint lead borough alongside LB Waltham Forest.
- Next steps including the development of a pipeline of future projects and lobbying government for consistent and comprehensive funding.

It was noted that this is a significant area of work which will be key to delivering the Council's carbon reduction commitments but requires significant resources.

Climate Action Plan – Preparing for 2021/22 Progress Update

The Climate Action Plan includes a commitment to review performance. A brief overview was provided of the proposed scope, programme and engagement approach for the 2020/21 progress review.

The review will highlight the progress made and set out priorities for the next year. Given it will rely upon data published from April onwards and there is a need for engagement, the intended publication date is summer 2021.

It was noted that further updates will be provided at future meetings.

Updates

Communications:

- Whilst funding bids have been submitted, final confirmation from the funders is pending so they are not being publicised.
- Have been promoting the Solar Together scheme including in the foreign language press. Noted that other local publications could be considered.
- A new refuse vehicle livery has been introduced with 4 key messages including reduce and reuse.

Electric vehicle charging

- Delivery of the current lamp column charging programme is ongoing. It was noted that further government funding will be sought in 2021/22.
- It was suggested that more information on off-street charging should be provided on the Council website. It was noted that this could be looked into.

School's engagement:

- 24 schools signed up to the first School's Climate Action Network event.
- Focus was an overview of the purpose of the network (shared learning and highlighting opportunities for funding to schools) the Council's offer.
- Feedback was positive; schools were keen to continue and meet regularly.

Action It was agreed that a more comprehensive update would be provided at the next meeting.

Sustainable and Ethical Procurement Policy:

- Policy is progressing and has four priority areas including climate action.
- It recognises that some organisations might not be as far along on their journey so includes minimum, preferred and enhanced standards.
- The initial draft will go to EMT in March, with further engagement ahead of Cabinet in July.

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Meeting forward plan

Topics for discussion at next meeting:

- School's climate action network
- Sustainable and Ethical Procurement Policy.

AOB - None

Forward plan topics:

- Getting people travelling actively and sustainably
- Governance and structures
- Reducing emissions from Council buildings
- Renewable energy generation.