

Manchester City Council Report for Information

Report to: Environment & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee – 23 June 2022

Subject: Climate Change Action Plan Work Programme 2022-23

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. This report provides an update on the work programme for the third year of the Action Plan (CCAP Work Programme 2022-23).

Recommendations

The Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee is recommended to endorse the contents of the report and the work programme for the third year of the Action Plan (CCAP Work Programme 2022-23).

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.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments

Actions set out in the Climate Change Action Plan 2020-25 recognise the need for just and equal delivery of the climate action across the city, focusing on the areas such as community engagement, accessible transport, access to green spaces and tackling fuel poverty.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy
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 will 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, improved air quality and easy access to green spaces.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	Becoming a zero carbon city will 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.

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

Financial Consequences – Revenue

It is not expected that there will be any financial consequences to the Revenue budget that should arise from the content of this report. Any funds required to deliver the 2022-23 work programme have already been approved as additional funding requirements or as part of directorate budgets.

Financial Consequences – Capital

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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

- 1.1 This is a high-level summary of the work programme to be delivered within the third year of the Action Plan, April 2022 - March 2023.
- 1.2 The Work Programme for 2022-23 has been reviewed by the Zero Carbon Coordination Group to ensure their accuracy and transparency. This document will also be published in an accessible format on the Council's website.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 A five-year Climate Change Action Plan covering 2020-25 went live following approval at Executive in March 2020.
- 2.2 This plan was considered by Strategic Management Team and Neighbourhoods & Environment Scrutiny Committee throughout the CCAP's first year, with a detailed progress report going to Neighbourhoods & Environment Scrutiny Committee on the 10th February 2021. [Here](#) is a link to the meeting papers.
- 2.3 Following the establishment of the new Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee, regular updates on delivery of the CCAP have been provided via the Quarterly Progress Reports, which have been scheduled into the Committee's work programme. The Quarter 1 (April – June) report for 2022-23 will be presented to the Committee on 21st July. Previous quarterly progress reports are also available on the Council's website and can be found here.
- 2.4 The Climate Change Action Plan covering 2020-2025 is currently being refreshed and this will be shared with Scrutiny in the Autumn. This refreshed Action Plan will tie in with the refreshed Manchester Climate Change Framework, and whilst we will continue working in earnest at reducing our own carbon emissions, we will have a strong focus on our City wide leadership role and work across GM.
- 2.5 This refreshed CCAP which will be brought to Scrutiny in the Autumn will cover the wider work underway, including the green and blue infrastructure strategy, green skills, energy plans and city centre travel.
- 2.6 The Work Programme for 2022-23 focuses on specific actions or critical milestones to be delivered during this period, as part of the wider complex CCAP which spans multiple years.
- 2.7 The work programme includes actions that are ongoing as part of longer term projects as well as milestones for new projects, such as continuing to deliver the Estates Carbon Reduction Programme, developing a housing retrofit programme for Council housing stock and e-Cargo bikes deployment.
- 2.8 For this year 2022-23, our carbon budget is 23,538 tonnes CO₂, 13% lower than for 2021-22. These are listed under the five themes (Buildings & Energy,

Transport & Travel, Reducing consumption based emissions, Climate adaptation, and Catalysing change).

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee is recommended to endorse the contents of the report and the work programme for the third year of the Action Plan (CCAP Work Programme 2022-23).

4.0 Appendices

4.1 Appendix 1 – CCAP Work Programme 2022-23.