

London Borough of Islington

**Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 7 March 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held at Town Hall on 7 March 2022 at 7.30 pm.

**Present:**      **Councillors:**      Clarke, Heather, Gilgunn, Poyser, Russell, Jeapes, Weekes

**Cllr Clarke in the Chair**

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Bell-bradford, Khondoker, Shaikh

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

**535**      None

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

**536**      None

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

Cllr Heather asked if the member questions posed to Martin Capstick of North London Waste Authority via email from a previous committee meeting could be chased.

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2022 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

**537      CHAIR'S REPORT (Item 5)**

The Chair highlighted that the special public Environment and Scrutiny Committee will be held on 22 March 2022, Online via Zoom. The Chair reported that Food Waste Action Week was held on 7-13 March. The Chair asked members to contribute to the Apprenticeships Action Plan.

The Chair thanked Officers for their quick turn around on the Scrutiny Report on item B5.

**538      ORDER OF BUSINESS (Item 6)**

The order of business would be B2, B1, B3, B4, B5, B6.

**539      PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item 7)**

None

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**SCRUTINY REVIEW: NET ZERO CARBON PROGRAMME – SUSTAINABLE AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY (Item 8)**

James Wilson ,Energy Sustainability & Consulting Manager was present, together with Keith Townsend, Corporate Director Environment and Regeneration for discussion of this item and made a presentation to the Committee, copy interleaved. The following points were highlighted:

**Scope**

There are two main areas of work within the scope of WS3:

1. Sustainable energy
  - a. Heat networks
    - i. Adding new connections to existing networks
    - ii. Decarbonising existing networks
    - iii. Building new zero carbon networks
  - b. Ground Source Heat Pumps
  - c. Renewable electricity
    - i. In-borough generation
    - ii. Out-of-borough generation for self-supply
    - iii. Tariffs
      1. Council
      2. Residents and businesses
2. Affordable energy
  - a. SHINE
  - b. ECO / Warmer Homes schemes

This workstream has a significant crossover with WS1 (Buildings)

**The Challenge**

Energy use in buildings accounts for around 82% of direct carbon emissions in Islington - 533,000 tonnes per annum

Within buildings, carbon emissions come from gas (56%), electricity (42%) and other fuels (2%).

WS1 looks at eliminating gas use (shifting to electrical heating) and reducing overall energy consumption in buildings through retrofit.

WS3 looks at how the remaining electricity needs can be met via renewable sources (but also contains some gas-eliminating actions).

Fuel poverty is also a significant priority, with 14.8% of residents classed as in fuel poverty in 2019. Current price rises are likely to significantly increase this figure.

**Our objectives**

The Sustainable and Affordable Energy Workstream Plan has the following priorities:

1. Rolling out, expanding and decarbonising energy networks
2. Maximising solar power generation
3. Increasing access to fairer energy tariffs
4. Purchasing renewable energy for the council and related organisations
5. Supporting residents in fuel poverty
6. Lobbying and marketing

A cross-cutting theme (within and beyond this workstream) is seeking funding.

## **Deliverables**

### **Objective 1 : Energy Networks**

Key priorities:

- Complete the GreenSCIES design
- Develop other smart energy network projects
- Add new connections to the Bunhill heat network
- Look at how the Bunhill heat network can be made zero emissions
- Connect communally-heated buildings to DH networks where possible
- Look at opportunities for GSHPs in parks and estates

Progress to date:

- GreenSCIES PM appointed and design underway
- Working to connect City Forum development and Telfer House to Bunhill
- Feasibility study proposed for options for replacing Bunhill 1 gas CHP with zero emission heat source as part of wider Finsbury Leisure Centre redevelopment
- GSHPs considered for estates as part of UCL study in WS1

### **Objective 2 : Maximise solar power generation**

Key priorities

- Maximise solar power generation on LBI sites
- Maximise solar power generation at non-LBI sites

Progress to date:

- Existing arrays on 10 corporate buildings
- Feasibility studies underway for 20 primary schools, which includes assessing maximum potential for solar PV installation
- Feasibility studies being procured for 60+ council buildings, which will include assessing maximum potential for solar PV installation
- PV to be installed on four council sites as part of a carbon offset-funded project
- PV to be installed on two council sites as part of PSDS-funded project (including an additional 425kWp at the Waste Recycling Centre)
- Solar Together group buying scheme round currently running for residents and local organisations

Objective 3 : Increase access to fairer energy tariffs

Key priorities

- Residents and businesses on the best tariffs
- Council self-supply through out-of-borough generation

Progress to date:

- Work on tariffs and encouraging residents and local businesses to switch is currently on hold due to energy market situation which means switching is likely to result in a worse tariff than staying on the standard variable rate (which is price capped)
- Two-stage feasibility study planned to look at best self-supply options for the council

Objective 4 : Purchase remaining electricity needs from renewable sources

Progress to date:

- Council's corporate buildings switched to renewable tariff in April 2021
- Leisure centres will switch in April 2022
- Offer schools opportunity to switch from April 2023, following consultation
- Consultation with Housing aimed at switch in 2023
- Islington is the lead borough for the Renewable Power for London, one of seven London Councils Climate Change programmes. This has three workstreams:
  - Decentralised energy: Maximise local innovative energy generation and storage projects to meet zero carbon energy demand
  - Renewable energy: Procure energy for London public sector bodies that is 100% renewable, through collaboration
  - Energy advice: Support and influence residents to reduce energy consumption, move to renewables and save money

Objective 5 : Supporting residents in fuel poverty

Key priorities

- Support residents to access WHD and Water Sure
- Secure ECO and Warmer Homes funding

Progress to date:

- Between April 2020 and January 2022 we secured over £860,000 for residents through 2,403 Warm Home Discounts, 2,671 water discounts and 33 ECO/ECOflex grant applications resulting in more than £115,500 grant funding spent on energy efficiency measures in fuel poor households
- We were successfully re-appointed to deliver the Mayor of London's Warmer Homes Advice Service in 2018, have on-boarded dozens of contractors fulfilling ECO funding works independently, and successfully partnered with several ECO schemes like the Emergency Central Heating Offer (ECHO).

Funding

Progress to date:

- The Energy Services team has secured significant external funding to deliver several of these projects, including:
  - £1.097m from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for corporate building works including PV installation
  - £830k for GreenSCIES from Innovate UK, Local Energy Accelerator and Green Heat Network Transition Fund
  - £120k from Low Carbon Skills Fund for school feasibility studies
- A bid of £792k has been made to HNIP for new Bunhill connections
- The school and corporate building feasibility studies will enable further applications to the PSDS.
- £1m of council capital budgeted for PV installation in next three years

The Chair thanked James Wilson for the presentation and welcomed members to raise issues and ask questions.

On funding, most of the funding is coming from central government in the forms of grants like the low carbon skills fund. While no direct funding comes via the GLA, there is cases where revenue funding can become available.

On solar power and conservation areas, planning regulations around solar is from national government and there is not a lot that local government can do about these regulations. However, there is guidance around solar that the council has produced that will give residents the best possible understanding of how to install within the current regulations. The council will be reviewing the supplementary planning guidance within the Net Zero Review.

On heat networks, there are areas that the council have been looking at for heat sources with the London Underground. There are a few stations the London Underground is looking at for feasibility, but this is still in an early process.

On council properties, a lot of work has been done on external wall insulation on council housing across the borough. However, this does not replace the heating systems already in the building and needs to be done across sites that have good insulation to ensure heating efficiency.

On solar together, while last year there was around 400/500 applications, not many of the applications made it through to install, due in part to Covid-19. While solar is getting cheaper, there is still a need for schemes like this to support residents, the council communications team does include this in council promotions.

**RESOLVED:**

That the presentation be noted

Caroline Wilson Director of Inclusive Economy and Jobs, with Dionne Gay, iWork/ESC Service Development Manager, made a presentation to the Committee, copy interleaved. The following points were highlighted:

The Council's corporate plan 2018-22 set out an objective to 'Deliver an Inclusive Economy', supporting people into work helping them with the cost of living. As part of delivering this objective, the Council set a target of supporting 4,000 residents into employment over a 4-year period. The target for this year was 1,000 residents placed in paid employment. We have surpassed the profiled target by 65% and at the end of December 2021 had successfully placed 5,309 residents into employment. This result reflects the embodiment of the Islington working partnership who have collectively contributed 72% of the overall outcomes, with the remaining 28% being achieved by council services.

Of the 255 people placed by iWork into work since April 2021, 201 had reached the 13 week point. We were able to contact 117 of these (84 did not respond). Of the 117 we spoke to, 95 (81%) were still in employment whilst 22 (19%) were no longer in work. At 26 weeks there were 110 residents who we needed to contact to see if they had sustained employment. We were able to contact 37 of these (73 did not respond). Of the 37 we spoke to 30 (81%) were still in employment whilst 7 (19%) were no longer in work. We will continue to work with partners to ensure that they also track and report outcomes at 13 and 26 weeks.

There are now three Affordable Workspaces which are up and running so far this year, which, up to the end of Quarter 3 had provided a social value of £1,024,348. Outputs are categorised using a framework designed in collaboration with The Social Value Portal and are grouped under different 'Themes', 'Outcomes' and 'Measures'. Each measure has a financial proxy attached to it, which allows the team to quantify the level of social value in monetary terms. Output measures fall primarily under Employment, Education and Skills, Business Support, Workspace Management and Community/Other. Two of our providers are in the third year of their contract. Space 4/Outlandish has delivered £830,682 and Fashion-Enter £153,032. Fashion-Enter's social value output was impacted by the COVID restrictions and the delayed opening of their workspace. Space4/Outlandish, on the other Page 5 of 13 hand, has benefited from the demand for online service support in the wake of the pandemic. Betterspace in its first Quarter achieved a Social Value of £40,639.00.

The Grants Team has now delivered almost £9.3 million in direct grant funding through discretionary schemes since December 2020, through the ARG main fund and target schemes for the workspace, cultural, markets and childcare sectors.

Council services and partners supported 471 Islington residents with a disability or long term health condition into employment exceeding the profiled target of 188 and year-end target of 250. This strong performance reflects the embodiment of the Islington working partnership and reflects the range of specialist provision targeting those who live with long term health conditions and/or Page 4 of 13 4.11 4.12 4.13 4.14 disabilities. The Work and Health Programme delivered by Ingeus have been a significant contributor to outcomes for this cohort and the Learning Disability and

Autism sub group which supported 8 residents into work. 33 residents were supported into work by the Council's iWork service, two thirds were placed into roles brokered by iWork, often with council contractors

The Chair thanked Caroline Wilson for the presentation and welcomed members to raise issues and ask questions.

On young residents with disabilities, young people with complex needs are usually referred to a specialised youth progression council program. This allows the council to give a holistic approach to supporting young people, that is not just about skills but looking at their whole needs. More work needs to be done to get that work more online, but face to face contact is still very important. The contact centre at 222 Upper Street being key to this, along with the council re-signing its contact with Arsenal Youth Hub,

On local business in Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, the council has appointed a dedicated local economies Officer, who will approach and engage with businesses with LTNs. Currently they are promoting the small grants team within the council, which can help with the modifications that businesses can do. Other areas like promotion and training will be looked at.

On residents in paid work with Team Islington, there has been a focus on checking on residents earlier, rather than later as it can be quite challenging to be able to maintain contact as the program goes on, 52 weeks often sees a large dip in responses.

On other ways to engage residents, the council is working with employers to use different ways to engage with residents, including other non-online options. This was impacted by Covid-19, but in the new year, it will be something the council picks up. This can be useful for young people who get a lot out of meeting face to face and having meaningful conversations.

On labour shortages, these shortages are often found in specialist roles, that usually require a certain qualification. In the next year, the council needs to create a pathway to ensure residents can get into these jobs, in an inclusive way. This will be key as the council looks at employment in the green economy.

**RESOLVED:**

That the presentation be noted

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**Q3 PERFORMANCE REPORT ( 2021/2022) – ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT (Item 10)**

Cllr Rowena Champion, Executive Member for Environment & Transport was present, together with Keith Townsend, Corporate Director Environment and Regeneration for discussion of this item and made a presentation to the Committee, copy interleaved. The following points were highlighted:

Delivery of this programme has suffered due to pandemic delays and issues with funding but the team has been working very hard to catch up. A substantial and fast-paced roll-out of the remaining facilities started on 7th February and the service remain confident of reaching the 400 target total by the end of March. These facilities are expected to be of added importance to residents with the expected post lockdown upsurge in cycling.

The KPI on SHINE (Seasonal Health Interventions Network) referrals has been modified to bring it into line with that required by and supplied to funders as well as public commitments made in the council's Challenging Inequalities Strategy. Previously this measure was presented as counting all referrals, including re-referrals, but now we are presenting this as unique household referrals only. Performance remains very strong, with Q1-Q3 unique referrals being 2,885 against the profiled in-year target of 1,725. The corresponding number of interventions was 10,446 so averaging 3.6 per referral, slightly up on last year's figure of 3.2. The reason for this over-performance is due to unexpectedly high residual lockdown related demand and also the opening of Warm Home Discount. As domestic energy bills continue to rise steeply, demand for this service is also expected to increase and the council is urgently reviewing how it can best respond to support residents.

The Chair thanked Cllr Champion for the presentation and welcomed members to raise issues and ask questions.

On recycling rate, the Quarter 2 figures are being investigated by the Council, alongside North London Waste Authority because the data does suggest an error, which needs to be recognised before publishing.

On cycle parking, the cycle hanger target will be reached by the end of March 2022, and there will be a continuing program to see where the demand is across the borough for more cycle hangers.

On electrical vehicle charging points, while charging points placed on the pavement does come with a minimum distance, it is not ideal. Access is important on the pavement and any members who have concerns about particular access around charging points, should contact the council. Currently there is an issue with residents charging from their own homes, and not from the council installed charging points.

On the real nappy scheme, the council is continuing to promote the scheme to residents, and while it is not contributing a huge different to the tonnage of waste, it is a positive good and the council will continue to support.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted

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**NET ZERO CARBON PROGRESS REPORT ( QUARTER 3) (Item 11)**

Sarah Hitchcock, Head of Net Zero Carbon Programme was present, together with Keith Townsend, Corporate Director Environment and Regeneration for discussion of this item

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and made a presentation to the Committee, copy interleaved. The following points were highlighted:

The progress against the delivery of commitments in the Net Zero Carbon 2030 strategy will be reported on a quarterly basis 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

Some key progress highlights

- Successful bid submitted to Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, securing £1.2 million funding to deliver retrofit work across council and housing association residential properties
- Islington's Community Municipal Investment bond launched in October, successfully reached its £1 million target by the end of January.
- Positive feedback received from our Let's Talk about a Greener Future festival in October 2021 now informing future engagement plans. Our Greener Together microsite and pledge tool have gone live.
- Circular Economy grants for small businesses launched • Letters sent in February to households eligible for solar panel & battery installs under Solar Together 2022 scheme
- Community-led boroughwide green proposals programme 'Islington Greener Together' to launch March 2022.
- GLA development grant agreed for a Local Economy Plan following the submission of a Cally Future Neighbourhoods bid • York Way cycle lane was made permanent in December 2021 and St Mary's Church LTN trial introduced in February 2022

Performance

Overview of progress to date (December 2021) on the delivery of all commitments, based on the original dates and timescales set out in the Net Zero Carbon strategy or, where they have been reported to Scrutiny Committee, reprofiled timescales. A full review of all action plans is currently underway to ensure they are up-to-date and still accurate/relevant to future delivery. 85% (previously 81%) of commitments have either been completed or are on track.

Buildings, Housing, Commercial & Infrastructure

Residential – council owned

- Harvist Estate pilot to install wall insulation and cladding at four blocks is being reprofiled. A project manager has been appointed to take this project forward.
- Successful Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) wave 1 bid of £372,600 to be match funded by LBI to raise 32 homes to an EPC category C rating through our street properties pilot scheme.
- Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Funding (GHG LAD 1a) scheme completed including provision of energy efficiency measures to 53 homes with an EPC-rating of E or below
- Received draft report on the UCL detailed review of high-rise buildings outlining options for prioritising retrofit work (Feb 2022)

Residential – housing associations

- Planning presentation delivered to housing association meeting in December – positive conversation focusing on planning's role in supporting housing associations in their ambition to deliver NZC homes.
- Peabody housing successful in securing £800,000 for work

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### Residential – private landlords and tenants

- GHG LAD 1a lessons report completed with key insights on issues and successes relating to owner occupied and private rented properties •
- Introductory meetings with service providers to discuss opportunities within the able-to-pay market

### New Build

- Tree Mitigation strategy completed now to be incorporated into Greening the Borough Strategy as a policy.
- Decarbonising New Homes Design Guidance complete
- Guide for residents moving into new homes was delayed in order complete the above guidance but is now underway. The guide will help new tenants make environmentally friendly choices and make the most of energy efficiency features in their home

### Non-residential council owned

- Funding secured to carry out feasibility studies for 20 schools
- There were delays in agreeing the final list of buildings and procurement arrangements but 60 corporate buildings have now been selected for feasibility studies to assess suitability for gas boiler replacement

### Non-residential non-council

- Business audit launched, with 5 applications and 3 audits already complete

### Transport

- The waste recycling centre grid connection and substation has a revised completion timescale of September 2022 because of the delayed appointment of the contractor.
- York Way cycle lane has been approved as a permanent scheme following consultation. Liverpool Road scheme consultation analysis underway.
- Public consultation on five low-traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs) complete, and underway on Highbury LTNs • St Mary's Church LTN trial introduced in February 2022 including blue badge exemption
- Continuation of LTNs in St Peter's and Canonbury East with blue badge exemption
- By the end of December 2021, we had delivered 285 electric vehicle charging points, 72% of our target of 400 and are working on delivery of the remaining 115 charging points

### Sustainable and affordable energy

- Commercial options appraisal and funding structure options appraisal for GreenSCIES have revised completion timescales to June 2022 due to limited team capacity. However, GreenSCIES project manager started in February 2022, which will help with progressing this deliverable.
- Develop connection offer package and agree funding for Bunhill is partially completed – work to connect City Forum is ongoing and the connection offer package is pending funding confirmation and formal agreement. However, further work is needed to review potential future connections and impact on network capacity. Completion timescales for the overall commitment are being reviewed.
- Look at opportunities for ground source heat pumps in parks & housing estates - Options appraisal. Phase 1 of UCL feasibility study completed in December 2021 covering options appraisal for ground source heat pumps in housing estates. Parks and housing estates to be progressed as separate projects, reprofiling of commitment and completion timescales for parks are being reviewed.
- Maximise solar power generation: LBI Sites - Complete prioritised solar project report has a revised completion timescale to August 2022 due to limited team

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capacity in Energy Services team. The procurement route for feasibility studies is agreed and the process is underway.

- Explore self-supply through out of borough renewable generation– completion of initial feasibility study delayed due to limited team capacity. Completion timescales for the overall deliverable have been revised to Q4 22/23

### Green Economy

- Skills Strategy – We are participating in London Councils project, associated with Central London Forward research commission, to inform local skills planning. This was delayed therefore we have adjusted our timeline. We have also commissioned further Islington-specific analysis on the back of their research.
- Affordable workspaces – due to staff changes we are still reviewing our current portfolio and pipeline to see whether there is scope for a workspace to focus on green innovation and entrepreneurship. Our new Head of Affordable Workspace is now in post to take forward this review.

### Other updates

- Promoting 'green' jobs - Ongoing discussions with ISEP and LIFT to expand training and apprenticeship opportunities in the knowledge/arts/built environment sector.
- Business fora and networks - We have supported Angel.London in establishing the Angel Sustainability Forum for businesses to deliver practical projects.
- Sharing economy - working with ReLondon we have promoted our circular economy grants for small businesses, which was over-subscribed even before officially accepting applications in January.
- Co-Operative Development Hub Project - steering group established. Legal clarification being sought around grant defrayal which may impact other schemes
- Anchor Institutions – in collaboration with key organisations we have scoped our approach to engaging with Anchor Institutions, including developing a series of KPIs for discussion. Our Anchor Institutions network will launch in February with an inaugural meeting.

### Natural Environment and Waste

- Community-led boroughwide green proposals programme 'Islington Greener Together' to launch 2 March 2022.
- Octopus Communities selected as lead delivery partner for Greener Together Champions to launch 28 February 2022.
- Submitted application for £100k against 'Green Finance for Islington Pocket Park Framework' to the Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund (NEIRF) in Feb 2022. The bid incorporates a stub road audit of 1000 sites, green infrastructure project pipeline, new bespoke green investment financing and proposed strategic assessment tools.
- 700 trees planted to date (target 680) as of 24 Feb 2022
- Future Parks Accelerator extension funding application made to establish a nature recovery network and increase access to nature on people's doorsteps.

### Waste reduction and recycling

- Completed commercial waste strategy looking at expanding services in the borough
- Completed Circular Economy Action Plan
- Expansion of food waste service and recycling site improvement projects for estates continue.
- Library of Things opened in the Bright Sparks store at Finsbury Park in November 2021

### Planning

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- The Local Plan remains with the Planning Inspectors. Consultation on further modifications to the Plan are unlikely to be able to start until March 2022.

### Engaging, Empowering and Partnering

- The Greener Together microsite and pledge tool were finalised in December, but due to the proximity of Christmas, it was agreed that a launch in January would be more effective. Both were launched publicly on 20 January.
- Officers developed a set of draft KPIs for discussion with the Anchor Institutions network. The network will have its inaugural meeting in February to discuss taking these commitments forward.
- A two year action plan for the Renewable Power for London workstream was finalised and submitted to London Councils in December (as part of the London Council's Climate Change Programme). Islington is the lead borough for this workstream. This marks the start of an ongoing collaboration to deliver the action plan in partnership with councils across London.

### Finance and Investment

- Islington launched its Community Municipal Investment on the final day of the Let's Talk about a Greener Future festival in October 2021 and was 80% funded at the end of December 2021.
- The latest capital programme will be considered by Executive on 13 January which includes £48m of investment in Net Zero Carbon including additional investment for GreenSCIES + Retrofitting (£18m).
- Finance has been reviewing government policy issued by BEIS and HMT in October 2021 and is actively monitoring c. 25 funding opportunities with workstream leads and Strategic Business Managers.
- Finance & Investment gave a full update on Deliverables at Executive Board in December 2021 and will give a presentation to Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in February 2022.

The Chair thanked Sarah Hitchcock for the presentation and welcomed members to raise issues and ask questions.

On the circular economy action plans, there will be an annual review of the Net Zero reporting process, and the circular economy action plan will be part of this. Members will be able to look at the current plan, but it will be taken forward and incorporated into reporting going forward.

On recycling and waste reduction interventions, the Net Zero team is currently updating its recycling plan and will provide an update to members. Action- Officers to update members on the recycling and waste reduction interventions.

On the pledge tour, officers are monitoring the uptake, and there will be a greater push to ensure businesses to take part in the scheme as well. There will be greater promotion of this during the summer 2022.

On limited team capacity, staff capacity amongst all the workstreams is being monitored, with some projects are more complex and requiring greater officers' time. As part of the review, resourcing in the teams will be looked into.

On the complete commercial waste strategy, the service suffered during the Covid-19 pandemic and has been subject to a review. The aspiration is to expand the market share in waste services and shift the service to commercial recycling. There may be some additional funding and staff time to help expand the service, and as the commercial sector recovers from Covid-19 it should expand further.

**RESOLVED:**

That the presentation be noted

**544 MEMBER REVIEW OF THE NET ZERO CARBON PROGRAM AND INFORMAL WORKING GROUP (Item 12)**

**545** Cllr Tricia Clarke was present, together with Keith Townsend, Corporate Director Environment and Regeneration for discussion of this item and made a presentation to the Committee, copy interleaved. The following points were highlighted:

The Chair presented the report, thanking officers and members for the hard work of the committee throughout 2021/22. The Chair asked members for their comments:

- Supermarkets, fast food chains and large businesses need to do more for waste and recycling, rather than just focusing on what residents are already doing. National Government needs to do more to tackle waste from large businesses.
- Some residents want to do more to recycle than what they are doing currently, how can they increase it further? Residents can sign up to the recycling champions scheme.
- Council estates and how it collects its waste needs to be considered
- The report should look back at previous committee work, and ensure that it is considered within the report.
- Action- Officers to circulate additional questions for members to consider.

**RESOLVED:**

Members agreed that a full report of recommendations will be presented to a future meeting of the Executive. Approval of the final report and recommendations will be delegated to the Chair, following consultation with members.

**545 WORK PROGRAMME 2021/2022 (Item 13)**

**RESOLVED:**

That the work programme be noted

The meeting ended at 09:13

**CHAIR**