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AGENDA FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Members of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee are summoned to a virtual meeting on **27 April 2021 at 7.00 pm.**

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Councillor Tricia Clarke
Councillor Paul Convery
Councillor Phil Graham
Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Gulcin Ozdemir
Councillor Kadeema Woodbyrne
Councillor Caroline Russell

Substitute Members

Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford
Councillor Janet Burgess MBE
Councillor Osh Gantly
Councillor Sara Hyde
Councillor John Woolf

Quorum is 4 members of the Committee



A. Formal Matters **Pages**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Substitute Members
3. Declarations of Interest

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4. Minutes of Previous Meeting 1 - 26
5. Chair's Report
6. Order of Business

7. Public Questions

For members of the public to ask questions relating to any subject on the meeting agenda under Procedure Rule 70.5. Alternatively, the Chair may opt to accept questions from the public during the discussion on each agenda item.

B.	Items for Decision/Discussion	Pages
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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 **Pages**

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
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London Borough of Islington

Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 8 March 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Virtual Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held at on 8 March 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Poyser (Chair), Khondoker (Vice-Chair), Clarke, Convery, Graham, Jeapes and Russell

Councillor Dave Poyser in the Chair

431 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Councillors Woodbyrne and Ozdemir

432 DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)

None

433 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None

434 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 February 2021 be confirmed and the Chair be authorised to sign them

435 CHAIR'S REPORT (Item 5)

The Chair stated that the special meeting of the Committee on climate change would now be held on 17 March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

The Chair added that the scrutiny review report on Behavioural Change had now been discussed by the Executive and a response is awaited

436 ORDER OF BUSINESS (Item 6)

The Chair stated that the order of business would be as per the agenda

437 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item 7)

The Chair outlined the procedure for Public questions

438 SCRUTINY REVIEW: PRESENTATION NET ZERO CARBON PROGRAMME- THE GREEN ECONOMY WORK STREAM- UPDATE (Item B1)

Councillor Asima Shaikh, Executive Member for Inclusive Economy and Jobs, and Caroline Wilson, Head of Inclusive Development were present for discussion of this item, and made a presentation to the Committee, copy interleaved

During consideration of the report the following main points were made –

- Noted Net Zero carbon programme governance model
- Green Energy ambition – move towards a low carbon, more resource efficient economy that has fewer adverse effects on the environment. Industries need to contribute toward ecological sustainability, need to create a generation of green jobs, and need for innovative ownership structures that promote meaningful employee participation. Residents need to be skilled for these new sectors
- Journey towards a green economy – Definition, research, scanning, scoping and green economy strategic framework and full action plan
- Beginning to define the green economy – work underway collaborating on two pieces of work of pan-London work and research with London Recovery Board and Central London Forward. Initiated discussions with UCL to organise an expert roundtable to interrogate emerging research and application to Islington
- Estimated there could be 6000 low carbon jobs created by 2050 in Islington
- Scanning for early opportunities green jobs and skills – GLA projections for London indicate that new demand for 3400 and a replacement demand for 10300 over the period 2020-24 in the construction sector
- Scoping policy – work underway – need to define policy framework to enable SME's to be green, early stakeholder engagement, coherent policy framework to support local SME's
- Scoping partnerships – work underway included in the new Progressive Procurement strategy as part of the social value requirements. Integrated net zero targets into draft Anchor Institutions Framework
- Next steps – work over next 6 months – strategic - continue to evolve Green Economy strategic framework, appoint dedicated Green Economy officer, launch responsible sector initiative with construction partners to promote social value, continue to support apprenticeships, initiate business development programme for Chapel Market, Investigate circular economy initiatives, commission eco -friendly delivery service, explore 'last mile' delivery hubs, increase awareness of a sharing economy. Develop engagement with commissioners and local supply chains, agree a common ambition across anchor organisations on carbon reductions, develop work with local universities to promote innovation in carbon reduction
- Noted that the NHS had recently published a net Zero carbon strategy and it was stated that work would be taking place with NHS providers and work is taking place with the Whittington Hospital
- In response to a question it was stated that additional funding had been obtained to build on the air quality work recently carried out in Archway on green deliveries and that there would now be a focus on the Nags Head. This could also be linked in to low traffic neighbourhoods
- A Member expressed the view that opportunities of low traffic neighbourhoods to use cargo bikes and e bikes to make deliveries. Councillor Shaikh stated that funding was not available at present but any funding from the GLA would be welcomed

- It was stated that work was taking place with L.B.Camden on sustainable construction
- Discussion took place as to charity shops and any influence that could be leveraged and it was stated that discussions could be held with the Executive Member Community Development in this regard
- Reference was made to the Holloway road site and that there was a need to ensure that the benefits are realised in terms of the green economy, and there is a need to negotiate S106 agreement with Peabody Trust

The Chair thanked Councillor Shaikh and Caroline Wilson for attending

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QUARTER 2&3 PERFORMANCE REPORTS (2020/21)- EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS (Item B2)

Councillor Asima Shaikh, Executive Member Inclusive Jobs and Economy was present and outlined the report

During consideration of the report the following main points were made –

- Number of residents supported into paid work – target of 4000 over a 4 year period and on track to achieve this target. Q3 performance remained strong despite COVID and 473 residents were assisted into paid employment and it is hoped the target of 600 will be reached at the year end
- 103 parents of children 0-18 assisted into employment although engagement remains a challenge due to school closures and impact on parents being able to pursue employment
- 18-25 year olds supported into work – Q3 115 young people were assisted into paid employment
- Number of disabled residents/long term health conditions – Q3 115 residents assisted into paid employment
- 278 BAME residents supported into paid employment and work is taking place with the Muslim Welfare House to employ two outreach workers
- Council contracted suppliers – many jobs sourced with council contracted suppliers have been with Adult Social care providers due to the pandemic. Working to look across all key corporate contracts to ensure employment opportunities are maximised across all commissioned services
- LLW entry jobs – new indicator and in Q3 achieved 80 LLW outcomes and it is hoped to increase the number of partners who report on LLW
- Number of residents supported into apprenticeships with external provider – very low numbers at present due to low confidence in economic climate and other schemes such as Kickstart
- Number of new library users – new indicator on new library members as opposed to number of visits exceeded the profile in Q2 and Q3 – 995 joined in Q2 and 104 in Q3 well above target. Noted that Library premises were planned to open in a few weeks for click and collect and reopen on 12 April with social distancing in place. Noted that there has been a significant shift to ebooks and newspapers and magazines accessed by users

- Number of schools engaged in 100 hours of work – met by 20 schools in Q2 and was lower due to the pandemic, however schools have engaged with the programme
- Percentage of Council apprentices who move onto further employment or training within 3 months of completing their apprenticeship – all 4 apprentices who completed apprenticeships in the previous quarter progressed into further employment within the Council in Q2. Overall progression for this year stands at 78% which represents 7 out of 9 apprentices having progressed into employment
- Noted that there is anecdotal evidence that residents are moving out of London since the start of the pandemic
- Members congratulated the collaborative work between departments

The Chair thanked Councillor Shaikh for attending

440 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2020/21) - PLACE AND ENVIRONMENT (Item B3)

Councillor Rowena Champion, Executive Member Environment and Transport was present for consideration of this item

During consideration of the report the following main points were raised –

- Noted that based on Q1 and 2 tonnages the early projection of the 20/21 residual – non-recycled waste – per household is 350kg. This follows last years confirmed figure of 353kg and is the third lowest amongst London Boroughs
- Missed collections – average monthly reported waste collections in Q3 were 325 compared to 274 in Q2
- Fly tipping – reported fly tips in Q3 were 573 in Q3 compared to 511 for the same period last year. This is attributed to lockdown, however 91%. Work is taking place with Greenspace and Public Protection. In addition the possibility of having volunteers to assist Council staff could be looked at
- Leisure Centre visits have been subject to lockdowns and visitor numbers were around 20% of the level the same period of last year
- Electric vehicle charging points – Council committed to installing 400 electric vehicle charging points over a four year period. There have been 262 installed to date
- Road traffic collisions – no new data is expected until next year, and the 2019 figure had shown a substantial reduction from the previous year
- Carbon emission reductions are ahead of target from Council buildings and the transport fleet
- Fleet – work is ongoing to reduce the overall number of vehicles in use by the Council, though to some extent this has been offset by an increase in the Housing fleet with greater insourcing and more trade and technical staff

- Low traffic neighbourhood schemes had been rolled out with 7 now in place and lessons are being learnt from each roll out

The Chair thanked Councillor Champion for attending

441 WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2021 (Item B4)

Councillor Rowena Champion, Executive Member Environment and Transport was present and was accompanied by Mathew Homer, Environment and Regeneration Department and outlined the report

During consideration of the report the following main points were made –

- Vision 2030 net carbon zero strategy – on 26 November 2020 Council agreed it's net zero carbon strategy
- Waste minimisation and recycling targets - Council supports London wide targets for increasing food recycling and overall levels of waste, and has achieved the second lowest level of household waste in London
- Challenging inequality – aim to engage with voluntary, faith based and cultural organisations to encourage them to raise awareness of recycling amongst their communities. Aim to reduce access to good quality recycling by progressively improving recycling facilities on estates. Trialling new recycling bins that are more accessible to residents
- Food and garden waste – a review has been carried out into options for separate collection and processing of food and garden waste and officers are recommending based on financial implications of a service change that the current service model is retained as the lowest cost option
- Expansion of food waste recycling to remaining estates – officers working with Housing and other landlords to progress the expansion of the service
- Single use plastic – report considered by Committee in July 2019 setting out a range of actions being taken by the Council to reduce single waste plastic
- Business waste – commitments to develop a new commercial waste business plan and communications plan and to launch a new food waste recycling service for businesses. The pandemic has had a significant impact on commercial waste and recycling service
- Circular economy – commitment to develop a Circular Economy Action Plan but due to changing priorities in 2020, the deadline for this has passed, however work is taking place
- Flats recycling package – committed to meeting service standards of flats recycling package to find ways to improve levels of recycling on estates
- Communications – substantial focus to improve effective communications with residents
- Reference was made to the need to promote washable nappies and it was stated that NLWA had a communications plan to promote this and encourage

non-contamination by residents. Discussions were also taking place with manufacturers

- Discussion took place as to fortnightly bin collections that are being introduced in L.B.Hackney and the view was expressed that this would not be suitable for introduction in Islington
- There were difficulties with recycling in communal bins and these had been redesigned to try to avoid contamination. Kerbside collections did not really have a contamination problem
- Noted that there are zero packaging shops in Islington and that this should be encouraged
- In response to a question it was stated that the recycling centre, because of its design was not suitable for pedestrian or bicycle access

The Chair thanked Councillor Champion for attending

442 WORK PROGRAMME 2020/2021 (Item B5)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

CHAIR

Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 17 March 2021

Minutes of the Virtual meeting of the Special Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held on 17 March 2021 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Poyser (Chair), Clarke, Convery, Graham, Jeapes and Russell

Councillor Dave Poyser in the Chair

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Khondoker.

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

There were no declarations of substitute members.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

446 **CHAIR'S REPORT (Item 4)**

None

447 **ORDER OF BUSINESS (Item 5)**

The order of business would be as per the agenda.

448 **TACKLING THE ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE EMERGENCY (Item B1)**

The Chair invited both the Executive Member for Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Champion and The Corporate Director of Environment and Regeneration to address the meeting and give a presentation, a copy of which is interleaved. The following main points were made:

- Councillor Champion, Executive Member for Environment and Regeneration acknowledged the challenges and opportunities in the last year, reiterating the Council's commitment in building a greener, healthier and fairer borough for all its residents
- It was noted that the pandemic has further exposed deep and entrenched inequalities which underlines the need for urgent action to address inequality and health inequality in Islington.
- Despite an almost unprecedented global economic slowdown, last year has witnessed the second hottest year on record, further underlining the urgent

need to take action to combat global warming and climate change.

- Executive Member acknowledged that prior to national lockdown in March 2020, the Council was engaging with local people and organisations on its draft Vision 2030: Building a Net Zero Carbon Islington by 2030 Strategy, however this has now been agreed alongside the Council's new Transport Strategy and Biodiversity Action Plan in November 2020.
- A new delivery team has been created within a new Climate Change and Transport Service.
- The Executive Member noted that 2021 has not just been about adopting the Strategy and preparing Action Plan, the Council has made significant strides in terms of delivering its 2030 Vision by continuing to deliver initiatives such as School streets, Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and Cycle lanes etc. In addition, Council has commenced work on its ambitious programme to improve the energy efficiency of council homes and buildings; ensuring electric vehicles make up 10% of the council fleet and developing ambitious and robust planning policies to ensure the highest possible environmental standards for all new buildings in Islington.
- Executive Member acknowledged that in delivering its Action Plan, the Council will be investing £48 million over the next three years.
- The Corporate Director reiterated that carbon emissions for Islington as a borough is presently 679,589 tonnes, representing a reduction of 42% since 2015.
- The Council has categorised its proposed commitments and actions as to what the Council can commit to immediately and actions to take; what the Council see as potential commitments but will require further investigation before committing to and what the Council will need from others so as to be able to achieve its net zero target, including funding, powers and legislation.
- It was noted that this period is an opportunity to deliver a transformative reduction in carbon emission in the borough and this can be achieved through collaboration with residents, local communities and borough and regional partners.
- Meeting was advised that the programme has eight delivery work streams and the Council has invested additional resources to make it happen. The Corporate Director reiterated the importance of the Council developing a governance arrangements for councillor scrutiny and engagement, borough partnerships and engagements and regional and national working.
- The Council continues to build on existing partnerships across the borough including working closer with the Fairer Together Partnership and Islington

Sustainable Energy Partnership.

- The meeting was informed that the Council to develop London wide partnerships working with London Councils and the GLA. Islington is the lead authority for renewable energy on the London Council's climate change programme.
- The Corporate Director reiterated the Council's commitment with the Net Zero Carbon Programme by investing in its delivery as the Council has a dedicated programme team to enable and help drive delivery.
- With regards to buildings and energy infrastructure, the Council is developing pilot projects to install energy efficiency measures across selected housing estates and installing solar panels and LED lighting on its housing estates.
- The Corporate Director also noted that in terms of transport the Council continues to replace its vehicle fleet with electric vehicles; install cycle parking and cycle hangers to provide secure cycle storages. Efforts are being made to install electric charging points to facilitate the switch to electric vehicles.

The Chair thanked both Cllr Champion and Keith Townsend for their updates.

The Chair invited members of the public to participate in the 2 rounds of the 5 themed workshops after which facilitators of the workshops will report back to the meeting.

Members of the public in their discussions of the 5 themes of the Net Zero Carbon Programme, made the following comments and suggestions which are listed below:

Buildings, Housing and Infrastructure

- Major employers particularly in the south of the borough with large buildings should be invited to lead on this issue.
- Residents were concerned about the Council's inability in retrofitting its housing stock.
- Need to improve its communication with residents so that there is an increase in enthusiasm for low carbon interventions.
- The Council should endeavour to involve businesses as Partners especially in the area of money and funding in other to further the agenda.
- It was noted that considering half of the borough is within conservation areas, has planning any role especially with regards to the various green initiatives like solar panels.
- There is enthusiasm for the Bunhill Distribution Network and that the Council should consider further ground breaking technology initiatives.

Transport

- Discussions centred around the Local plan, parking of large vehicles, electric vehicles.
- The Council to increase further collaboration with Partners such as TFL and Central Government on this issue is essential
- People friendly streets were discussed and its relevance, noting that it's aim is not to displace traffic into other neighbouring streets.
- Meeting was informed that the Transport Strategy and Net Zero Carbon Strategy complement one another, having been agreed by the Executive at the same time.
- Issues around equalities and fairness was discussed in particular its impact with the proposed transport changes.

Sustainable & Affordable Energy

- Council should promote local businesses doing good things especially in terms of environmental issues
- The use of newsletters and posters to disseminate information effectively. Also to employ the services of Council's ambassador/champions in getting the message out. Suggestions such as social media, placing leaflets on windows were mooted.
- Council should consider ways to encourage private renters about green initiatives and in particular private landlords to make improvements to their properties such as switching to green energy. A suggestion on offering green mortgages and some form of funding was mooted.

Natural Environment, Waste Reduction & Recycling

- The Council needs to introduce more hard hitting communications with residents regularly about the council's target, to actively involved on the various green initiatives.
- Need for more green spaces and discussion on how to develop a vision for reclaiming road spaces that are released after road closures.
- It was agreed that focus should centre on reducing waste rather than recycling rates.
- Council to continue to lobby government to change legislation that will make things easier.
- In terms of behaviour changes especially with young people, it was suggested that giving young people opportunities to engage in green initiatives with a view that such messages will be taken home and influence parents to change behaviour.
- More efforts is required to incentivise local businesses with reducing both waste and plastics

Green Economy & Planning

- Local Planning Authority needs to be more proactive, for example discussions on what should or not be allowed especially with developments in

Conservation areas that it should be very clear to all parties. Officers indicated that the Supplementary Planning Document would be the tool to clarify it better.

- Council to continue working closely with both small and big businesses in the borough. It was suggested that where small businesses lack knowledge and expertise with adapting or introducing new initiatives support would be required and in the case of large businesses involved or engaged in green initiatives, the Council should tap into their expertise and knowledge.
- The Lead officer indicated the possibility at the next forum meeting to provide case studies of companies on their efforts with addressing issues such as waste collection, heating and lighting.
- The Chair thanked all the members of the community for coming to the meeting, and again thanked officers for coming to the meeting and engaging with the Islington Community about their work.

449 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item 6)

In response to concerns and the possibility of the Council's being able to meet its 2030 target, it was suggested by the Executive Member that it is imperative that communication with residents will need to be improved.

With regards to Council's commitment on planting trees, the meeting was advised that the current canopy (target) is presently 27% but the Council has a target of 30% which is a significant shift.

In terms of the huge investment required by both the private and public sector in order to fulfil most of the green initiatives highlighted in the Strategy, the meeting was advised that the Council in conjunction with other authorities via the London Climate Change Programme is working on an investment strategy which will be presented to central government.

A suggestion to involve schools and colleges as they have a vital role to play was noted, that curriculums should reflect the Council's target.

In response to a question about TMO's, TRA's and Co-op's and its involvement with green initiative, meeting was advised that the Council recognises the need to work with them and will include them with the Council's plans

On whether support is available to home owners or if they would be able to access or benefit from some of the green initiatives, meeting was advised that the council will continue to lobby government to be more flexible in this area especially as different criteria exists for different applications.

On the question of involvement with voluntary organisations, the meeting was advised that the Council has carried out some work with ISEP previously but it will be considering their involvement as the programme goes forward.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm

CHAIR

NZC Scrutiny Committee

17 March 2021

18:21

Housing, Buildings and Infrastructure

Notes

Breakout 1

14 participants

SK: We're here to listen

All buildings in Islington within scope

Raise hands to invite comments/questions

Cllr Gary Heather

- a. We should look to identify what major commercial buildings could undertake significant improvement and we should concentrate on those. Launch an initiative to target those
- b. Improve messaging and getting buy-in around the challenge to deliver improvements to accommodate the 92% non-council owned/managed

Bill Eyres - Environment Officer (Labour) and day job - sustainability manager

- a. Critical challenge of behaviour change. Could we have a net-zero commitment - could businesses and house-owners commit to the initiative and help to mobilise people
- b. Opportunity for businesses to show that they are socially responsible
- c. Support environmental employment/opportunities

Linda Clarke

Environmental Officer (Islington South - Labour) - day job (researcher in construction)

- a. Large scale retrofit needed and could offer training opportunities to undertake important works

Aaron Hay - Bevin Court resident

- a. Supplier contracts are available and could be delivered quicker through direct interventions
- b. Some council stock really run down and falls below energy standards - wasting money and generating carbon
- c. Are Islington taking the opportunity working hard enough with the top 15/20/30 businesses/employers/building owners operating in Islington?
- d. Concerned about fuel poverty and because of inefficient buildings

Nick C - concerned individual

- a. Referred to UN statement on 7% carbon emissions year on year
- b. Is there scope through Planning to encourage creative approaches to insulation/imaginative designs
- c. Get more people insulating their own homes? Could there be an open home scheme to show residents what can be done
- d. Can Planning set a 2030 target within the local plan even though it is at odds with Central Government 2050 target?

Hannah Staab - Fossil Free Islington

- a. How the council engage with residents/businesses and reflecting on the green homes grant - which showed the level of interest but was a poor role out
- b. Could LBI have a grant based scheme to encourage take up of greener options?

Breakout 2

14 participants

Steve Woods (Harry Weston)

- a. How social housing can be used as an example
- b. How the council can drive its own workforce and not miss opportunities
- c. Suggested they didn't get the necessary support for the retrofit they sought to introduce

Cllr Phil Graham

- a. Have control through the planning committee and no roofs should be allowed through the planning process without solar panels/green roofs
- b. Whilst roof works are ongoing - lets install solar panels. Lots of under-utilised roof space

Cllr Satnam Gill

- a. Planning legislation de-regulation is a problem/barrier to local policies
- b. We can find ways to encourage but no longer have the power through the planning process

Cllr Tricia Clarke

- a. What is the possibility of residents adding solar panels/green roofs to their properties on estates
- b. Utilise Islington Life to publicise what is being done

Tom Danning

- a. All residents need to receive regular and pertinent communication about the 'emergency'
- b. Either what the council is doing or what private individuals can do themselves
- c. Individuals can be reminded that they can have an impact

Ray O' Halloran current TRA Chair St Luke's Estate

- a. Could the council communicate the performance of existing buildings (how the estate is performing) from an energy perspective

Chris Proctor - Architect

- a. Islington is 50% conservation area but solar panels can be installed in conservation areas
- b. Lots of flat roofs - underutilised
- c. Council should take a lead on facilitating resident initiatives

Cllr Tricia Clarke requested an update on retrofit plans

Cllr Phil Graham - asked for update re: future heat networks such as Bunhill

SK feedback:

Acknowledged some general frustration with the pace of retrofitting programme

Much greater challenge than for construction of new homes

There isn't a one-size fits all solution

Priority is making the buildings more energy efficient prior to introduction of low-carbon heating solutions

Debate around the right approach and this needs careful balancing – i.e. fabric first, scale or worst performing?

Summarised technologies available and some of those emerging i.e. Hydrogen

Summarised consortium approach through Green Scies initiative and commitment to delivering future heat networks

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Special E&R Scrutiny Committee meeting

Wednesday 17 March 2021

Feedback from break-out groups

Workstream priority:

Actions to see and behaviours to change

The council needs to improve its communication with businesses around net zero carbon actions

- There needs to be more mention of the climate emergency within business fora, e.g. at town centre meetings, and in businesses bulletins
- Targeted communication is especially needed for SMEs
- Businesses need to be told of the implications of climate change and the move to net zero carbon emissions
- Many businesses are currently unaware of the many different things they could do to cut emissions
- The council should support SMEs in carrying out footprint analysis and provide targeted information and advice to different business sectors (e.g. restaurants, offices) and on different issues (e.g. lighting, heating, stoves, waste)
- The council should facilitate knowledge sharing between businesses

Businesses need to be incentivised

- Positive case studies should be reported and businesses that have made a positive change promoted.
- Initiatives such as the Low Plastic Zone on Cowcross Street should be promoted and expanded to other areas, e.g. Angel town centre.
- Potential savings and the low cost of many measures should be emphasised, alongside the ability to attract new environmentally-conscious customers.
- We need to explore how funding can be secured and paid through savings

Islington Council needs to do all it can to ensure businesses respond appropriately

- Islington Council needs to lead by example
- Islington Council has limited powers over businesses and needs to make full use of all available levers, small and large, soft and hard.
- There is evidence that nudging doesn't always work and that a nuanced approach is not adequate – some sticks are also needed and options should be explored, such as removing businesses' license to operate. Alternatively, businesses that respond well to climate change imperatives could be allowed to do things they wouldn't otherwise be able to do.
- Procurement practices should support net zero emissions targets through social value clauses.
- Council grant schemes can directly support energy reductions

Anchor institutions have an important role to play

- We need to clearly identify our Anchor institutions and explain the role they have
- An anchor institution network needs to be developed.

The green economy needs to be promoted

- The council needs to be explicit about what kind of new businesses are wanted/needed and to promote green jobs.
- Local skills and employment opportunities need to be actively developed

Planning

- Planning needs to ensure only the best schemes with the highest standards and designs get the go-ahead, especially with major developments (it was felt that some schemes such as Islington Square could have been better)
- Clear guidance on what changes to buildings (solar installations etc) would be acceptable, especially for conservation areas and listed buildings, are need. The proposed Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) on net zero carbon developments should help with this and needs to be completed as soon as possible.
- Planning needs to address emissions as part of the construction process.
- Planning should be punitive and unforgiving where conditions are not met.

Challenges to achieving those actions and behaviours

- Islington Council has limited powers over businesses
- Lack of funding
- Capacity issues

Prioritise the actions and behaviours (if time)

- Communications and awareness raising
- Stress local jobs and opportunities
- Be punitive where needed. It can't be all carrots – sticks are also needed.

Any other points

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E&R Scrutiny 17th March

Natural Environment & Waste workshop

- Identify the behaviours we must change to achieve the outcomes set out in Vision 2030
- Identify the challenges we need to overcome to achieve the behaviours we want to see
- If time, prioritise the actions and behaviours we want to see
- Any other points

Workshop 1

Clr Clarke – very little green space in Islington, the least in London. How do we increase green space? Can we green our pavements?

Lucy, Islington Cleanup Parent – how do residents make suggestions? Residents are keen to suggest opportunities and council takes comments. But how can we get proper discussions going? We want to make meaningful suggestions for locations for tree planting, rainwater gardens etc.

Andrew Bedford – some initiatives are underway. We're working with Islington gardeners etc. But yes, how to increase these opportunities?

Lucy - We need to have **more engagement**, better conversation, not just a chance to fill in a form.

Helena – can we repurpose pavements? Make spaces green. There are lots of opportunities if we are imaginative. How do we engage more effectively? The community doesn't feel that this is the Council's main priority.

There is a perception that nature doesn't have a space in the urban environment. Parks don't need to have manicured lawns. We need policies to support wilder green areas. We need to explain why we leave nature wilder, and support this with policies.

Lindy Sharpe – Transition Highbury – we have converted the Transition Highbury website into a website showing how local residents can reduce their climate impact. We are keen to support Council. Increasing **green spaces** is important, including wild green spaces. We also need to try to link them up.

Questions regarding the Council's use of pesticides... and deisel leaf blowers... both seem inconsistent with NZC.

Waste... it can be difficult to know what you can recycle. There is a comprehensive list on the website, but it is still confusing. We need more facilities to help get rid of waste.

Comms – We need to know why you're doing things. The signage around LTN was an example of how not to do it. Needs to be more helpful and more user friendly.

Tom – Suggestion around use of parking bays for **greening space**. **Is there** any monitoring of these applications? I see lots of parking spaces, and lots of gaps. Are there enough cars to use them? Could we reclaim some of this space.

Comms – need to emphasise this is an emergency... repeatedly... we need to understand why change is happening and needs to happen.

This meeting is great, but it needs to be more regular. You need to ramp up the comms.

Jackie Clarke – sec for Honor Row Gardens – 2 years ago I was walking the dog in a barron park – we have transformed the park, there is wildlife, we've enriched the soil etc. There's a woodland walk, community orchard. Lots of benefits. Great for community. Officers have been great! Can we do this in all parks? Needs local people to want to do it.

Hannah – comms very important. We need to know what to do and how to do it. We need to understand how the Council is supporting education and working in schools.

Needs to be a focus on food waste, and how can food waste recycling be made as accessible as possible on estates.

Chris – Islington Recycling Champion – question regarding waste issues and who is responsible for dealing with scope 3 emissions (from the products we buy). Also, how big a role does waste and resources have? Have targets been evaluated in terms of carbon? Are we working with NLWA, contractors etc...

Also, watched the Dispatches programme, it was very anti incineration. Is this a reason for low recycling rates? What is Council's view on incineration?

Tom (Elsa) - I see lots of empty parking spaces. Good example is Liverpool Road where the bays removed but there is still parking available.

Workshop 2

Una O'HALLORAN- I live on an estate, great recycling provision. How do we get more people recycling on estates? How do we get more people on estates growing food? Need to get started, it's urgent.

Kevin Fallon – Hackney planted new significant trees on Mare Street, this helps creating shade. We could do this to e.g. areas like lower end of Upper St.

Waste recycling in Holland - they have sunken bins in street where people can store without obstructing streets, more efficient method. Have we considered this?

Husen – We need to help young people to get involved with environmental issues through slogans and banners.

There needs to be more stronger and harder messages and greater use of social media.

Lauren – more social campaigning. Good examples from Australia and New Zealand

Kiss the ground – my recycling bin is half the size of my bin. Needs to be the other way round. Need to have free recycling, but pay for waste.

Mariana – I live in a flat, there's not enough knowledge of what to recycle and changes from Borough to Borough. Need to make recycling part of the curriculum so stronger messaging in schools.

Rachael – experience of local school, there's an eco committee that involves children and brings messages home. Shocking data should be part of the comms to drive the message home.

Jeremy – rather than just encouraging recycling go to source to change buying behaviour, target businesses to reduce packaging amounts.

Cllr Russell – trees and importance of shade to protect as many trees as we can. We should have a waste reduction target that we can work towards, not just target of proportion that is recycled.

We don't consider the amount that is taken away by the bin trucks. We need more focus on reducing waste. We need to work through children to reduce plastic use and purchasing. Need water refill points around the Borough to.

Nick – can we put amount going for incineration into the targets. How do we incentivise businesses. Need for a circular economy plan. Should be more accountable for waste targets.

Lauren – we need the biggest campaign ever to change behaviour – big priority

Cllr O'Halloran – planting trees together to enhance shared and greenspace. Agree education is so important. Need incentives for business, deposit schemes. Trying to get people to work together in neighbourhoods.

Rachael – lots of overlap with different strategies. LTN and active travel is a big priority. Now need to think about what happens with the reclaimed streets, linked to how businesses make deliveries.

Need to make connections and share vision for people.

Husen – lots of waste from fast food, need to encourage young people in eating more healthy and being more active.

Nick – what can we do to encourage people to eat less street. Trying to get food recycling bins but had problems

Rachael – get young people growing in parks and schools.

Summary

Lots of comms... and better, easier engagement, how do residents get involved – good example of Thornhill Rd Gdns and the difference that can be made when residents do engage

Harder hitting campaigns

Greening more space..., parking bays, more trees etc how do we develop a vision for reclaiming the road space that's freed up

Better connection of green spaces supporting active travel and biodiversity.

Carbon counting of our waste activities? Reduce waste, bigger priority than just recycling more

Engage young people, kids in schools plus 'youth opportunities to be involved in environmental initiatives

Engage with businesses, incentivise them to reduce waste, plastic etc

Importance of circular economy and challenge of how we can lobby government

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Special E&R Scrutiny Committee meeting

Wednesday 17 March 2021

Feedback from break-out groups

Workstream priority: Sustainable and Affordable Energy

Actions to see and behaviours to change

Are we using waste heat from energy (burning waste)? Not in the borough directly.

Have we done an assessment of lowest hanging fruit to prioritise to get to Net Zero Carbon?

- Has been about reducing carbon in past, moving to eliminating carbon so a bit of a step-change in what we need to do. Some easy wins (cavity wall insulation) but also a number of big steps. Will need to have multiple actions on some buildings.

Quick wins – switching to renewables, not to buy gas boilers. If you were to switch a house to the latest efficiency high payback – could we partner with someone like Nationwide with a green mortgage scheme? Could link to selling your house, etc. Can create a feeling of a movement – help create a movement and change behaviours while creating practical tools to make that switch.

- The EcoFurb scheme could help with this, London-wide, ends this financial year but it's in the strategy to do more.

Heat pumps very good, are we doing anything to help residents switch to heat pumps? I would like to but not enough space; how could we make easier to switch?

Agreed, could we see how many could be switched over quickly to start rolling out?

Would be interested to see how the council can support local businesses to support the skills development to roll out things like heat pumps. Difficult to find reliable contractors.

Renewable energy tariffs – renewable electricity great but can we work with suppliers to get renewable/bio gas in the borough?

Finding partners as a leaseholder to replace my windows – I'd love to replace my draughty windows but the council is tied in to a contract with partners and I'd still have to pay for everyone's windows. Can we streamline this for leaseholders to take more responsibility for some things without legal changes to the lease, etc?

As a leaseholder, anything we want done in the building we are told it is so far in the future it seems crazy. If I can do something (boiler) that's good, but individual. Would be good to be able to come together as a group of people to make changes, would be more impactful.

Challenges to achieving those actions and behaviours

Need to be getting more information out there. How should we communicate to people? What channels should we use?

- Covid health champions network has been good – creates ambassadors and peer to peer networks. Take the same approach to energy efficiency?
- Have done with recycling champions so potential.

- Use the existing comms from council – council bills, tax, etc.
- Have a mix of comms with bite-sized messages.

Good idea to use existing networks. Need to use many layers to make sure that everyone gets the message.

Prioritise the actions and behaviours (if time)

Any other points



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Net Zero Carbon 2030 Strategy Transport Workstream

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Environment Scrutiny Committee

27 April 2021

Agenda Item B1

Transport: Scope



Together we can make
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- **Reduce emissions from transport in the borough**
 - **All transport within the borough – private, commercial and public**
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- This workstream will reduce emissions from transport in the borough by:
 - Reducing emissions from the council's fleet
 - Reducing vehicle use (by through traffic, residents and local businesses)
 - Encouraging use of electric vehicles
 - Discouraging fossil fuel based plant usage
 - Influencing government policy and partnership
 - Securing cleaner bus services

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P2.1 Fleet Replacement Programme (electrification)

- Reduction in our overall vehicle fleet and increase in the number of electric vehicles
- Waste Recycling Centre (WRC) initial smart charger installation to existing power supply
- WRC new grid connection and substation
- Low voltage infrastructure and smart charger installations (phased in line with fleet procurement)
- Smart charger installations at other council premises
- Increase solar capacity at council charging sites
- Enable Vehicle to Grid (V2G) at locations with parked vehicles, expanding on Town Hall V2G trial

Transport: Delivery



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P2.1 Fleet Replacement Programme (electrification)

Delivered so far

- Over 10% fleet is now electric
- WRC smart chargers installed using existing power supply
- Smart chargers operational at Randels Road and Laycock Centre
- V2G Town Hall trial commenced

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To deliver over next 12-18 months

- Procure new vehicles and EV chargers in line with an updated procurement strategy
- WRC new HV grid connection and substation completed
- Smart charger installations at other council premises (Prichard Court, 222 Upper Street) and further scoping of additional sites
- Support Energy team to increase solar capacity at council charging sites
- Complete Town Hall V2G trial



Transport: Deliverable

P2.2 Vehicle use reduction by residents and local businesses

- Reduce the need for cars by making active travel the easiest and most enjoyable option:
 - Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and Liveable Neighbourhoods
 - Network of cycle lanes and cycle routes
- Deliver 'School Streets' or similar interventions where possible at all primary schools in the borough
- Introduce a borough-wide lorry control scheme working towards banning lorries (HGVs) from driving through the borough on residential roads
- Ensure new developments are car-free or have restricted on-site parking and access to controlled parking zones, and have adequate cycle facilities
- Develop and deliver an Accessibility Plan and a Walking and Cycling Action Plan
- Develop a parking strategy, exploring workplace parking levies and working towards a freight consolidation strategy

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P2.2 Vehicle use reduction by residents and local businesses

Delivered so far

- Seven Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and a traffic filtering scheme at Mayton Street
- Network of cycle lanes and routes: York Way (Phases 1 & 2), Green Lanes, Balls Pond Road, Highbury Fields to Finsbury Park (substantially complete) and Liverpool Road to Penton Street
- Camera-enforced School Streets at every primary school not on a main road
- STARS travel behaviour change programme
- “Try Before You Bike” scheme launched for residents and businesses

To deliver over next 12-18 months

- Continue delivery of People Friendly Streets programme (LTNs, School Streets and lorry controls)
- Cycle routes (complete York Way pop-up cycle lane; Highbury Fields to Finsbury Park; Regents Canal to Highgate and Amwell Street)
- Support TfL on the Camden to Tottenham Hale cycle route
- Continue to apply car-free policies to new development
- Develop a walking and cycling action plan
- Promote “Try Before You Bike” for business and develop actions that support freight consolidation

P2.3 Rollout of public EV charging infrastructure

- Ensure the borough invests in EV charging infrastructure, including lamp column and rapid chargers, carefully locating chargers to avoid pedestrian access issues
- Encourage the use of electric taxis by ensuring Islington has sufficient on-street rapid chargers for taxi drivers
- Support and promote electric car club schemes and carpooling initiatives
- Ensure public EV infrastructure is powered by renewable sources
- Encourage local businesses to switch to zero emissions vehicles or cargo bikes

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Transport: Delivery

P2.3 Rollout of public EV charging infrastructure



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Delivered so far

- Nearly 300 publicly accessible charge points delivered across the borough
- Encourage the use of electric taxis by ensuring Islington has sufficient on-street rapid chargers for taxi drivers
- All existing suppliers agreed transition plan to ensure EV infrastructure is powered by renewable sources
- Continued support to businesses through the Zero Emissions Network and new incentives to trial local deliveries by cargo bike



To deliver over next 12-18 months

- Communications and engagement plan to support and promote electric car club schemes and carpooling
- Complete delivery of 400 EV charging points
- Support TfL with the delivery of public rapid charging infrastructure

P2.4 Discourage fossil fuel based plant usage

- Replace grounds maintenance equipment with viable electrical alternative models
- Replace diesel generators with emissions-free alternatives such as battery packs or fuel cells in our non-road mobile machinery
- Implement the UK's first Eco Zone at the Regent's Canal to provide cleaner power to canal boats that use diesel engines and wood stoves, and build on its success to provide these benefits in other areas with poor air quality

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Hydrogen fuel cell light towers delivered by cargo bike during Highbury Corner works. Source: TCP ECO

P2.4 Discourage fossil fuel based plant usage

Delivered so far

- Half the Eco Zone electric bollards for moorings installed along Regent's Canal

To deliver over next 12-18 months

- Replace grounds maintenance equipment with viable electrical alternatives at end of life
- Begin review of non-road mobile machinery across the council's operations
- Complete the Eco Zone at the Regent's Canal



Transport: Influencing and engagement

Influence other departments, local authorities and government in order for the borough to achieve net zero.

- TfL/the Mayor to create a Zero Emission Zone across the expanded ULEZ area by 2030
- Ensuring all bus routes through Islington are served by electric or hydrogen vehicles
- London-wide approaches to workplace parking levies and road user charging
- Additional actions and national policies, including those on:
 - red diesel subsidies
 - changes to road and vehicle taxation
 - strategic support for local authorities
 - national diesel scrappage scheme
 - improvements to charging infrastructure before the ban of new diesel and petrol vehicles

Transport: External Funding



Secured

Name of Scheme	Funding	Purpose	Status
GLA Good Growth Fund	£1,485,000	Upgrade WRC electricity infrastructure including new substation and high voltage connection	Secured - Delivery underway
TfL London Streetspace plan Cycle programme	£1,062,757	Deliver C38 North and C38 South cycle schemes	Secured - Delivery substantially complete
TfL London Streetspace Plan Low Traffic Neighbourhoods	£130,004	Deliver LTNs in Amwell and St. Peter's	Secured - Delivery complete
DfT emergency active travel fund	£100,000	Deliver LTN in Canonbury East	Secured - Delivery complete
DfT active travel fund	£191,702	Deliver LTNs in Clerkenwell Green and Canonbury East (partial contribution)	Secured - Delivery complete
TfL Local Implementation Plan 2020/21	£829,000	Wind down and keep on hold schemes during the COVID-19 emergency (April – October 2020) and to re-instated delivery of the LIP programme October 2020 to March 2021	Secured - Delivery complete
MHCLG Reopening High Streets Safely	£115,113	Deliver and maintain social distancing measures at shops in town centre and local neighbourhood locations and provide communications and information support to businesses to support safe reopening following lockdown	Secured - Delivery in progress
Total	£3,913,576		

Transport: External Funding

Applications

Name of Scheme	Funding	Purpose	Status
Future Neighbourhoods 2030 – Phase 1	Maximum £1,350,000 for project costs, 40% must be match funded	Improve the natural environment and air quality, and tackle climate and ecological emergencies in climate vulnerable areas	Application deadline May 2021
Office for Zero Emission Vehicles – On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme	£120,000 capital costs, 25% must be match funded	Deliver 60 lamp column charging points	Bid submitted March 2021
Total (maximum)	£1,470,000		

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Thank you and questions

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ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2020/2021

27 APRIL 2021

- 1) Scrutiny Review: Presentation Net Zero Carbon Programme-Transport
- 2) Work Programme 2020/2021

2021/2022 Work Programme – Draft

- 1) Scrutiny Review Presentation Net Zero Carbon Programme- Residential buildings, Commercial and Industrial buildings and Infrastructure
 - 1) Scrutiny Review Presentation Net Zero Carbon Programme - Natural Environment & Waste Reduction and Recycling Commitments.
 - 2) Air Quality – Officer update (Tbc)
 - 3) Low Traffic Neighbourhoods – update
 - 4) Work Programme 2020/2021
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