



# **Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Thursday, 7 December 2023

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

**There will be a private meeting for committee members only from 1:30pm, Thursday 7 December 2023 in Room 2006, Level 2, Town Hall Extension.**

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## **Membership of the Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee**

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**Councillors** - Shilton Godwin (Chair), Chohan, Collins, Holt, Ilyas, McCaul, Razaq, Wiest and Wright

# Agenda

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- 1. Urgent Business**  
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.
  
- 2. Appeals**  
To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.
  
- 3. Interests**  
To allow Members an opportunity to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears. Members with a personal interest should declare that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.
  
- 4. [2.00-2.05] Minutes** 7 - 18  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2023.
  
- 5. [2.05-2.20] Climate Change Communications** 19 - 40  
Report of the Head of Strategic Communications

This report provides an update on the Council’s Climate Change Communications approach and supporting activity.
  
- 6. [2.20-2.40] Update on the role of Neighbourhood Teams in engaging Manchester residents on Climate Change** 41 - 94  
Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

This report describes 12 months of activity to engage, support and activate Manchester residents to engage in local climate change activity and reduce their carbon footprint. The report includes information on the further development of ward level Climate Change Action Plans as a framework for local actions and the establishment of monitoring to measure impact.
  
- 7. [2.40-2.55] Manchester Climate Change Agency In Our Nature Progress and Wider Community Engagement Update** 95 - 106  
Report of the Director, Manchester Climate Change Agency

This report is to give an overview of Manchester Climate Change Agency’s (MCCA’s) community engagement activity over the past 12-months.

8. **[2.55-3.15] Embedding Carbon Literacy within the Council** 107 - 118  
Report of Human Resources, Organisational Development and Transformation

This report provides information on the progress being made towards embedding a zero-carbon culture within the Council.

9. **[3.15-3.35] Weed Pilot (Streets)** 119 - 126  
Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

This report provides an update on the findings of a project undertaken during 2023 to trial an alternative weed control methodology (hot foam) to assess its effectiveness and viability as a potential alternative to glyphosate for weed control on streets.

10. **[3.35-3.40] Overview Report** 127 - 134  
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.

11. **[3.40-3.55] Large Scale Renewable Energy Generation - Power Purchase Agreement - To Follow**

12. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The officers consider that the following item or items contains exempt information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of these items. At the time this agenda is published no representations have been made that this part of the meeting should be open to the public.

13. **[3.55-4.15] Large Scale Renewable Energy Generation - Power Purchase Agreement (Press and Public Excluded) - To Follow**

## Information about the Committee

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The Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee areas of interest include The Climate Change Strategy, Waste, Carbon Emissions, Neighbourhood Working, Flood Management, Planning policy and related enforcement, Compliance and Parks and Green Spaces.

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