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Town Hall, Upper Street  
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Report of: Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Meeting of: Executive

Date: 30 November 2023

Ward(s): All

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## Subject: Scrutiny Review of Net Zero Carbon 2030 - Circular Economy and Green Jobs

### 1. Synopsis

- 1.1. This report requests that the Executive receive the report of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee following the completion of its review of the Circular Economy and Green Jobs. A response to the recommendations set out in the report will be considered at a future meeting of the Executive.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the report of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be received.
- 2.2. That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

### 3. Background

- 3.1. The review was held between July 2022 and February 2023. The overall aim was 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 looked at the five Rs, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repair.

- 3.2. The Committee also agreed to the following objectives:
- 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.
- 3.3. In undertaking the review, the Committee met with external speakers, including Evidence from external speakers Dr Daniel Evans from the Urban Agriculture Project, Elaine Trimble from Cally Energy and Professor Linda Clarke from the University of Westminster, the North London Waste Authority as well as council officers and directors and members of the public to gain a balanced view. In addition, the Committee considered local and national data and a variety of documentary evidence.

## 4. Implications

### 4.1. **Financial Implications**

- 4.1.1. The proposals in the report need to be costed before a response is made by the Executive.

### 4.2. **Legal Implications**

- 4.2.1. Relevant legal implications will be considered as part of the response to the review.

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

- 4.3.1. Any environmental implications and contributions to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030 will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

#### **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.
- 4.4.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report. Any equality impacts will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

## **5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

- 5.1. Eight main recommendations have been made in response to the evidence received. The Committee would like to thank all the witnesses that gave evidence in relation to the review. The Executive is asked to endorse the Committee's recommendations.

#### **Appendices:**

- Report of Scrutiny Review of Net Zero Carbon 2030 - Circular Economy and Green Jobs

#### **Background papers:**

- None

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