

Manchester City Council Report for Information

Report to: Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee – 14 October 2021

Subject: Climate Change Action Plan Quarterly Progress Report, Q2 July - September 2021

Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer

Summary

The Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019 and developed a Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2020-25, which was approved by Executive in March 2020. Quarterly updates and an Annual Report from year one (2020-21) of the CCAP are now available online, alongside the Quarter 1 report for year two (2021-22) at www.manchester.gov.uk. This report provides an update on progress in Quarter 2 2021-22 (July-September 2021).

Recommendations

The Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report and the progress that has been made in delivering the Action Plan during the last three months (July – September 2021).

Wards Affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

The Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25 sets out the actions that will be delivered to ensure that the Council plays its full part in delivering the city's Climate Change Framework 2020-25 which aims to half the city's CO2 emissions over the next 5 years.
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Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	The transition to a zero carbon city will help the city's economy become more sustainable and will generate jobs within the low carbon energy and goods sector. This will support the implementation of the Our Manchester Industrial Strategy and Manchester Economic Recovery and Investment Plan.

A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	Manchester is one of a small number of UK cities that have agreed a science-based target and is leading the way in transitioning to a zero carbon city. It is envisaged that this may give the city opportunities in the green technology and services sector.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	Transitioning to a zero-carbon city can help to tackle fuel poverty by reducing energy bills. Health outcomes will also be improved through the promotion of more sustainable modes of transport and improved air quality.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	Becoming a zero carbon city can help to make the city a more attractive place for people to live, work, visit and study.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	A zero carbon transport system would create a world class business environment to drive sustainable economic growth.

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy, please contact one of the contact officers above.

Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25

Manchester City Council Climate Emergency Declaration July 2019

Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25

1.0 Introduction

This report provides a progress update on delivery of the Council's Climate Change Action Plan for Quarter 2 2021-22 (July-September 2021).

The progress report has been to the Zero Carbon Coordination Group to ensure its accuracy and transparency and will be published in an accessible format on the Council's website.

2.0 Background

A five-year Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2020-25 went live following approval at Executive in March 2020.

Updates have been considered by Strategic Management Team and Environment & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee (and previously Neighbourhoods & Environment Scrutiny Committee) throughout the CCAP's first year, with an Annual Report for 2020-21 going to Environment & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee on the 9 September this year.

<https://democracy.manchester.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=358&MIId=3974&Ver=4>

Previous progress reports dating back to April 2020 are available on the council's website and can be found at:

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500002/council_policies_and_strategies/3833/zero_carbon_manchester/3

Following the establishment of the new Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee, regular updates on delivery of the CCAP will be provided via the Quarterly Progress Reports, which have been scheduled into the Committee's work programme for the current year.

3.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee note and comment on the progress that has been made in delivering the Climate Change Action Plan during this quarter.

4.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 - CCAP Q2 Quarterly Progress Report July-September 2021.