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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 Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 27 March 2023 at 7.30 pm.

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<u>Membership</u>

Councillor Tricia Clarke (Chair)
Councillor Gary Heather (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Fin Craig
Councillor Mick Gilgunn
Councillor Ruth Hayes
Councillor Claire Zammit
Councillor Angelo Weekes
Councillor Ernestas Jegorovas-Armstrong

Substitute Members

Councillor Praful Nargund Councillor Caroline Russell Councillor Jason Jackson

Quorum is 4 members of the 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.
- **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.
- (d) Land Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.
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This applies to **all** members present at the meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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- 5. Chair's Report
- 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.



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Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held at Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 20 February 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Clarke (Chair), Heather (Vice-Chair), Jeapes, Hayes

and Jegorovas-Armstrong and Jackson

Present: Other: Councillor Champion.

77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Apologies received from Councillors Craig, Gilgunn, Weekes, Zammit and Nargund (as substitute)

78 <u>DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)</u>

Councillor Jackson as substitute member

79 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)</u>

None.

80 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

Under Item 5, Chair's Report amended to "The Chair of the London Assembly's Planning and Regeneration Committee explained the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill had a second reading in the House of Lords and the 11 recommendations were the outcome of the Committee's investigation scrutinising the effects the reforms had on planning systems in London."

Under Item 5, Chair's Report - To note that the Informal Working Group suggested Officers worked with Professor Linda Clarke and engaged with Cally Energy

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them subject to the amendments above.

81 <u>CHAIR'S REPORT (Item 5)</u>

The Chair reminded the committee that 18th April 2023 was the date of the special scrutiny committee meeting on the climate emergency, to which stakeholders in the Borough were invited.

The Chair asked Committee Members to inform her if there were any further groups that should be invited.

82 ORDER OF BUSINESS (Item 6)

Councillor Bell-Bradford, Executive member for Inclusive Economy and Jobs, presented item 10, Q3 Performance Report - Employment and skills first.

83 **PUBLIC OUESTIONS (Item 7)**

Public questions to be taken after each agenda item

84 <u>Q3 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2022/23) – EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS (Item</u> 10)

The Executive member for Inclusive Economy and Jobs presented this item. Cllr Bell-Bradford invited questions on the report per the Agenda.

Key Points in the discussion were raised, as follows:

- The Executive Member explained that sub targets were ambitious, and they may be under on some of these but there was an upwards increase and targets were slowly being reached. He explained that on some targets it was difficult to get certain information, such as ages of residents.
- Councillors asked what the Council was doing surrounding national apprenticeship
 week and for apprenticeship schemes in the Borough. The Executive Member
 explained that whilst Council championed apprenticeships year-round, there were a
 number of events being hosted during apprenticeship week that had good
 engagement. Improvements were still needed to produce a more systematic
 approach to capture information as well as working more closely with colleges and
 London Metropolitan University.
- Furthermore, work was being undertaken by HR to discover what apprenticeships could be available and the demographic that were seeking these. Level 2 apprenticeships availability had decreased and collaboration with colleges was needed. The Executive Member further explained that the Council were looking at how they can better support parents and applicants on the application process. There were tensions between whether the Council should prioritise education or apprenticeships.
- Keith Townsend, Corporate Director Environment and Climate Change, responded to
 queries on the Bright Sparks scheme, explaining that the Council were looking to
 continue to redevelop Bright Sparks and the opportunities this had provided to develop
 skills.
- Caroline Wilson, Director of Inclusive Economy and Jobs, and the Executive Member responded to concerns over affordable working spaces. Charges were substantially below market rate. They had just completed the monthly return with Fashion Enter and it had been positive, and the financial position had started to stabilise. The Executive Member said he would circulate a report on affordable workspaces in the borough.
- There was a research project underway with London Met University involving qualitative and quantitative elements on ongoing pressures on health provisions which was being evaluated and would be brought back to committee.
- Caroline Wilson said she would bring information on UCL Shared Knowledge back to the committee.
- The Executive Member responded to concerns over the Cost-of-Living Crisis effects on businesses in Islington. Islington were working with the London Boroughs of Camden and Hackney on the central activity zone. There were still issues from Covid effecting businesses such as many more people working from home particularly on Monday and Friday's where businesses had seen a decrease in footfall. The Executive Member would circulate more statistics on how Islington compared to other boroughs in this area.
- KPI's had previously not been good enough so more had been added to allow better tracking of targets.
- Further information on green jobs available would be brought back to committee.
- The Executive Member responded to concerns on increased funding due to scheme expansions, ensuring that any not so far used would be allocated to the right places and not wasted

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ACTIONS:

Officers to provide update on Bright Sparks to the committee.

The Executive member to circulate a report on affordable workspaces in the borough Officers to provide information on London Met University Research Project.

Officers to bring information on UCL Shared Knowledge back to the committee.

The Executive Member to Circulate information on the effects of the Cost-of-Living crisis to Islington Businesses.

The Executive Member to circulate information on green jobs available.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

85 NORTH LONDON WASTE AUTHORITY PRESENTATION (Item 8)

The committee received a presentation from Martin Capstick, Managing Director of the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) on the NLWA Progress Update. The following key points were raised in the discussion:

- Islington was the smallest borough of the NLWA in size and waste disposal.
- From a Green Peace survey, it was found North London residents were using 46 million pieces of plastic a week. The NLWA were investigating how to raise further awareness of this.
- London Energy were making large profits from the electricity generated from incinerated waste, this was going to the public sector, and they wanted to allow boroughs to use this money.
- Infrastructural issues occurred with compulsory food waste collection from 2025.
- The new NLWA facility had allowed for a separate space and air control for furniture that cannot be recycled due to chemicals in it. This had negated issues of contamination so all other waste could be recycled and disposed of correctly.
- The NLWA were keen to highlight to Government that more can be done to reach sustainable outcomes. Progress on single use plastics while slow does highlight this can be done.
- Due to levelling up policy and the treasury it was likely North London will lose £20 million in taxes on energy.
- The NLWA were engaging with other emitters who were seeing carbon capture as part of future plans to help find a solution for London as a whole. Members had previously approved awarding of contract of advisors to investigate technical solution for a planning application to install carbon capture equipment.
- Over concerns of increases in waste criminals, Martin reassured all waste was managed under contract with major companies and they traced the end disposal route, so it had gone to the correct place.
- Concerns arose over food waste, in which the NLWA gave example of trails in Hackney that gave residents of above shop flats/estates/flat blocks a key fob to access bins, so passers-by could not misuse these. As well as a view to have more public open bins to reduce misuse of food waste bins. The NLWA were working on a campaign to raise high level awareness of general ways to properly dispose of food waste as opposed to niche topics that could confuse the public. They aimed to make things clearer and easier to understand.
- Mr Capstick assured the workforce on site target was 25% and employment within
 this had included specialist roles and they had been working to build skills and use
 apprentices. They aimed to be more proactive at helping Islington residents with
 apprenticeship opportunities and advertising this more widely across North London,
 not just Enfield.

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- Mr Capstick explained that the fatality of a NLWA worker had led to reviews of all areas of work and stronger risk assessments, a report was being produced into the events that occurred and lessons learned from this.
- There had been a lack of support from Government on initiatives to reduce waste such as 'save our stuff'. While the Local Authority were trying to drive reuse and recycle schemes a better framework from the Government was needed for this to happen.
- Mr Capstick explained it was difficult for waste disposal and recycling plants to be 100% publicly owned due to the way in which facilities had evolved and the specialist equipment used. Companies such as Biffa had a monopoly on this and due to strong market connections got better value for money than would be possible for an individual authority.
- From queries arising from the public, Mr Capstick explained a joint waste strategy was being worked on, but they still were waiting for a conclusion on government reforms. It was not commercially viable to implement advanced sorting of recycled materials, this still would not result in net zero carbon. He further explained incineration and carbon capture were the lowest net carbon way to deal with waste. Wrapping plastic was a difficult waste product to process, as plastics such as sweet wrappers were made up of multiple materials which got mixed and produced lower quality recyclates. Finally, it was explained that the slogan on London Energy Vehicles was not an incentive to encourage waste but more to advertise incineration methods could help produce energy and electricity.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

86 <u>SCRUTINY REVIEW OF NET ZERO CARBON - CONCLUDING DISCUSSION.</u> (Item 9)

The Committee were invited to discuss their thoughts and conclusions on the scrutiny review, with a view for the draft recommendations to be brought to the March Meeting. The following key points were raised in the discussion:

- A campaign to national government on the climate emergency was needed urgently.
- Looking at best ways to deal with residual waste, through incineration or other
 means, it needed to be the most environmentally friendly option. There needed to be
 government intervention to reduce single use plastic usage which would drastically
 reduce waste produced that needed to be incinerated.
- An expansion on retrofitting and further training for officers in house, to help reduce costs and produce more green jobs.
- Working with community energy schemes with a view in the future to possibly buy council owned solar panels.

Councillors were asked to send any further thoughts to the Chair.

ACTION:

Clerk to collate ideas of draft recommendations and send to the chair and officers.

RESOLVED:

That the discussion be noted

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87 WORKPLAN 2022/23 AND RESPONSE TRACKER (Item 11)

It was requested that Officers invite 'Better'/GLL to March scrutiny meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the committee noted the work plan and the response tracker be circulated once complete.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm

CHAIR



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Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 3 October 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held at Council Chamber, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 3 October 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Clarke (Chair), Heather (Vice-Chair), Jeapes,

Craig, Gilgunn, Hayes, Zammit, Weekes and

Jegorovas-Armstrong

Councillor Tricia Clarke in the Chair

38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

None.

39 <u>DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)</u>

None.

40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None.

41 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4) RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting in September would be taken to the meeting in November

42 CHAIR'S REPORT (Item 5)

The Chair reminded the Committee of the informal Working Group held on 17 October 2022, which regarded sustainable and affordable energy. Chetan Lad, Interim Head of Energy at the GLA attended the Meeting that took place in November.

On 15 September 2022, the Chair attended the pesticide action that works meeting on pesticide-free boroughs and the speakers from Manchester and Hackney explained that becoming pesticide-free was best done slowly and was an on-going learning process for Local Authorities. The chair asked the committee if they would like a member of pesticide action to be invited to a future committee meeting. The committee agreed.

Finally, the Chair reminded the committee about the thriving neighbourhoods annual investment programme that opened on 26 September 2022, and it closed on the 31 October 2022. Anyone who lived on an Islington council estate was part of an Islington estate-based community centre or worked for the council, could submit applications. The meeting was invited to put forward ideas and asked to reach out to residents for their suggestions. The Chair highlighted that this was a good opportunity and there was money available to be used for promising ideas.

43 ORDER OF BUSINESS (Item 6)

John Ryan presented first on item B5 Islington Trees and Drought Update. Item B2 had been deferred to the next committee meeting in November. The remaining items were as per the order in the Agenda.

44 EXTERNAL SPEAKERS (Item 7)

None.

45 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item 8)

To be taken with the relevant items.

46 ISLINGTON TREES AND DROUGHT UPDATE (Item B5)

Jon Ryan, Arboriculture Manager at London Borough of Islington, presented this item to the Committee. Key points in the discussion were raised:

- In response to questions about funding and resources, Jon explained they were
 waiting for a grant funding result which would provide funding for two years. He
 explained he had also spoken to Tony Ralph on the issue of staff resources to see if
 parking charges can help fund a tree-planting officer.
- He also explained that he wanted to increase engagement and make the process more streamlined and systematic.
- He explained they had been overwhelmed with enquiries and complaints over location and size of certain trees but reassured members the tree policy was very strong, and this dictates which trees can be cut and pruned and they would not stray from this.
- The dead-tree hunt next week would reveal how many trees from the forest for change project. As these were put in a nursey before planting, they would still fall under a guarantee from the contractor so they should have all survived or would be replaced if they had not.
- Mature trees managed during drought conditions due to their broad spreading roots.
 If there was a species that start to struggle with increasing climate change symptoms, these trees would not be watered and unfortunately it would have to be accepted that some species would not survive climate change conditions.
- If medium trees grew into large trees, and continued to flourish, this would provide even more canopy cover in the borough.
- Subsidence was a major risk to large healthy trees; Islington was renowned in the
 insurance industry for robustly challenging subsidence claims and there was an
 officer whose primary job was to deal with insurance claims of this nature.
- More droughts led to more insurance claims which in turn put trees on a 'maintenance cycle' which uses a large amount funding.
- There was a manifesto pledge for 600 net trees per year and repurpose 1.5 hectares of space into green spaces.
- Trees would need to be planted on buildings due to the lack of ground space available.
- An update on the programme of spraying, and the use of glyphosate in the borough had been sought and a response was being awaited on.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the presentations

47 SCRUTINY REVIEW- COUNCIL BUILDINGS AND HOMES (Item B1)

Matt West, Director of Housing and Property Services, presented this item to the Committee. Key points in the discussion were raised:

- On green jobs, in terms of funding, with a £1.5 billion gap, every penny counted.
 Three grants had been applied for to date and any opportunity that arises to apply for a grant or bid was taken.
- There were schemes looking at heat networks across the board. Looking into cross-borough boundary heat networks. Matt explained he would come back to the committee with more information on heat networks, especially the NLWA. Keith Townsend explained there was a collaborative project currently with all North London boroughs to see if it was possible to connect heat networks using the NLWA. There had also been talks with the Department for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy and the GLA to support funding.
- There were not currently plans to offer grants to landlords for retrofitting schemes but would signpost available government grants and launch an accredited supply list of local traders and builders.
- In response to concerns from members over the level of detail included, Matt explained this report was an update on the annual report which provided more details on the plans to achieve net zero carbon.
- He explained housing associations can be hard to deal with and different ones
 provide various levels of detail on their strategies. Moreover, they were currently
 more focused on their safety strategies.
- Currently it was difficult to give feasible figures on the level of disruption to Bevin Court during the works, it will mostly likely be on the boiler room and they were working to minimise disruption.
- The higher the grant received the less charge was put on leaseholders and the more schemes can be run.
- UCL had done modelling to energy costs with retrofitting provisions, this was quite granular so could be picked up on different schemes. It has been challenging to model these costs due to the continued rising fuel costs.
- He explained all council properties had feasibility studies done and looking at options of retrofitting for these.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the report

48 Q1 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2022/23) - LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE (Item B2) Deferred.

49 Q1 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2022/23) - NET ZERO CARBON PROGRAMME (Item B3)

Sarah Hitchcock and Keith Townsend, Corporate director for Environment presented this item to the Committee. Key Points in the discussion were raised:

- The chair raised issue with some of the wording used in the report.
- Sarah Hitchcock explained in terms of skill strategy, work was undertaken in tandem with other boroughs to ensure strategy was aligned. As well as heavily incorporating and exploring further opportunities for green skills.
- The Action Plan was grouped into different sections from the core strategy and aimed to ensure local businesses had access to a skilled local workforce.
- The community forum had been delayed due to recruitment issues.

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- They plan to make the action plan and what was needed clearer as well as the introduction of KPIs to see what can be delivered more accurately and better. It was hoped that an increase in community engagement will run alongside this.
- In terms of score cards, the Council came out strongly in engagement planning but had sadly fell short in other areas.
- There were plans to do stakeholder mapping with work steams to understand who
 they work with and how they collaborate with them. This would allow a more
 targeted approach for the delivering of work.
- In response to questions on Citizens assemblies it was explained they were very costly so the best ways to engage with citizens was being identified and it was hoped the new strategy would help identify these.
- There had been challenges with decarbonising machinery due to it being unreliable and very costly to do so. There would not be commitment to machinery until it could be ensured that it would be reliable.
- Work was undertaken with the pensions and investment teams to understand the decarbonisation of the pension fund and more frequent updates have been requested.
- In response to questions from the public, it was explained that there had not been enough progress made in terms of engagement. There was not currently the infrastructure to facilitate this, therefore ways to make engagement more inclusive were being investigated. Sarah also explained that an SPD officer was being recruited and thanked the resident for their contributions to the work surrounding SPD.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the report

50 <u>EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT - ANNUAL</u> PERFORMANCE REPORT (Item B4)

The Executive Member for Environment and Transport presented this item to the Committee. Key points in the discussion were raised:

- The Executive Member began by reflecting on the progress over the last two years, explaining there had not previously been a net zero carbon team or programme and the progress made as well as embedding net zero carbon across all of Council activity had been a great achievement for the Council.
- The climate crises had affected Islington in many ways with increased temperatures and heat episodes, as well as surface water flooding.
- The Council were trying to tackle these issues with different policies such as people friendly streets, retrofitting and creating greener spaces. These issues had become more urgent with the imminent climate crisis.
- The net zero policies would also help tackle other crises such as energy crises and cost of living crisis. Retrofitting for example would lower energy costs and help make bills cheaper.
- Organisations such as SHINE had an increased workload with the increasing crises and their help with residents had been so important and useful.
- Projects such as GreenSCIES should come to fruition in the coming year.
- WHO had issued guidance reducing guidance on what was an acceptable level of air pollution
- While the report was promising there had still been a lot of work to do.
- In response to questions from Members, the Executive Member explained the planter scheme had morphed into a half a million-pound Islington together scheme.

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- There needed to be a paradigm shift on waste and recycling, but this had been extremely difficult. There needed to be more recycling on estates and there had been a greater focus on these areas, but the recycling team did not have the capacity to do more audits or make this more sustainable currently. Two officers had been recruited to now do this. Reducing food waste was crucial in helping with overall waste and recycling policies.
- The Executive Member explained that recycling figures had dropped across London whole residual waste had increased. But these had both decreased across North London, however it was hard to know the exact reason why. The priority for the council was reduced waste overall and increased recycling.
- SHINE was being reviewed as part of the Renewable Power for London programme
 partly through the GLA and partly through energy companies' renewable
 commitments. Demand had risen for such companies and therefore the council had
 explored how to best help organisations such as SHINE.
- The Mayor of London had launched a London wide advice service about energy and retrofitting through the energy saving trust.
- There had been issue regarding Cycle Hangars in the borough due to manual handling of systems, a new IT system was needed which unfortunately takes time but once this was in place it should be a smoother operation.
- Islington had received Gold Status in Islington in Bloom.
- There had been encouragement of parklets, but this would require community help to look after these as the council did not have capacity to do so.
- The executive member explained the links between air quality and climate change, and health was being explored and there would be an update to committee once more information was available.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the report

51 WORKPLAN 2022/23 (Item B6) RESOLVED:

Members noted the workplan

The meeting ended at 9.44 pm

CHAIR





Environment Town Hall, Upper Street, N1

Joint Report of: Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport, and Corporate Director of Environment and Climate Change

Meeting of: Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Date: 27 March 2023

Ward(s): All

Subject: 22/23 Quarter 3 Performance Report: Environment and Transport

1. Synopsis

- 1.1. The council has in place a suite of corporate performance indicators to help monitor progress in delivering the outcomes set out in the council's Corporate Plan. Progress on key performance measures are reported through the council's Scrutiny Committees on a quarterly basis to ensure accountability to residents and to enable challenge where necessary.
- 1.2. This report sets out Q3 2022/23 progress against targets for those performance indicators that mainly fall within the Place and Environment outcome area, for which the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee has responsibility. There is also an Energy measure from the Jobs and Money outcome area that relate to helping residents cope with the cost of living.

2. Recommendations

2.1. To note performance against targets as at the end of Q3 2022/23.

3. Background

3.1. A suite of corporate performance indicators has been agreed for 2018-22, which help track progress in delivering the seven priorities set out in the Council's

Corporate Plan - Building a Fairer Islington. Targets are set on an annual basis and performance is monitored internally, through Departmental Management Teams, Corporate Management Board, and externally through the Scrutiny Committees.

3.2. The Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is responsible for monitoring and challenging performance for the Place and Environment outcome area of making Islington a welcoming and attractive borough and creating a healthier environment for all, and also a couple of Energy measures from the Jobs and Money outcome area that relate to helping residents cope with the cost of living.

3.3. Quarter 3 performance update – Keep the streets clean and promote recycling.

PI No.	Indicator	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	22/23 Target	Q3 22/23 or latest	On target?	Q3 or same period last year	Direction of travel
E1	Percentage of household waste recycled and composted (Q in arrears)	31.3%	30.1%	33% for 22/23 32% (21/22)	27.9% (Q1+Q2)	No	30.1% (21/22)	Poorer
E11	Number missed waste collections - domestic and commercial (average per calendar month)	289	262	288	251 (Q3)	Yes	279	Better
n/a	Number of reported flytips (all land types)	1,982	1,404	n/a	341 (Q3)	n/a	340	Same
E6	Cleanliness surveys - Litter (% sites above acceptable standard)	93.5%	96.6%	95%	98.9% (Q3)	Yes	96.6% (21/22)	Better

E7	Cleanliness surveys – Detritus (% sites above acceptable standard)	91.1%	92.4%	93%	97.6% (Q3)	Yes	92.4% (21/22)	Better
E8	Cleanliness surveys –Graffiti (% sites above acceptable standard)	94.9%	99.0%	98%	99.7% (Q3)	Yes	99.0% (21/22)	Better
E9	Cleanliness surveys — Flyposting (% sites above acceptable standard)	98.5%	99.2%	98%	99.6% (Q3)	Yes	99.2% (21/22)	Better

- 3.3.1. **Recycling rate:** Audited quarterly recycling rate data from Waste Data Flow (the national waste and recycling performance database) usually comes in around three months after the end of the quarter. Q1 22/23 initially came in at 30.0% but at Q2, this was revised down to 28.4% due to a contractor error that caused some material not to be recycled. Q2 has come in at 27.4%, making the year-to-date percentage 27.9%. This compares to last year's rate of 30.1% and the current year's target of 33.0%.
- 3.3.2. An analysis of all seven NLWA boroughs comparing their 21/22 rates with the mid-year 22/23 position indicates that most other partner boroughs have seen a similar drop as Islington, with only Enfield showing an increase. Enfield's improvement is attributed to them tackling very high contamination rates which Islington hasn't had. The trend so far in 22/23 may be attributable to the economic downturn (both recycled and residual tonnages are down) as consumption patterns shift, as well as the push on commercial recycling affecting our non-household apportionment given by NLWA (part of the waste weighing calculation).
- 3.3.3. The updated 21/22 London benchmarking data indicates our position slipped from 4th to 5th of the 13 comparison Inner London boroughs and behind Greenwich, Lambeth, Southwark and City of London. Eight of all the Inner London boroughs also experienced a reduction in recycling levels from 20/21 to 21/22 and contrariwise, only two of the seven NLWA boroughs saw an increase. Our increased 21/22 residual waste per household figure of 367.5kg has also slipped us to 5th across all 33 London boroughs.
- 3.3.4. The plateauing of Islington's recycling rate at around 30% over the last few years mirrors national and regional trendspthecouncil is working hard to address this

using a combination of service improvements and encouraging behaviour change. Given that the comparative recycling rates on estates are on average only about 60% of that for street properties, our new draft waste Reduction and Recycling plan sets out a substantial new investment programme to transform recycling facilities on our estates. In the short term, our focus is on extending food waste recycling to remaining purpose-built blocks of flats and 6,000 more households are now receiving this service than at the end of Q2. We are also continuing the trial of food waste collections from flats above shops along part of Holloway Road (one of the first local authorities to do so).

- 3.3.5. We are also delivering on the first tranche of Thriving Neighbourhoods funded estate recycling infrastructure improvements, with at least £600k committed to deliver better facilities and supported by an additional two new member of staff in the recycling team focussed on this delivery and to work with communities on estates to drive up the quality of service and recycling rates. Recycling site improvements have recently been delivered at Andover Estate, Bentham Court, Hawthorne Close and Southwood Close, and over the next six months we will be completely revamping recycling facilities at the Bemerton and Finsbury Estates.
- 3.3.6. **Missed Collections:** Average monthly reported missed waste collections in Q3 was 251, showing a small but consistent improvement through the year with Q1 at 273 and Q2 at 265. No single month in 22/23 has so far been below target. Performance remains particularly strong across commercial waste collections. There are an average of 2.1 million collections made every month so the current performance represents 0.013% reported missed or only one in every 8,000.
- 3.3.7. **Fly-tipping:** The 'fly-capture' fly-tipping indicator measures the total number of reported fly-tips across all land types and waste types, with the number in Q3 being 341, virtually identical to last year's Q3 figure of 340. The 22/23 year to date figure is 883, 21% below the figure at this point in the year in 21/22. Of the reported fly-tips on the public highway across the quarter we removed 91% within our 24-hour target timescale, a high level of performance that has been maintained for several years.
- 3.3.8. **Street cleanliness surveys:** Street Cleanliness surveys in Islington used to be conducted by Keep Britain Tidy (KBT) but are now conducted in-house using the same on-street survey methodology. These are now conducted continuously as opposed to in tranches with survey sites covering all local land types across retail, industrial, housing, highways and recreation etc. All measures are collated to represent the observable amounts of litter, detritus (organic matter and gravel/sand etc), graffiti and flyposting. The results are then analysed, weighted and presented as a single percentage under each category giving the proportion

- of sites that are at or above a defined acceptable standard (or its inverse). Therefore, in the table above, the higher the figures (closer to 100%) the better.
- 3.3.9. With **litter**, performance improved substantially across 21/22 and this has been maintained in this year with Q3 coming in at a very strong 98.9%, well above the already challenging target or 95%. The improvements are attributed to the return of individual sweepers to their substantive rounds.
- 3.3.10. Overall levels of **detritus** have also improved with O3 showing a strong 97.6% in comparison to the overall 21/22 result of 92.4%. Aside from sweepers returning to their individual rounds, improvements are a result of using local land-use performance data to target interventions on residential streets which were previously bringing the results down.
- 3.3.11. **Graffiti** levels have also been reducing, with Q3 performance standing at 99.7% in comparison to the overall 21/22 figure of 99.0%. These positive outcomes are a result of a fully resourced team and the service being much more proactive in removing graffiti from third party infrastructure.
- 3.3.12. **Flyposting** has also shown continuing improvements over last year with Q3 coming in at 99.6% in comparison with 21/22 as a whole of 99.2% and the previous year's 98.5%.

3.4. **Quarter 3 performance update - Make sure residents have** access to high quality parks, leisure facilities and cultural opportunities

PI No.	Indicator	2020/21 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2022/23 Target	Q3 22/23 or latest	On target ?	Same period last year	Direction of travel
E10	Number of Leisure Visits	298k	1.298m	1.687m	1.236m (Q1-Q3)	Yes	918k	Better

3.4.1. After the managed leisure re-openings post lockdown, 22/23 targets have been set at 80% of 19/20 actuals. Year to date visitor numbers are now only 1% ahead of the profiled target after five consecutive months of the impacts of the Sobell Leisure Centre flood, which negative impact is expected to continue for the

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remainder of 2023. The Ironmonger Row Baths Spa is scheduled to be completed by January 2024 and this is expected to positively impact visitor numbers, though the Sobell reinstatement and some potential new projects are still at an early stage of being considered.

3.5. Quarter 3 performance update - Provide practical support to help residents cope with the cost of living.

PI No.	Indicator	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Target	Q3 22/23 or latest	On target ?	Same Period last year	Direction of travel
E13	Residents supported through SHINE – unique household referrals	5,479*	3,233	3,000	2,184 (Q1-Q3)	No	2,885	Poorer

^{*} These figures are not directly comparable with current performance as they were presented using the old methodology which includes re-referrals of the same household.

- 3.5.1. **Islington SHINE referrals:** This measure is now presented as unique household referrals only and excludes re-referrals. After a slow start, year to date performance has picked up in Q3 is now within 18% of the profiled target, and the service are prioritising hitting the end of year target of 3,000 with a substantial targetted text campaign.
- 3.5.2. Unique household referrals have struggled this year due to changes in the government's Warm Home Discount scheme. Previously people had to apply for this and SHINE helped a large number of clients apply for it (1,265 in 2021/22). However, the rules changed in 2022 to introduce auto-registration, meaning people no longer needed help from SHINE. Helping clients apply for WHD was a quick task, meaning a large number of referrals could be achieved efficiently. As all the WHD-only clients have disappeared, most other interventions (assistance with dealing with suppliers, debt relief etc) are more time consuming, but have all increased in volume. For example, debt cases are more than double the number compared to 21/22.
- 3.5.3. The combination of losing a large number of potential referrals that could be dealt with quickly, and the remaining referrals taking longer to deal with, have meant the number of referrals has reduced. Q2 referrals were also affected by the promotional mailout being delayed as needing to be redesigned to complement the Cost of Living campaign. Also relevant is that re-referrals are at an all-time

- high, meaning that the same household is calling back repeatedly within the year, but only get counted once for the purpose of the KPI.
- 3.5.4. Debt relief is a key focus in Q4 to ensure that we are getting the maximum amount of amount of debt written off for vulnerable residents as possible, especially now that the Islington Debt Relief Fund is live. This is funding to support residents struggling with energy bill debt, which will start with £77,000 of funding over the next two years. We expect 250 households in the borough will need supporting this financial year, and 350 in the next financial year to get debts they are unable to pay written off.
- 3.5.5. Average wait times on the SHINE advice line peaked over the Christmas period but have now been halved to an average 15-20 minutes and the recruitment of extra staff will continue to help mitigate this. We continually closely monitor the demographics of our service users to ensure that we are reaching the most vulnerable residents

3.6. Quarter 3 performance update – Make it easier and safer for people to travel through the borough and beyond.

PI No.	Indicator	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Target	Q3 22/23 or latest	On target ?	Q3 or same period last year	Direction of travel
E2	Number of secure cycle parking facilities on streets	222	401	500	422	Yes	240	Better
E3	Number of new electric vehicle charging points across the borough	284	336	500	396	No	285	Better
n/a	Percentage of parking appeals won at the Enforcement and Traffic Tribunal	52% (19/20)	69% (20/21)	75% (21/22)	78% (21/22)	Yes	69% (20/21)	Better

n/a	People killed or seriously injured on	111	84	n/a	96	n/a	84	Poorer	
ii/a	our roads	(2019)	(2020)	II/ a	(2021)	II/ a	(2020)	Poorei	

- 3.6.1. **Secure cycle parking:** The council committed to delivering 100 secure cycle parking facilities on our streets each year over a four year period to 2021/22, making 400 in total. We achieved this target and have committed to delivering a further 100 by the end of March 2023. The majority of these are scheduled to be delivered in Q4, though we have now added a further 21 since April. Each facility can house six bicycles giving a total current capacity of 2,532.
- 3.6.2. As at end of January, the paid occupancy rate across the whole capacity stood at 71%, rising to 87% including spaces that have been offered and awaiting confirmation. Occupancy rates fluctuate depending on when new hangars are installed, especially when in large batches. We are working on a digital platform, due to launch in the summer, which will simplify the way we offer and monitor bike hangar spaces which will make running an accurate occupancy figure more straightforward and more accurate. After a thorough ongoing audit, the resident waiting list for bike hangar space has been substantially reduced from nearly 7,000 to 2,500 and the allocation process speeded up.
- 3.6.3. **Electric vehicle charging points:** The Council has also committed to installing 400 new electric vehicle charging points (EVCPs) over the same four-year period. In 21/22 we added 52, and so far in 22/23 a further 60 taking us to 396. Programme delays derived from TfL halting their rapid charging programme, supplier's site assessments being delayed because of Covid, changes to electrical regulations and errors in the consultation processes which needed to be rerun.
- 3.6.4. We have set an end of 22/23 target of 500 though the remaining programme has now slipped to all being in Q4. This is as a result of technical suitability issues after site assessments. In benchmarking terms as at October 2021, the provision of EVCPs in Islington remained as ranking 9th per head of population across all 33 London Boroughs.
- 3.6.5. **Parking appeals:** The percentage of parking appeals won by the council at the Enforcement and Traffic Tribunal is an annual measure reflecting the quality of our parking service. New data for 22/23 will be available in the summer. 21/22 data showed a further improvement from 69% the previous year to 78%. Our benchmarked position against all 34 other London parking authorities moved up from 18th in 19/20 to 3rd in 20/21, and now to 2nd, just behind Hackney. The

- London average figure is 57%. Islington's 'Did not contest' (DNC) cases were only 14% compared to the London average of 22%.
- 3.6.6. This much stronger position is as a result of better quality assurance for new CCTV schemes, improved on-street signage and working collaboratively with the adjudicators on the specific reasons for previous cases lost. We have also reintroduced an 'evidence request letter' early in the appeals process which has reduced cancellations on the basis of subsequent new evidence.
- 3.6.7. **Road traffic collisions:** The ambitious Islington Transport Strategy 2019-2041 contains a commitment to achieving 'Vision Zero' by 2041, eliminating all transport related deaths and serious injuries in Islington over the next 20 years. The 2022 data will be released in the summer of 2023.

3.7. Quarter 3 performance update – Working towards a net zero carbon Islington by 2030.

PI No.	Indicator	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Target	Q3 2022/23 or latest	On target ?	Same period last year	Direction of travel
E4	Carbon emissions for Council buildings (Q in arrears and tonnes CO2)	4,164	2,269	2,431	681 (Q1+Q2)	Yes	754 (Q1+Q2 2021/22)	Better
E5	Carbon emissions from Council Transport fleet (tonnes CO2)	2,415	2,397	2,450	1,786 (Q1-Q3)	Yes	1,814 (Q1-Q3 21/22)	Better

- 3.7.1. **Carbon emissions from council buildings:** In June 2019, the Council declared an Environment and Climate Change Emergency and the Carbon Zero Strategy 2030 was adopted by the Executive in November 2020. We are now monitoring the Council's own internal progress with quarterly measures of the CO2 emissions for Council operational buildings (within the Borough) and those from the Council's transport fleet. The former is reported a quarter in arrears in order to minimise billing estimates.
- 3.7.2. New Green Electricity tariffs drove significant reductions in building's emissions in 21/22. Energy usage in Q2 is down 29% on the same period in 2021/22, which is

entirely due to a 40% reduction in electricity use compared to same period last year (as this quarter is summer, there was little variation in gas usage, which is used only for hot water in this period). The 40% reduction has been achieved as a result of efforts to reduce electricity consumption as part of the energy cost saving drive.

- 3.7.3. As most council buildings are on green electricity tariffs (and are recorded as zero emissions), the 40% reduction above refers only to sites on non-green tariffs, which is mostly community centres and some nurseries. As we continue our smart meter rollout, the discrepancies (catch-up bills) from estimated gas usage will reduce, allowing for more accurate comparisons between guarters.
- 3.7.4. The 22/23 target of 2,431 tonnes represents a 10% reduction of that set for 21/22, with the quarterly tonnages breaking down to 603 for Q1, 392 for Q2, 594 for Q3 and 842 for Q4.
- 3.7.5. **Carbon emissions from council vehicle fleet:** Year to date council fleet carbon emissions stand at 1,786 tonnes, a 2% reduction on the same period last year and ahead of the profiled target of 1,846 tonnes. The overall 22/23 target of 2,450 tonnes represents a cumulative 15% reduction on the 19/20 baseline and on a trajectory that takes us net zero over ten years based on an ambitious programme of fleet electrification. Transport emissions covers fuel only as EV charging is included in buildings emissions through the electricity supply.
- 3.7.6. Progress with the electrification of the council's fleet is ongoing, not only in procuring full electric vehicles, but also an overall reduction in diesel vehicles and replacement with less polluting petrol, hybrid and bi-fuel alternatives. In Q3 the council took delivery of its first three electric sweeping vehicles as well as a UK first fully accessible community transport bus, with 18% of the council's owned fleet now fully electric.
- 3.7.7. There are currently forty EVCP's for council fleet vehicles with the capacity upgrade at the Waste Recycling Centre promising to deliver a further thirty by the end of March. Fairbridge Road has had chargers installed this quarter awaiting a new connection, Central Library design has been completed awaiting the commencement of works and Brewery Road and Downham Road are still in the design phase.
- 4. Implications

4.1. Financial Implications

4.1.1. The cost of providing resources to monitor performance is met from within each service's core budget

4.2. Legal Implications

4.2.1. There are no legal duties upon local authorities to set targets or monitor performance. However, these enable us to strive for continuous improvement

4.3. Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030

4.3.1. There are no environmental impacts from monitoring.

4.4. Equalities Impact Assessment

4.4.1. The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1. The council's Corporate Plan sets out a clear set of priorities, underpinned by a set of firm commitments and actions that we will take over the next four years to work towards our vison of a Fairer Islington. The corporate performance indicators are one of a number of tools that enable us to ensure that we are making progress in delivering key priorities whilst maintaining good quality services for residents.

Appendices: none.

Background papers: none.

Final report clearance:

Approved by:

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3. Net Zero Carbon Strategy Quarterly progress report (Q3)

Environment Scrutiny Committee

27 March 2023



Synopsis

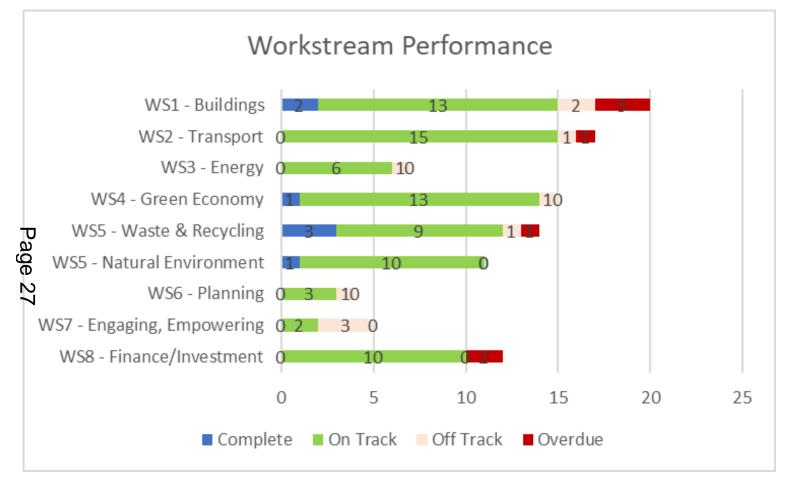
- The progress against the delivery of commitments in the Net Zero Carbon 2030 strategy is reported through the Council's Scrutiny function. The aim is to provide reporting of progress that is transparent, easily accessible to the community and ensures accountability to residents.
- However, we recognise that there is scope to improve this and as the programme evolves over this coming year, so will our reporting.
- An annual report will be prepared at the end of the year summarising overall progress against the commitments in Vision 2030.
- This report covers October to December 2022 and is split into two sections:
 - an up-to-date overall summary of progress and performance on the delivery of the Net Zero Carbon Programme as at the end of the reporting quarter.
 - 2. a more detailed breakdown of **current projects**

and delivery updates

- This quarterly progress update is organised according to the eight different programme workstreams that are responsible for the delivery of actions. Action plans covering 2022/23 activity are set out in this report, with confirmation of their status and a brief update on each work package. These work streams are:
 - Buildings, Housing, Commercial and Infrastructure
 - Transport
 - Sustainable and affordable energy
 - Natural environment, waste reduction and recycling
 - Green Economy
 - Planning
 - Engaging, Empowering and Partnering
 - Finance and Investment



Overview of progress to 31 December 2022



Performance is shown based on number of current projects/deliverables in each workstream's 2022/23 workplan and their status.

Overdue items are ones where the activity has missed its deadline for completion.

Off track items are showing a delay but are not yet due to complete and may still complete on schedule.



Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
20	2	13	3	2

WS1: Buildings, Housing, Commercial and Infrastructure

To improve the energy efficiency and reduce the level of carbon emissions of all buildings and infrastructure. We will continue our work on the insulation of properties and seek ways of converting heating systems away from gas where possible.



Council Owned Housing Stock Projects

Workstream Owner: Matt West

Council owned housing stock There are 399 council housing estates, comprising 83 high rise, 828 medium rise and 3658 low rise and street properties. We commissioned UCL to produce a high level assessment of different options and retrofit measures across our estates. Phase 2 of these reports includes an assessment of all high rise properties, medium rise, low rise and street properties respectively with estimated costs. Detailed feasibility studies will be required once an approach to prioritising the works has been decided. Housing Stock Retrofit Options Assessment (UCL) On Track Q3 21/22 Q3 22/23 Housing Stock Retrofit Implementation Plan On Track Q3 22/23 Q1 23/24 Pilot estate feasibility studies & implementation Four estates have been identified for a large-scale trial of low carbon heating solutions. These estates were already on the council softward program for traditional repair works to be undertaken when the council declared a climate emergency so work progressed to establish whether we can repair the heating and hot water systems using a low carbon approach. Some estates use to a Harry Weston and Newbury House had specifically requested a low carbon repair solution. Feasibility studies will be undertaken and a delivery programme established where feasible. Timetable being developed for each feasibility study, with the likely completion for all pilots in 2025. Harrost Estate (538 dwellings), Arsenal Ward On Track Current Mar-25 Bevio Court and Holford House (138 dwellings), Clerkenwell Ward On Track Current Mar-25 Rewbury House (19 dwellings), Caledonian Ward On Track Current Mar-25 LBI secured £400,000 through the first round of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) to bring 32 properties up to EPC - C rating. Retrofit measures to be installed include internal wall insulation, loft insulation, room-in-roof insulation, draft-proofing, heating controls. Scoping further properties - £800 million of funding to be made available in round 2 later this year.	Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary (if red or amber)
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	year.						
							Delays due to prolonged PAS2035 processes, 6 month
	Deliver energy efficiency measures at 32 street properties	Off Track	Q4 21/22	Q4 22/23		Q2 23/24	extension to project has been agreed in principle, other
grant applicants have experienced same issues							grant applicants have experienced same issues
Seek funding for further properties to bring them up to EPC-C On Track Q1 22/23 Q1 25/26	Seek funding for further properties to bring them up to EPC-C	On Track	01 22/23	01 25/26			
or above	or above	On Hack	Q 1 ZZ/ZJ	Q 1 23/20			



Buildings, Housing, Commercial and Infrastructure projects Workstream Owner: Matt West

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary (if red or amber)
Council owned new build						
To refurbish existing end of terrace property and build a new 3-highly sustainable refurbishments and new builds.	-storey 3-be	d house at l	Highbury Quadra	ant to ultra low e	nergy design s	tandard. A prototype for LBI, exploring options for
Deliver Highbury Quadrant Low Carbon Exemplar Home	On Track	2022	2024			
To build 72 flats on Vorley Road to Passivhaus standard, along	side a libra	ry and GP S	urgery			
Vorley Road Passivhaus Pilot	On Track	2020	2026			
Collect heat and electricity meter readings to measure how we	ll newly buil	t homes on	Redbrick Estate	are performing	and where imp	rovements could be made.
Redbrick Estate Monitoring & Metering	On Track	2022	Q2 23/24			
Homing Association owned properties						
The are 48 Housing Associations operating in Islington with	a total housi	ng stock of	16,693 dwelling	s. 8 Housing Ass	ociations own	82% of the stock.
Carbon emissions baseline and insights	Complete	Q4 21/22	Q1 22/23			
Deliver engagement strategy and communications plan	Overdue	Q4 21/22	Q1 22/23		Q1 23/24	Workstream stakeholder mapping underway in Q4 22/23 to develop engagement strategy and plan. Engagement underway with Peabody through the anchor institutions reducing carbon emissions group. Delivery of the plan will be ongoing.
Private landlords, owner -occupiers and tenants						
Around 60% of properties are in the private sector. There are 3	5,527 priva	tely rented p	properties in Islin	ngton		
Carbon emissions baseline and insights	Complete	Q4 21/22	Q1 22/23			
Develop marketing, behaviour change and engagement strategy	On Track	Q4 21/22	Q3 22/23			
Explore loan scheme options appraisal	On Track	Q3 21/22	Q4 22/23	Jan-00	Jan-00	



Buildings, Housing, Commercial and Infrastructure projects Workstream Owner: Matt West

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary
Council-owned commercial buildings and infrastructure						
Prepare Heat Decarbonisation Plans for 46 Corporate Buildings	Overdue	Q2 22/23	Q3 22/23		Q4 22/23	Delays finalising list of properties to undertake feasibility studies (e.g. some buildings not appropriate due to other planned works). Capacity issues and uncertainty towards future use of buildings mean delays are still ongoing
Prepare Heat Decarbonisation Plans for 22 Schools	Off Track	Q4 21/22	Q1 22/23			Feasibility Studies complete, and schools are being assessed and put forward for PSDS funding where available / applicable
Non φouncil commercial buildings ω						
Develop and deliver marketing, behaviour change and engagement strategy	Overdue	Q4 21/22	Q1 22/23	твс	TBC	Revised timeline forthcoming. Capacity remains an issue, internal stakeholder meeting due to take place in Feb-23 to discuss priorities and deliverables
Business audit scheme monitoring and evaluation	On Track	Q4 21/22	Ongoing			



Buildings, Housing, Commercial and Infrastructure Updates Workstream Owner: Matt West

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Council owned housing stock			
SHDF Wave 1 (retrofit of 32 street properties): Delays in completion due to PAS 2035 and other certifications progressing slowly. SHDF Wave 2 (to retrofit 100 social housing properties): Outcome of bid expected in late February / early March. Pilot Estates: Bevinc Court: GHNF bid was successful, further work being done on design specification Harro Weston: consultant appointed; resident and TRA engagement ongoing; borehole investigations underway Har West Estate: draft feasibility for the mechanical work completed, need to understand what the appropriate procurement process is Newbury House: Consultant due to be appointed shortly	new structure for contractors and officers to get used to. Issue: Work and commitment towards the grant funding is extremely time consuming and there is less capacity to within teams to both apply for grants and to monitor them, looking into option of hiring a sub-contractor so oversee the majority of works for future bids Risk: leaseholder recharge for NZC works on estates may not be an option depending on type of lease, could mean that works do not go ahead due to lack of funds, or that HRA money is used to fund leaseholder works.	SHDF Wave 1, new completion date set to be August 2023	Outcome of Wave 2 Bid and commencement of bid if successful
Council owned new build			
Vorley Road New Build: Received Planning Committee approval but it has yet to get full planning consent as there are some formalities still to be addressed, and the application of emerging safety building requirements may not be deliverable without some design changes on stair cases Highbury Quadrant Exemplar Home: Business contract is now in place and has been finalised, there is a final review of the plans taking place with the Employer's Agent and start on site is imminent		has yet to	Full planning consent and commencement of tender process for Vorley Road



Buildings, Housing, Commercial and Infrastructure Updates Workstream Owner: Matt West

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Housing Association owned properties			
A questionnaire was sent to HAs asking if they had applied for funding, 5 responded (Barnsbury HA, Islington and Shoreditch HA, The Guinness Partnership, One Housing/Riverside, Peabody) all of whom have submitted bids to SHDF Wave 2. Engagement Strategy: An engagement strategy is being developed, with the hope that the UCL study findings can be transposed to HAs. Intention is to understand what others' NZC commitments are and how we can support one arother. Peabody is part of the new Anchor Institutions Network NZC working group which is forming its action plan in Q4 ahead of launch in April. Private esidential	priorities and government timescales being different to the council's ambition	and delivery of engagement strategy	Stakeholder sessions with HAs to discuss NZC agenda and how to incorporate it in their own capital investments programmes.
Private sesidential			
MEES: EPC enforcement now complete, meaning that all rented properties have upgraded to, or are being upgraded to, an EPC C or above in line with central government guidelines. Supplementary Planning Document: Moving forward with a dedicated resource in the NZC team, document will include clear guidance to local residents who want to install carbon reduction measures in their home External Support: IEEA have expressed interest in engaging with LBI and supporting them where suitable, in conversation with them to see where support is required	implementation of one off energy saving measures, despite funding being made available to subsidise the cost		Development of landlord awareness /engagement strategy



Buildings, Housing, Commercial and Infrastructure Updates Workstream Owner: Matt West

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Council owned commercial buildings			
- PSDS Funding: Seven eligible schools have been submitted. Initial meetings have been held at 6 of 7 schools and all were very supportive and engaged with the programme. Deliverability calls held with Salix for three sites: Isledon Road, King Henry's Walk and Hugh Myddelton Primary. Result expected in Q4. - WRC Decarbonisation: Following design development and a re-costing exercise, ASHP solution to decarbonise building was over original budget estimate and unfeasible. Instead, the existing DX Coils will be retrofitted, involving changing the existing system from gas powered to electric. - Tender bids for this new proposal are being assessed and one strong bid made. Project team are working on due diligence prior to contract award. There is a tight timescale to spend PSDS funding by 31 March with project team working through different options to ensure spend can be drawn down in time.	Risk: Five of the seven schools submitted for funding were showing increased energy costs as a cause of the decarbonisation measures Mitigation: Analysis of cost undertaken, engagement with schools ongoing. Risk: There is significant pressure to appoint a contractor so that the equipment related to the works can be purchased and invoiced to Salix before their deadline of 31/03/22. The works can progress past this date, but to receive the funding from Salix we have to draw it down before the end of March	Council corporate building feasibility studies and prioritisation of works, delayed due to lack of capacity	PSDS funding outcome, with decision made as to which approved schemes will move forward
Non-council commercial buildings			
ESB: ESB has had 278 applications, of which 128 have been awarded funding. A total of £168,620 has been awarded, which has delivered 161 tonnes of CO2 saving and £107k of annual cash savings. The average grant is 1,328 and results in an average saving of 1.3 tonnes and annual savings of £879 Business Audit Scheme: Scheme has had 19 applicants of which 15 have had audits Islington Community Energy Fund: Applications for this closed on the 6th of Jan, with six applications received, final outcomes for bids will be decided on the 23rd of February		Development of an engagement plan (part of workstream engagement plan)	Stakeholder engagement session with internal staff to discuss priorities and see how best we can engage with businesses



Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
17	0	17	0	0

For a more equal future

WS2: Transport

To reduce emissions in the borough from transport: reduce vehicular emissions by encouraging walking, cycling and public transportation. We will explore how to transform our streets, secure better cleaner and more accessible public transport services for Islington and improve air quality for residents. We will also electrify our fleet and encourage residents and local businesses to do the same by ensuring the appropriate infrastructure is in place.

Transport Projects Workstream Owner: Martijn Cooijmans

Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
17	0	15	1	1

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary (if delayed)
Fleet electrification and reduction						
WRC grid connection & infrastructure installation	Overdue	Current	Q3 22/23			Overdue due to delays in WRC capacity upgrade- new contractor PM has joined project- aiming to complete Q4 22/23
WRC smart charger installations ເດ ຕ ວ ວ	On Track	Q3 22/23	Q3 2025/26 (subject to project initiation and scoping)			
Other council sites smart charger installations	On Track	Current	Q1 23/24			
Conduct V2G trial	On Track	Current	Q1 23/24			
Replace & retrofit fleet to be electric	On Track	current	Q3 30/31	·		
Reduce size and use of the fleet	On Track	Current	Q3 30/31			



Transport Projects Workstream Owner: Martijn Cooijmans

Deliverable	Status	Start	Start End		Revised End	Status commentary (if delayed)
Vehicle use reduction by residents and local businesses						
Ensure every area in Islington is a Liveable Neighbourhood, where feasible	On Track	Current	Q3 30/31			January 23 Executive paper reaffirmed support for the programme and plans coverage of 70% of Islington by 2026
Deliver alternative "School Street" measures on all primary schools on main roads where feasible	On Track	Q4 21/22	Q1 25/26			9 schemes in total. 1 scheme (Robert Blair) to be implemented in winter 2023. 5 schemes to be implemented in 23/24 and 3 to be implemented in 24/25
Deliver third and final phase of school streets not on main roads, where feasible	On Track	Q2 22/23	Q1 23/24 (subject to project initiation and scoping)	Q2 22/23		COLPAI and Children's House implementation moved from 22/23 to 23/24 to be better aligned with future Liveable Neighbourhoods in Mildmay and in Bunhill South. Public consultation started in January 2023 for Sacred Heart.
Develop a Walking and Cycling Action Plan and Accessibility action plan incorporating People-friendly pavements programme to transform Islington into an exemplary borough for walking, cycling and accessibility, including the reallocation of road space for these modes.	Off track	Current	Q1 23/24	Current		Increased scope of the Action Plan to incorporate accessible travel and allowance for additional external engagement will require the programme to be extended to Q2 23/24
	On Track	Current	Q3 30/31	Current		Consultation to start in Winter on C50, feasibility work started on Regent's Canal to Highgate. Improvements works under way for York way and Liverpool Road.
Develop and adopt a parking pricing and availability plan	On Track	Q3 22/23	Q4 23/24 (subject to project initiation and scoping)			0
Develop a Freight Action Plan	On Track	Current	Q4 22/23			Jan-00



Transport Projects Workstream Owner: Martijn Cooijmans

	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary (if delayed)
Rollout of public electric vehicle infrastructure						
Complete the delivery of 500 electric charging points	On Track	Current	Q4 22/23			0
Fossil-fuel based plant usage						
Replace grounds maintenance equipment, e.g. the council has been trialling electric blowers and strimmers	On Track	Current	Q3 30/31			
Replace diesel generators with emissions-free alternatives such as battery packs or fuel cells in the council's non-road mobil machinery (NRMM)		Q2 22/23	Q4 24/25 (subject to project initiation and scoping)			
Condrot a trial of the UK's first Eco Zone at the Regent's Cana Po 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.	On Track	Q3 21/22	Q3 23/24			



Transport Updates Workstream Owner: Martijn Cooijmans

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Fleet			
New WRC contractor started from beginning of January.	WRC delays risk impacting energisation	WRC upgrade continues to be delayed, however new contractor PM	Completion of the WRC upgrade
Site installations at Fairbridge Rd and WRC completed awaiting energisation.	of chargers at site and therefore vehicle options being delivered	has joined the project and the final programme and delivery date is expected to be confirmed	Phase 1 tranche of chargers installed at the WRC (chargers are installed on site but require energisation)
Three other sites in design stage	across the quarter.	imminently. In the interim work has commenced to review and complete various snagging items raised for the successful project delivery.	
Vehicle Reduction			
Stated engagement started on three main roads school streets in September, two of which went through public consultation in November. Started early engagement on Mildmay liveable neighbourhood. St Peter's and Canonbury East LTNs made permanent. Individual exemption for LTN rolled out from late December 22 / January 23.	collaboration. Engagement on Liveable	Laycock and the Cally Liveable Neighbourhood rescheduled in Winter 2023. Consultation for main road school street at Montem moved to start in January 23. Consultation for Cycleway 50 moved to Winter 2023.	Early engagement for Barnsbury Laycock and the Cally Liveable Neighbourhood to start in Winter 2023. Consultation for main road school street at Montem to start in January. Consultation for Cycleway 50 moved to Winter 2023. Sacred Heart School Street and St Luke's School Street consultations starting. Essex Road transport projects consultation starting with banned turn removal, School Street at New North Academy, and new cycle crossing at Canonbury Street / Rotherfield Street. Clerkenwell Green new public realm construction starting in January 2023. Clerkenwell LTN, Amwell LTN, Canonbury West LTNs to be made permanent. Engagement with Bunhill joint liveable neighbourhood with City of London start in January 23.



Transport Updates Workstream Owner: Martijn Cooijmans

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Electric Vehicle infrastructure			
Completed 99 assessment for lamp Column charge points. 18 Source London sites identified	Charge point sites - subject to public consultation.	n/a	Consultation to be completed for 81 sites. Consultation for 18 Source London sites. Installation of lamp column sites Feb- March 2023
Fossil Fuel Based Non-Road Mobile Machinery			
Key contacts in council have been identified and meetings and depot visits are in progress. The council NRMM asset register is being compiled. We are starting to understand the scale of the issue.	n/a	n/a	Complete depot visits and asset register. Start creating replacement schedule.





Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
6	0	6	2	0

WS3: Sustainable and Affordable Energy

To increase local generation of renewable heat and electricity, increase the uptake of affordable and renewable energy tariffs and mitigate fuel poverty. We will look to increase the use of smart, zero carbon district heating and solar power generation in the borough, considering the whole energy system. We will also continue to support residents in fuel poverty by helping them access cheaper tariffs and the benefits they are entitled to.

Sustainable and Affordable Energy

Total Complete On track Overdue Off track
7 0 6 2 1

Workstream Owner: Martijn Cooijmans

Revised startRevised end						
Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised star	rtRevised end dates	Status commentary (if delayed or amber / red RAG)
Energy Networks						
Deliver GreenSCIES New River Network	Off Track	Current	2024/25	Sep-23	2025	The Green Heat Network Fund application is tentatively aimed for May but it maybe delayed to August if the OBC is not complete and internal support secured. The funding assessment and decision will take at least three months, therefore the earliest start date will be September 2023 (for May entry). If the application is delayed until August, this would mean a December 2023 start. All other work is on track. The work scope is being refined for neccessary items required to complete the OBC and funding application. There will be a more accurate update in March/April after project board decisions.
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Solar power generation						
Sola@asibility studies on corporate estate 0 L	On Track	Current	Q4 22/23			Feasibility studies to be carried out on 26 buildings as part of Heat Decarbonisation Plans funded through a Low Carbon Skills Fund grant. This will include solar PV feasibility and will be completed by March 2023.
Deliver solar on coroporate estate	On Track	Current	Q3 30/31			Solar PV on 4 sites (Downham Rd Depot, Fairbridge Rd Depot, Ecology Centre, Laycock Centre) to be installed by March 2023.
Promote Solar together to residents and businesses	On Track	Annual	Annual			
Support community energy schemes (ongoing)	On Track	Ongoing	Ongoing			Substantive contract has ended - on a retainer to provide follow-up advice. 0.5 hours work has been undertaken on this in the last 4 weeks.
Access to fair, green energy tariffs and tackling fuel poverty						
SHINE energy and fuel poverty advice and referral service (ongoing)	On Track	Ongoing	-			
Deliver energy and cost saving measures to mainly low income owner occupiers and private tenants (ongoing)	On Track	Ongoing	-			
Renewable electricity purchasing						
Ensure schools electricity is 100% renewable	On Track	Q4 23/24	Q4 23/24			This is now on track based on the new date as the NZC have agreed the change to the date



Sustainable and Affordable Energy Updates

Workstream Owner: Martijn Cooijmans

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Energy Networks			
	contractors has delayed anticipated delivery of inputs essential to Outline Business Case		Design development to confirm the final design and connection plan; Refined cost plan and project CAPEX; Escalate and present the project to all authority levels where applicable; Major input to Outline Business Case; Preparation of GHNF application
Solar power generation			
Solar PV is to be installed on five council buildings in 2022/23. Structural surveys and stock condition surveys carried out on 4 sites. Corporate Landlord has approved these for installation. Meeting with Joju to progress. For the Solar Together scheme 2022, Islington has had 46 accepted solar panel applications, and 2 retrofit battery applications	Reduced capacity and cost of living crisis impacting resourcing. There was dissatisfaction from participating boroughs due to poor quality work/service by the installer & still high upfront costs, plus poor communication of the difficulties re solar panel installations in conservation zones. Assuming the scheme goes ahead again, it will likely be much changed.	n/a	Joju Solar to finalise detailed designs for 4 sites for sign off. Approval by LBI. Joju can order equipment and scaffolding. LBI to liaise with buildings for installation (e.g. getting no-go dates for sites). GLA will begin plans for Solar Together 2023 (assuming it goes ahead, see 'Risks/Issues')



Sustainable and Affordable Energy Updates

Workstream Owner: Martijn Cooijmans

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - - next 3 months
Access to fair, green energy tariffs and tackling fuel pover	y .		
The SHINE service continues to support residents in fuel poverty. > Recruiting for an Energy Doctor > All energy doctor visits are booked for Q4 > Debt support demand has increased dramatically	Cost of living crisis impacting resourcing - staff are already at full capacity	n/a	152 further Energy Doctor visit in Islington Support 816 further households in Islington
Renewable electricity purchasing			
Council and GLL electricity supplies were switched to renewable ariffs under the SSE contract. It has been agreed by Net Zero Executive Board to continue renewable tariffs for council suildings and streetlighting when supplies switch to LASER in April 2023. However, the increased cost of renewable electricity and stretched budgets means it is not practical to switch schoof or 2023/24	the LASER contract is significantly higher than under the previous SSE contract.		N/A - there will be no changes in the next three months



WS4: Green Economy

To deliver on our net zero carbon target whilst assuring the economic success and vitality of our borough by working closely with the 21,000 businesses in the borough, most of them small or micro-sized.



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Green Economy Actions Workstream Owner: Caroline Wilson

Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
15	2	13	0	0

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary (if delayed or amber / red RAG)
1. Green Skills and Jobs						
Green Skills Delivery Programme: Initiate the green skills programme secured as part of the Holloway site S106 agreement	On Track		Dec-25			
Apprenticeships Delivery: Facilitate flexible placements ('passporting') for existing apprentices on council works, as part of scheduled programmes to ensure they undertake green skills on-job training. Create apprenticeship agency for anchor institutions and identify apprenticeships opportunities with anchor institutions, sub-regional partnerships and our local town centres – especially as part of funding bids	On Track		On going			
Zero-Carbon Construction Apprenticeships: Deliver first zero-carbon construction (embodied and operational) apprentices at the Vorley Road development.	On Track		Dec-25			
Introductory Skills Programmes (ACL and FE): Work with ACL and local FE colleges to create short introductory programmes and pathways to broaden access to the green economy, including food growing programmes	On Track		Dec-24			
Taster Programmes for Young People : Expand provision within the LIFT programme for taster programmes, internships and other skills initiatives for young people with green tech/professional services employers	On Track		On going			
Upskilling in Housing: Work with Corporate Landlord to explore opportunities for upskilling and local supply chain development. Include green skills training in the Housing and Communities People Plan e.g. PAS 2035.	On Track		Dec-25			



Green Economy Actions Workstream Owner: Caroline Wilson

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary (if delayed or amber / red RAG)
2. Green Business						
Business Directory: Create and promote a business directory of local suppliers for retrofitting activities, for private homeowners – with necessary green accreditations	On Track	2020	Ongoing			
Accreditation Fund: Offer a fund/scheme to support local small businesses/sole traders to secure necessary accreditations for inclusion in retrofitting business directory	On Track	2020	Ongoing			
Green High Street Practises: Promote green practices as part of the implementation of the Chapel Market regeneration programme e.g. food waste; circular economy products; sustainable deliveries. Review implementation of 50 Shades Greener programme for hospitality industry, and explore options to scale delivery, as part of Hospitality Academy at CCG. Continue to work in partnership with Bright Sparks and similar organisations to develop further opportunities for repair and reuse and Library of Ings models in Islington.	On Track	2020	Underway			
Improve Sustainability through Work with ISN: Work with our ISN to increase their membership, raise awareness of the circular economy and to celebrate the best circular economy practices at the Islington Sustainability Awards. Monitor the uptake of energy grants and climate conscious courses offered by ISN	On Track	Ongoing	Ongoing			
Cally Green Economy Plan: Develop and deliver Cally Green Economy plan, for submission to GLA, as a pilot for similar local economy green initiatives	Complete	Ongoing	Nov-22			
Sustainable Food and Shopping: Continue to develop food co-operative with Manor Gardens Welfare Trust. Work with London Met University on the development of an affordable supermarket		Aug-22	Underway			



Green Economy Actions Workstream Owner: Caroline Wilson

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary (if delayed or amber / red RAG)
3. Green Procurement & Green Innovation						
Social Value Through Procurement: Introduce new SV monitoring and management framework, to capture all SV green activities.	On Track	Current	Mar-23			
Afferdable Workspace: Embed net zero commitments into new confractual arrangements, including upskilling: Specifically with new affordable was space providers	Complete	Oct-21	Dec-22			
4. Advocacy and Public Affairs						
Incase climate awareness among businesses: Use the business forums and networks that we facilitate and our direct interactions with businesses, small and large, to increase awareness of the need to tackle climate change and environmental issues, as well as the solutions to the crisis and responsible ways of responding	I In Irack I	ТВС	ТВС			



Green Economy Updates Workstream Owner: Caroline Wilson

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
1. Green Skills and Jobs			
£115,000 secured as part of the JV on the Barnsbury estate between Mount Pleasant 7 Newlon (a sister site to Holloway Pk). The funding is in-lieu of a similar classroom and can complement to activate both on Holloways green classroom and other borough wide opportunities such a Vorley Rd LBI new build programme. The Barnsbury Park site has the most Air Source Heat pump and other NZ interventions opportunities. 2 new apprenticeships were secured as part of new Highways contract with Marlborough Highways and will be starting in September 2023. A Lead Tutor from ACL has attended 4 of the six Education and Training Foundation sessions focussing on education for sustainable development. The series looks at sustainable skills, embedding them in classroom practice and leads on to supporting sustainable careers. The recruitment of the tutor has been concluded for the London School of Architecture Saturday school. The LSA Saturday school is currently recruiting students via schools.			Initiate discussion with Peabody & London Sq to agree timetable for opening of green classroom on Holloway site. Continue working on securing apprenticeship opportunities. Open up a discussion on the possibility of delivering flexible placements (passporting) for existing apprentices on council works to provide green skills onjob training. Complete the six Education and Training Foundation sessions and to explore how to raise tutors' engagement in Sustainable Development and contextualise it within curriculum areas and then make it practically impactful within ACL. Finalise LSA Saturday school and embed sustainability mission, green skills into LSA programme
2. Green Business		c.u	
Cally Green Economy Strategy is complete and published. "Delivery plan is being formulated over the next 2 years to deliver key elements of the strategy. Energy efficiency grants and audits have been rolled out			s Delivery plan is being formulated over the next 2 years alto deliver key elements of the strategy. Energy efficiency grants and audits will continue to be rolled out.



Green Economy Updates Workstream Owner: Caroline Wilson

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
3. Green Procurement & Green Innovation			
We are collaborating with the Social Value Portal (SVP) to develop a set of TOMs specific to Islington. The first set of social values were shared with relevant colleagues in order to refine them to a set that is aligned with the priorities of the council. A new set of green social values was created and shared with the group. A consultant appointed to design a net zero carbon pathway, detailing the necessary steps to ensure our affordable workspaces reach net zero targets. Moreover, to assist the Attordable Workspace team setting our approach to benchmarking, measuring, and reporting carbon emissions.			Identify number of priorities (including green) in the areas of jobs, growth, social, environment, and innovation to assist commissioners in guiding providers towards the social value offers that we seek as a council in all procurement activity. Complete the net zero carbon specification for an affordable work space and share it with relevant colleagues for feedback and further improvement before sharing it with future operating partners and businesses (renters of the space).



WS5: Natural Environment, Waste Reduction and Recycling

To integrate our ongoing activities in recycling and reducing waste and managing our natural environment.

We will ensure that these objectives are coherent in our efforts to achieve net zero and help mitigate the risks from severe loss of biodiversity which will impact people, the economy and the environment.



Natural Environment Actions

Workstream Owner: Tony Ralph

Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
11	1	10	0	0

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary			
Greener Together	Greener Together								
The Islington Greener Together programme is about putting local people at the heart of reimagining public spaces within the borough. It involves inviting residents, communities and businesses to apply to create or improve a green space in their local area.									
Islington Greener Together Year 1 delivery	On Track	Q3 21/22	Q4 22/23						
Our work involves developing a green investment model to An outcome of this work is expected to reduce deficiency in									
Private Finance Model for Green Investment & Pocket Park Framework	On Track	Q2 22/23	Q4 23/24						
Green Infrastructure Strategy	On Track	Q2 22/23	Q3 23/24						
Champions programme will provide support, training and build capacity for communities managing and maintaining new green spaces.									
Establish Greener Together Champions Programme (including Tree Warden scheme)	On Track	Q2 22/23	Ongoing						



Natural Environment Actions

Workstream Owner: Tony Ralph

Deliverable	Status	Start	End Re	evised Start	Revised End	Status commentary
Tree canopy cover						
Urban Forest Management Policy	On Track	2019	Q3 23/24			
Private Tree Planting Initiative	On Track	ТВС	Q3 23/24			Timeline being developed. Awaiting recruitment of a new Tree Planting Officer (funding recently secured).
Launch online donations for Tree Planting	Complete	Q1 22/23	Q1 22/23		Q2 22/23	
Biodiversity and engagement with nature						
Apply Planning Policy to Protect and Enhance Biodiversity	On Track	Ongoing	Ongoing			
Review Biodiversity Action Plan	On Track	Q2 22/23	Q3 22/23		11/12/1/1/3	End date shifted slightly with no significant impact identified.
dature Education Programme	On Track	Q1 22/23	Q4 22/23			
Deliver targeted biodiversity improvements to increase accessibility to nature	On Track	Q2 22/23	ТВС			Sites to be identified as part of the Biodiversity Action Plan review.



Natural Environment Updates Workstream Owner: Tony Ralph

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Greener Together			
Six projects to be complete by beginning of March 2023 of Cleveland Road, Mayton Street, Cluse Court, Colour in Nature, Colourd Close, New North Road). Granden Parklet design precedent approved by Highways able to be tested across the borough. IGT Champions	Risk in managing delivery expectations of IGT 2023 - 2024 as expecting more applications in year two. IGT is an enabler of feasible community led greening projects and aftercare, but it is not designed with its	N/A	N/A



Natural Environment Updates Workstream Owner: Tony Ralph

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Secured grant funding via the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund to fund a 2 1/2 year role to support online donation, private tree delivery, etc (grant for resources to enable tree planting). Post expected to be recruited in Feb/ March 23. Tree Strategy Guidance released from Tree Council to	No new risks for Q3 22/23	Policy Develop private tree planting	Revise timeline for Urban Forest Management Policy Develop private tree planting initiative once
Online tree planting donation launched, with 20 donations as at 23 January 2023. Working with Trees for Streets to but communications when trees are planted. Biodiversity and engaging with Nature		initiative	new resource in place
272 Applications for In Bloom received (30% increase in applications) 10 parks now have Green Flags which includes full management plans for each one.	N/A	The review of the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) has started however it is not yet complete. We have surveyed internal and external partners and have started compiling the feedback into the report.	Complete the BAP review report by the end of March 23. Finalise 3 new parks for new Green Flags and submit applications.



Waste Reduction and Recycling Actions Workstream Owner: Tony Ralph

Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
14	3	9	1	1

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary (if red or amber)
Strategy & Engagement						
Develop and adopt new Reduction and Recycling Plan 2023 – 2025	On Track	Q1 22/23	Q4 22/23			
Deliver Circular Economy Action Plan	On Track	Q4 21/22	Q4 23/24			
Deliver campaigns to promote waste reduction and recycling	On Track	Ongoing	Ongoing			
Coordinate Recycling Champions Scheme	On Track	Ongoing	Ongoing			
Engage with primary and secondary schools to ensure recycling se <u>rvi</u> ce participation	Complete	Q1 22/23	Q2 22/23			
Waste Reduction						
Dever a second Low Plastic Zone at Caledonian Road	Complete	Q2 22/23	Q3 22/23			
Ex ph re options for Library of Things expansion	On Track	Current	Q1 23/24			
Deliver Repair Cafes & Reuse Events	On Track	Q1 22/23	Q4 22/23			
Maximising Recycling						
Extend the Better Recycling Sites programme	On Track	Ongoing	Ongoing			No deadline at present for extending the Better Recycling Sites programme.
Extend offer of mini recycling bags to additional estates	Overdue	Current	Q3 22/23			Under review – not a current priority
Explore feasibility of expanding food waste service delivery to remaining estates	Off Track	Current	Q4 22/23			Likely to miss 90% target for March 23 but still on track for 100% March 24.
Deliver on-demand recycling sack trial	Complete	твс	Q1 24/25			
Pilot food waste collection service for flats above shops	On Track	Q2 22/23	Q1 23/24			
Expand commercial food waste collection service	On Track	Ongoing	Ongoing			



Waste Reduction and Recycling Updates

Workstream Owner: Tony Ralph

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Strategy, Engagement & Operations			
New Recycling and Reduction Plan 2023 - 2025 progressing through drafting and approvals process. It has been signed off at ELT on 11 Jan 2023 Comments from GLA on draft RRP, no concerns or amendments made.			RRP will be presented to the Executive on 23 March for approval. Deliver campaigns to promote waste reduction and recycling. Deliver Circular Economy Action Plan and complete one
Naste Reduction			year progress review (Move to CEAP)
chibrary of Things closed due to closure of BrightSparks, discussions held with libraries service in relation to locating a library of things at Central library/N4 library and with Local Economies Teams in relation to opportunities in Cally Area. Repair cafes delivered and scheduled inc Repair café at Finsbury Mosque 3 December 2022.	Issue : ongoing costs for hosting the Library of Things and relocation costs.		Deliver Repair Cafes & Reuse Events during Repair week in March Decision to be made regarding relocation of Library of Things. Support Bright Sparks Reuse CIC



Waste Reduction and Recycling Updates

Workstream Owner: Tony Ralph

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Maximise Recycling & Reuse			
Feasibility for expanding food waste collection to remaining estates explored and complete. Now rolling out service with arget date Q4 23/24. Flats above shops food waste trial launched in November 2022 Praft RRP includes new specific commitments, which will be supported through the Thriving Neighbourhoods Programme. Programme milestones, deliverables and deadlines to be developed.			Review outcomes of the trial for flats above shop food waste. Thriving neighbourhoods' recruitment – short listing for a second officer. Selling commercial food waste recycling - Sales staff are now selling this service and will also be further promoted by our marketing strategy. Commercial waste recycling marketing campaign is in the process of pulling together a marketing strategy with support from, Abdoulie Jallow and Lynn Stratton



WS6: Planning

We will ensure that our development and planning policies require growth and new developments meet the highest emissions reductions targets possible.



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Planning Actions Workstream Owner: Karen Sullivan

Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
4	0	3	0	1

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised Start	Revised End	Status commentary		
New Local Plan								
Take the draft local plan forward to adoption	On Track	Q1 22/23	Q1 23/24			There have been delays related to allocating sites for Gypsy & Traveller pitches, and further consultation being required.		
Implementation of new Local Plan policies Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Off track	Q1 23/24	Ongoing		Q1 23/24	Adoption of LP delayed. Once adopted implementation will be ongoing.		
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)								
Net Zero Carbon SPD	On Track	Q1 22/23	Q3 23/24	Q3 22/23	Q1 24/25	Start on the SPD has also been delayed due to LP delay, as the SPD will be based on and supplement LP policies. SPD preparation will take approx. 18 months and involve two rounds of public consultation.		
Engaging, Planning Advice and Enforcement								
Planning advice and enforcement	On Track	Ongoing	Ongoing					



Planning Updates Workstream Owner: Karen Sullivan

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
New Local Plan			
 Consultation took place on modifications to Local Plan last year, finishing in autumn. This was delayed due to allocating Gypsy and Traveller sites. Responses to Consultation submitted to Planning Inspectors to review in December. Currently awaiting Inspectors response on next steps and timescales. 	Inspectors could request further hearings on Gypsy and Traveller sites which would delay issuing final reports and adoption.	To progress Local Plan as quickly as possible once we've heard back from Inspectors	To prepare for further hearings on Local Plan if request or to progress adoption if Inspectors decide further hearings not necessary.
Supplementary Planning Document			
- Officer appointed to deliver Net Zero SPD - Workplan for development of SPD drafted with stakeholder mapping undertaken, initial public consultation events planned for March/April 2023 - Brigging note for research tender prepared, needs sign-off from directors so consultants can be appointed - Review of existing similar planning guidance in other local authorities undertaken	N/A	- Appointment of consultants to undertake research project	Hosting of initial stakeholder engagement workshops
Engaging, Planning Advice and Enforcement			
 We have received the draft Planning Guidance document back from consultants and officers are reviewing this before working towards publication in early New Year Officers have met and have meetings arranged to brief Members, Emily Thornberry MP and residents of planning processes and services available to deliver NZC Development Management are seeking funding to create new dedicated Planning Officer post to support delivery of NZC Officers continuing to engage with Housing colleagues to inform best practice and specific projects have been identified as relevant examples. 	N/A	Risks Include: - Delay to publication of guidance - Lack of funding and/or delay to funding for dedicated DM Planning Officer post	- Delivery of Guidance document - Update to website relating to Duty Planning Service



Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
5	0	2	1	2

WS7: Engaging, Empowering and Partnering

Although the council has a leading role in delivering carbon emissions in Islington, we cannot deliver on the net zero carbon target on our own. We will work closely with residents and local businesses and community groups to enable and encourage them to help our borough achieve net zero.



Engaging, Empowering and Partnering Actions Workstream Owner: David Hardiman

Deliverable	Status	Start	End	Revised start dates	Revised end dates	Status commentary (if delayed or amber / red RAG)
Information and Events						
Publish new webpages setting out the activity across the programme and progress updates	Off track	Q1 22/23	Q2 22/23	3		Site structure is agreed with Cllr Champion but further input from service needed on content. Focus group of staff champions to be established to review content. Interim updates made.
Develop a carbon monitoring approach and set i nte rim targets	Overdue	Q1 22/23	Q2 22/23	3		Reduced capacity in NZC team has slowed progress but now being prioritized. Data analyst appointed to take this work forward February to June 2023.
Pomote and develop the Together Greener	On track	Q1 22/23	Q4 22/23	3		The tool continues to be promoted across council channels. Upcoming opportunities include the next issue of IslingtonLife in March and Earth Day in April which will be cross promoted with partners.
Deliver and collaborate on themed events to explore key challenges with our communities	Off track	Q1 22/23	Q4 22/23	3		We are planning a week of events in March for Repairs Week and also looking to work in partnership with Anchor Institutions around Earth Day (which is also very close to our next Scrutiny meeting. There is an ongoing issue with the lack of staff capacity to deliver events across the programme. We will be commissioning external facilitators to deliver initial events.
Partnerships and Lobbying						
Work with regional and sub-regional partners to promote and deliver action on climate change	On track	Q1 22/23	Q4 23/24	1		



Engaging, Empowering and Partnering Updates Workstream Owner: David Hardiman

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Net Zero Carbon Communications Plan			
Head of Strategic Comms is working with workstreams on comms and engagement opportunities. Hackney Council have been commissioned to develop our branding guidelines, core narrative and an engagement toolkit for services. They will develop the outline comms plan we have provided. Workshops are underway with workstream leads to map bey stakeholders and draw together priority actions for 2023 including behaviour change work.			Updated branding guidelines; core narrative and messaging house and engagement toolkit for services Completed stakeholder mapping and emerging engagement plans for each workstream (Buildings and Transport are being prioritised due to carbon impact)
Internal Staff Campaign			
Internal comms plan has been developed to support the council's energy savings programme. This will include an ask of all staff to join the council's drive to reduce energy consumption and will also promote the positive work we are doing to improve efficiency Behaviour change framework being developed across programme workstreams. Mandatory staff Environmental Awareness training updated and promoted to staff. Working with other London Councils on carbon literacy staff training offer.			Continue to roll out internal comms and engagement on energy saving – this has kicked off across the council with a poster campaign, chief exec video, bulletin items. Behaviour change element will include encouraging staff to take the stairs instead of the lifts.



Engaging, Empowering and Partnering Updates Workstream Owner: David Hardiman

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Information and Events			
Supporting comms has continued to be delivered across the programme throughout Q3 notably with the rollout of new parking charges that reflect the impact of both electric and petrol vehicles along with PFS/greening projects (blue badge exemptions for LTNs; Clerkenwell Green consultation, New River consultation, City of London Healthy Neighbourhood; Camden Passage improvements and the launch of Liveable Neighbourhoods. Positive BBC coverage angulational press coverage has been achieved on the back of our Exel reports and also research into the positive impacts of LTNs. On Upcoming projects include Liveable Neighbourhood consultations in Barnsbury and Mildmay; our electric fleet and electrification of the WRC; our reuse and recycling strategy launch (a hook to promote our work on estates); the SPD; Repair Week and Earth Day engagement events. The latter two projects will be delivered in partnership with local partners and anchor institutions.	A prospective agency temp officer withdrew over Christmas. Comms team is currently being restructured so capacity issues will continue for the short term. The main focus for comms is on delivering operational support mainly to parking and PFS through Jan and Feb. Hackney have been recruited to develop branding, messaging and engagement but will not be providing hands on support. The lack of capacity in workstreams to organise events is an ongoing risk.		Branding, narrative and engagement toolkit scheduled for end of March delivery. Workshops with programme leads and new NZC strategic business manager under way to identify calendar of activity for next calendar year. Carbon monitoring framework being developed for council controlled emissions. Appointment of data analyst underway.



Engaging, Empowering and Partnering Updates Workstream Owner: David Hardiman

Key updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables - next 3 months
Partnerships and Lobbying			
Islington continue to lead the Renewable Power for London workstream on behalf of London Councils. Working with partners to secure funding to take forward action plan. Continued participation in the wider London Council's climate change programme. First meetings of the Anchor Institutions Carbon Working Group held (see Green Economy update).			Appoint officers to support delivery of RP4L action plan. Further meetings of the Anchor Institutions Working Group to finalise action plan by end March.



WS8: Finance and Investment

We will work closely with our partners, in the borough, London and at a national level to identify and maximise funding sources, advocating for adequate and sustained funding from central government. We will also look to innovative green financing mechanisms to provide value for money in the investments we make in net zero carbon initiatives.



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Finance and Investment

Workstream Owner: Paul Clarke

Total	Complete	On track	Overdue	Off track
12	0	10	2	0

Deliverable		044	F.o.al	Revised Revised		Status commentary (if
Deliverable	Status	Start	End	start	end	delayed or amber / red)
Programme Development, Implementation and Governance						
Establish total cost of delivering NZC per workstream	On Track	Current	Ongoing			
Co-ordinate Islington business cases and align to PMO principles		Current	Ongoing			
Support the delivery of NZC capital/revenue programme through improved monitoring		Current	Ongoing			
Net Zero Carbon Funding Strategy						
Enhance funding opportunities database with workstream leads	On Track	Current	Ongoing			
Expore Green Finance opportunities in Islington	On Track	Current	Ongoing			
Explore Private Finance opportunities and delivery models	On Track	Current	Ongoing			
Depelop financial strategy in Workstream 1 targeting action on Retrofit	On Track	Current	Sep-22			Funding mechanisms are not fully established (yet).
Develop financial strategy on S106 and CIL contributions	On Track	Current	Sep-22			£1.314m allocated. Further allocations to be assessed
Our Investments and Pension Fund						
Enhance quality and frequency of reporting	On Track	Current	Mar-23			
Review investment strategy statement and approach to Environmental and Social Governance risk	On Track	Current	Mar-23			
Partnership Fundraising and Sponsorship Strategy						
Support the development of fundraising and sponsorship strategy through workstream 4	Overdue	Jan-23	Mar-23			
Investigate alternative ownership models such as mutuals and cooperatives with workstream 4 and their viability	Overdue	Jan-23	Mar-23			



Finance and Investment Updates Workstream Owner: Paul Clarke

Key Updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables
2023.	Sector capacity/capability constraints mean costing the transition to NZC is a challenge.	N/A	Continued focus on WS2-WS5 costings. Work with 3Ci and GLA/London Councils (NZ Project Pipeline) (investor event and demonstrator sites, business case etc).
Net Cro Carbon Funding Strategy New NZC Funding Database has been developed which is accessible to all workstreams and Cregularly updated and including 60+ funding opportunities (open / closed). Secured £4.144m Funding: Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 1 (£1.155m); Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (£1.132m); Green Heat Network Fund x 2 (£1.046m); Local Energy Accelerator Programme (£0.290m); TFL Green and Healthy	applications and (in some cases) administer grants. COF income averages £1.822m p/a but anticipated decline in income (December = £0.845m).	Additional work required on WS1 financial strategy + fund. mechanisms. COF strategy has been presented to Executive Board + grants review next.	 Major funding bids inc. PSDS 3b, SHDF 2.1, GHNF, LEVI (TBC). Continue work with partners eg: UKIB, GFI, London Councils Continue to develop fin. strategy in WS1. S106 (COF) and CIL (Exec Board March).



Finance and Investment Updates Workstream Owner: Paul Clarke

Key Updates	Summary of key risks/issues	Priority delayed deliverables	Priority upcoming deliverables
Our Investments and Pension Fund			
As at 31 March the current carbon exposure was 42.5% (target 50%) and future was 78.9% (75%). New targets approved at the Pensions Sub Committee in June 2021 as targets ended March 2022.	Advice from Mercer states that the Council is in a 'good position' to meet new targets. New targets now against a larger portfolio however which makes comparison difficult.		Continued work with Pensions Team with a view to presenting an update at a future Board. Supporting Pensions Team on Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).
Par rship Fundraising and Sponsorship Strategy			
These 2 x deliverables are scheduled for Jan-23.			Work with pensions team on Environmental and Social Governance and investment strategy statement as more products emerge.



Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Workplan 2022/23

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- 1. Scrutiny Review Transport to include Last Mile Deliveries
- 2. Update on Urban Agriculture from Dr Daniel Evans
- 3. Q2 Performance Report (2022/23) Net Zero Carbon Programme
- 4. Q2 Performance Report (2022/23) Environment & Transport
- 5. Workplan 2022/23

20 February 2023 19:30

- 1. Scrutiny Review- Concluding Discussion
- 2. North London Waste Authority Presentation
- 3. Q3 Performance Report (2022/23) Employment and Skills
- 4. Workplan 2022/23

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- Scrutiny Review Draft recommendations
- 2. Q3 Performance Report (2022/23) Environment & Transport
- 3. Q3 Performance Report (2022/23) Libraries and Heritage
- 4. Q3 Performance Report (2022/23) Net Zero Carbon Programme
- 5. Workplan 2022/23

18 April 2023 TBC

1. Special Meeting on the Climate Emergency

Date to be confirmed

Better Leisure

