

SCRUTINY INITIATION DOCUMENT (SID)

Title of review: Net Zero Carbon 2030- Circular Economy

Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Regeneration

Director leading the review: Keith Townsend, Corporate Director - Environment

Lead officers: Sarah Hitchcock, Head of Net Zero Carbon Programme

Overall aim of the review:

To review how the Council is taking the lead on encouraging sustainable development, developing policies to encourage sustainable economic development, and working to identify ways to support a circular economy in our borough with residents and businesses, to help achieve this goal. The review will look at the five Rs, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repair.

Objectives of the review:

- Understand the impact the Circular Economy Action Plan is having on the Net Zero Carbon 2030 goal.
- To examine what members, residents and local businesses can do to support a Circular Economy in Islington, and to review how this can be best communicated
- To make suggestions to feed into the upcoming Circular Economy Action Plan
- To assess the impact of the council's development and economic development policies to ensure they are championing sustainable approaches
- To consider how all council services can contribute to the circular economy

How does this review contribute to the Council's priorities?

This review will consider how a Circular Economy can help to achieve to the Council's Net Zero Carbon goal and therefore is linked to the priority 'We work together to create a cleaner, greener, healthier borough'.

Scope of the review and evidence to be received:

The review will focus on...

1. How the Local Plan, the way we build Council homes and the way we manage our own buildings can all support a circular economy.
2. How the effective local transport of people, products and materials is central to a circular economy, enabling local goods and material flows.
3. How a circular economy can bring a range of economic benefits, from improved resource security at a larger scale, through to new economic and employment opportunities at the local scale.
4. How circular economy approaches are promoted, and how to effectively work in partnership with residents and local businesses on this issue.

The Committee will receive the following evidence:

1. Meeting 1 - 6 September 2022
 - Green Economy and Planning
 - Menstrual Waste- One off scrutiny report and Speaker
2. Meeting 2 – 3 October 2022
 - Council Buildings and Homes
3. Meeting 3 – **10 November 2022**
 - Natural Environment
 - Urban Cultivate- External Speaker
4. Meeting 4 - **23 January 2023**
 - Transport
 - The Last Mile- External Speaker

There will be three informal working group meetings covering the following topics:

1. Energy purchasing October 2022
2. Energy advice January 2023
3. Open topic on Renewable Power for London TBC March 2023

Review timetable (list specific meeting dates if possible)

1. SID to be agreed: 21/06/22
2. Witness evidence to be received: 06/09/22 – 23/01/23
3. Draft report to be considered: 20/02/23
4. Final report to be approved: 27/03/23
5. Report to be submitted to Executive: July 2023 (Date TBC)
6. Provisional date for Executive response: October 2023 (Date TBC)
7. Provisional date for 12 month update report back to the Committee: September 2024 (Date TBC)

Additional information:

In carrying out the review the committee will consider equalities implications and resident impacts identified by witnesses. The Executive is required to have due regard to these, and any other relevant implications, when responding to the review recommendations.