

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee – 9 March 2023

Subject: Overview Report

Report of: Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

Summary

This report provides the following information:

- Recommendations Monitor
- A summary of key decisions relating to the Committee's remit
- Items for Information
- Work Programme

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to discuss the information provided and agree any changes to the work programme that are necessary.

Wards Affected: All

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Background documents (available for public inspection): None

1. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

This section of the report lists recommendations made by the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee. Where applicable, responses to each will indicate whether the recommendation will be implemented, and if it will be, how this will be done.

Date	Item	Recommendation	Response	Contact Officer
22 July 2021	ECCSC/21/11 Climate Change Action Plan Quarterly Progress Report: Q1 April - June 2021	That every school on a main arterial route with high volumes of traffic have a tree planting plan included as part of the tree strategy to promote clean air.	A response to this recommendation has been requested and will be reported back once received.	Julie Roscoe Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing

2. Key Decisions

The Council is required to publish details of key decisions that will be taken at least 28 days before the decision is due to be taken. Details of key decisions that are due to be taken are published on a monthly basis in the Register of Key Decisions.

A key decision, as defined in the Council's Constitution is an executive decision, which is likely:

- To result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates, or
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the city.

The Council Constitution defines 'significant' as being expenditure or savings (including the loss of income or capital receipts) in excess of £500k, providing that is not more than 10% of the gross operating expenditure for any budget heading in the in the Council's Revenue Budget Book, and subject to other defined exceptions.

An extract of the most recent Register of Key Decisions, published on **27 February 2023**, containing details of the decisions under the Committee's remit is included overleaf. This is to keep members informed of what decisions are being taken and to agree, whether to include in the work programme of the Committee.

There are no Key Decisions currently listed within the remit of this Committee.

**Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme – March 2023**

Thursday 9 March 2023, 10 am (Report deadline Tuesday 28 February 2023)

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Manchester Green and Blue Strategy and Implementation Plan, including annual update and a report on the Tree Action Plan	<p>To receive the annual update on the delivery of the Green and Blue Implementation Plan together with information on the delivery of the Tree Action Plan.</p> <p>The Committee have requested that this item includes discussion on flood risk management with reference to the Victoria North Development; the role of partners such as the Environment Agency and their response to incident of spillages and pollution in rivers and information on the Our Rivers, Our City Strategy.</p>	Cllr Rawlins	Julie Roscoe	
Zero Carbon Culture Guides	To receive information on the work being delivered in relation to engaging Culture organisations with their zero carbon journeys.	Cllr Rawlins / Cllr Rahman	Sarah Elderkin Louise Lanigan	Invitation to Councillor Hitchen, Chair of the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee
Housing Retrofit	<p>To receive a progress report on emerging proposals and provide an opportunity for members to contribute to and influence this policy.</p> <p>This will also include an update on green skills development work. The Committee have also requested information on what support the Council can</p>	Cllr White / Cllr Hacking	Becca Heron / Martin Oldfield / David Ashmore	Update report to that considered at the 8 September 2022 meeting. Invitation to be sent to Cllr Johns.

	offer to leasehold owner-occupiers and tenants who maybe experiencing resistance from the property owner regarding installing energy efficiency improvements to the property.			
Parks and Open Spaces	To receive a report that provides information on the approach to open spaces to promote biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions. Members have requested that this includes consideration on the use of pesticides, including its use in allotments, woodland space and the interface between grounds maintenance and street cleansing services.	Cllr Igbon	Kylie Ward	
Crematoria and Cemeteries	To receive a report that describes the carbon impact of cremation, including information on the activities to promote biodiversity in cemeteries.	Cllr Igbon	Heather Coates Diane Murphy	
Carbon Literacy Training - Update	To receive an update report on the delivery of Carbon Literacy Training.	Cllr Rawlins	Suzanne Grimshaw	
Overview Report	This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.	-	Scrutiny Support Officer	

Items to be scheduled

Item	Purpose	Lead Executive Member	Lead Officer	Comments
Carbon Reduction Procurement Progress Report	To receive an update report on the steps that have been taken within the council's procurements to support carbon reduction	Cllr Rawlins	Mark Leaver Peter Schofield	Update to the report considered 23 June 2022.
Local Area Energy Plan – Progress Update	To receive an update report to the report considered at the meeting of 8 December 2022. The Committee have requested that this report include, but not restricted to information on what support the Council can offer to leasehold owner-occupiers and tenants who maybe experiencing resistance from the property owner regarding installing energy efficiency improvements to the property.	Cllr Rawlins	Rebecca Heron	To be scheduled for the new municipal year.