



AGENDA FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Members of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee are summoned to a meeting, which will be held in Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **2 October 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

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Membership 2013/14

Councillor James Court (Chair)
Councillor Diarmaid Ward (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Gary Doolan
Councillor Osh Gantly
Councillor Gary Heather
Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Caroline Russell
Councillor Nurullah Turan
Councillor Nick Ward

Substitute Members

Councillor Jenny Kay
Councillor Michael O'Sullivan
Councillor Alice Perry
Councillor Rupert Perry
Councillor Asima Shaikh
Councillor Paul Smith
Councillor Nick Wayne

Quorum is 4 members of the Sub-Committee



A. Formal Matters	Pages
1. Apologies for Absence	
2. Declarations of Substitute Members	
3. Declarations of Interest	

If you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest*** in an item of business:

- if it is not yet on the council's register, you **must** declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent;
- you may **choose** to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is already in the register in the interests of openness and transparency.

In both the above cases, you **must** leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If you have a **personal** interest in an item of business **and** you intend to speak or vote on the item you **must** declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent but you **may** participate in the discussion and vote on the item.

***(a) Employment, etc** - Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

(b) Sponsorship - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of your expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of your election; including from a trade union.

(c) Contracts - Any current contract for goods, services or works, between you or your partner (or a body in which one of you has a beneficial interest) and the council.

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This applies to **all** members present at the meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting	1 - 2
5. Chair's Report	

B. Items for Decision/Discussion	Pages
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2. Fuel Poverty Scrutiny Review - Scrutiny Initiation Document (SID) and Witness	5 - 6

Evidence

3. Work Programme

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C. Urgent non-exempt items (if any)

Any non-exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgent by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

D. Exclusion of press and public

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the remaining items on the agenda, it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt or confidential information within the terms of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Constitution and, if so, whether to exclude the press and public during discussion thereof.

E. Confidential/exempt items

F. Urgent exempt items (if any)

Any exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

The next meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee will be on 13
November 2014

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London Borough of Islington

Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 14 July 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held at Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 14 July 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Court (Chair), Ward (Vice-Chair), Gantly, Heather, Jeapes, Russell, Turan and Ward

Councillor James Court in the Chair

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)**

None.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)**

None.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)**

Councillor Court declared that he was the Head of Public Affairs at the Renewable Energy Association.

4 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Regeneration and Employment Review Committee meeting held on 20 March 2014 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

5 **CHAIR'S REPORT (Item A5)**

None.

6 **ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION ARRANGEMENTS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE (Item B1)**

RESOLVED:

That the arrangements and terms of reference be noted.

7 **SCRUTINY TOPICS - 2014/15 (Item B2)**

The Chair suggested that the committee undertake reviews as follows:

- Community Energy – It was proposed that this be a substantive review which could include the models Islington could use to promote the use of community energy, switching schemes, purchasing schemes, energy reduction, energy generation, working with key partners, metering options, funding options and the Green Deal.
- Fuel Poverty – It was proposed that this be a substantive review to consider how the council could do better and protect residents better and look at best practice.
- Communal Heating – It was proposed that this be a shorter review lasting for 3-4 months and could look at various schemes across the borough. Concern was raised that some residents paid almost twice the national average for their heating. The review could look at how vulnerable and at risk residents could be helped.

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Topics suggested by other members of the committee were:

- Making the borough more cycling friendly, in particular at Highbury Corner;
- Review of 20mph speed limit on main roads;
- Active travel to make the streets inclusive to all;
- Recycling, particularly of large electrical items.

In the discussion the following points were made:

- It was anticipated that evidence gathering would consist of presentations, visits and written submissions.
- A number of proposals and plans regarding transport were due to be published within the next few months. Once these had been considered, it might be appropriate to consider conducting a transport based review.
- The council was looking at recycling and a Recycling Waste Management Plan was being produced. Once this had been considered, it might be appropriate to consider conducting a review into this area.
- Concern was raised about the speed of the traffic and pedestrian safety on Euston Road and Pentonville Road. It was suggested that if the review of the 20mph limit could be shown to have been a success, a recommendation could be made to the Mayor of London that a 20mph limit be set on the TfL roads in the borough.
- It was suggested that co-optees could be appointed at future meetings.
- A member requested information on expected disruption around Highbury Corner while works were taking place. The Corporate Director Environment and Regeneration stated that a briefing could be arranged for members outside of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Community Energy, Communal Heating and Fuel Poverty reviews be undertaken subject to approval by the Policy and Performance Committee.
- 2) That the 12 month report back on Air Quality takes place along with a further report back on the 20mph limit.
- 3) That Active Travel and Recycling be considered for scrutiny reviews once relevant proposals and plans had been published by the council.
- 4) That scrutiny initiation documents be drawn up and agreed in principle by the chair and vice-chair of the Committee and then formally agreed at the next meeting to enable. This would enable witnesses to be invited to attend the next meeting.
- 5) That consideration be given to the process by which co-optees could be appointed.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

CHAIR

SCRUTINY REVIEW INITIATION DOCUMENT (SID) DRAFT
Review: Community Energy
Scrutiny Review Committee: Environment and Regeneration
Director leading the Review: Kevin O’Leary
Lead Officer: Lucy Padfield
Overall aim: To explore and understand the community energy options available for Islington, their respective opportunities and issues, and make recommendations on their relevance for the borough.
Objectives of the review: To understand the benefits available to Islington of the different community energy models. To learn from examples of established projects in other councils and communities across the UK. To specifically understand the overarching theme of their impact on fuel poverty and energy efficiency.
How is the review to be carried out: (Use separate sheets as necessary for 1-4 below)
Scope of the Review
Types of evidence will be assessed by the review: (add additional categories as needed)
1. The proposed suggested structure of the witness evidence is as follows:
October - Introduction and overview: Written evidence in advance – Setting the scene DECC community Energy Strategy (awaiting response) – Presentation by external speaker
November or December - Impact on fuel poverty and energy efficiency improvement: Forum for the Future (<i>agreed to speak however time TBA</i>) – Research findings on role of community Energy in alleviating fuel poverty. Community Engagement (in Islington) – Andrew Ford <i>OR</i> Camden?
December or February - Energy supply and resilience: OVO Energy and/or one of their Local Authority partners (to be approached)
March - Ownership, funding and revenue structures of potential schemes: Crowd funding – Julia Grove (to be approached) – Presentation by external speaker Finance and Legal – Owen Darracott and Ramani Chelliah, LBI

2. Suggest visits to –

- **Bristol - CSE** – Bristol Community Energy and possibly also **Bristol City Council (TBC)** – Setting up an ESCo and seed funding for community energy projects (December)
- **Hackney or Repowering London** - contribution of the Repowering London model to skills, job creation and economic growth in the borough (Jan/Feb)

Additional Information:

Programme

Key output:	To be submitted to Committee on:
1. Scrutiny Initiation Document	2 nd Oct. 2014
2. Timetable	13 th Nov 2014, 11 th Dec 2014, 3 rd Feb 2015, 16 March 2015
3. Interim Report	23 rd June 2015
4. Final Report	July

SCRUTINY REVIEW INITIATION DOCUMENT (SID) DRAFT
Review: Fuel Poverty
Scrutiny Review Committee: Environment and Regeneration
Director leading the Review: Kevin O’Leary
Lead Officer: John Kolm-Murray
<p>Overall aim:</p> <p>To explore and understand the impact of fuel poverty on households, existing policies and strategies to alleviate, and the opportunities for Islington to provide assistance and support to our residents</p>
<p>Objectives of the review:</p> <p>To understand the extent of fuel poverty in Islington and the impact of cold, damp homes on health and wellbeing.</p> <p>To understand the benefits available to Islington residents when addressing fuel poverty and how we deliver them.</p> <p>Exploring how support can be provided to residents by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council • Central government • Energy suppliers <p>To understand the extent and impact of fuel debt.</p>
<p>How is the review to be carried out: (Use separate sheets as necessary for 1-4 below)</p> <p>Scope of the Review</p> <p>Types of evidence will be assessed by the review: (add additional categories as needed)</p> <p>1. Documentary submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and cost benefit summary of current initiatives • Draft NICE guidance on reducing excess winter deaths through addressing cold homes • DECC Fuel Poverty Strategy 2014 <p>2. It is proposed that witness evidence be taken from:</p> <p>i. November/December - Local projects and strategy, health impacts LBI Seasonal Health & Affordable Warmth Team (John Kolm-Murray), UCL Institute of Health Equity (Dr Jessica Allen)/London School of Hygiene and</p>

Tropical Medicine (Prof Paul Wilkinson) and Islington CCG

- ii. December/February - National programmes and strategy, fuel debt
National Energy Action (Maria Wardrobe/Peter Smith), Citizens Advice Service (William Baker) and DECC Fuel Poverty Team (Gareth Baynham-Hughes)
- iii. February/March – Suppliers, other landlords
Energy UK (Lawrence Slade/Sofia Gkiousou), EDF/British Gas Peabody (Tessa Barraclough), Southern Housing (William Routh), Generation Rent (Alex Hilton)

3. Visits
None proposed

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**WORK PROGRAMME
ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
2014/2015**

2 October 2014

1. Community Energy – SID and witness evidence
2. Fuel Poverty – SID and witness evidence

13 November 2014

1. Community Energy - witness evidence
2. Communal Heating - presentation
3. Fuel Poverty - witness evidence

11 December 2014

1. Planning Committee Structure - report back
2. Air Quality - report back
3. 20mph limit - report back
4. Community Energy - witness evidence
5. Fuel Poverty - witness evidence

3 February 2015

1. Community Energy - witness evidence
2. Fuel Poverty - witness evidence

16 March 2015

1. Business Start Up - report back
2. Community Energy - witness evidence
3. Fuel Poverty - witness evidence

14 April 2015

1. Community Energy - draft report
2. Fuel Poverty - draft report

12 May 2015

1. Community Energy - final report
2. Fuel Poverty - final report

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