

Manchester City Council Report for Information

Report to: Environment, Climate Change and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee – 22 June 2023

Subject: Climate Change Action Plan Work Programme 2023-24

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 2023-24).

Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to note the contents of the report and the work programme for the fourth year of the Action Plan (CCAP Work Programme 2023-24).

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

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 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	Manchester's reputation as a leader in delivering on climate change will help to attract investment and businesses to the city. This will contribute towards helping the transition to a zero carbon city, which in turn will help the city's economy become more sustainable and will generate jobs within the low carbon energy and goods sector.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	Work underway in the Council supporting schools and the wider education sector will help develop a future well equipped workforce, whilst work underway under the Green Skills Action Plan is helping support industry be prepared for the demand that is being created within the zero carbon sector.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	There is a targeted focus on retrofitting homes across the city to help tackle fuel poverty and the cost-of-living crisis by reducing energy bills and this is a key part of the transition to a zero-carbon city. Health outcomes will also be improved through healthier homes as well as other areas, such as the promotion of more sustainable and active 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	Work underway on Neighbourhood Ward Plans and Green and Blue Infrastructure, Open Spaces and Parks (helping to adapt and increase resilience) are key areas of Manchester becoming a zero carbon city will help the city to be a more attractive place for people to live, work, visit and study.
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	Our investment in active and sustainable travel is helping Manchester to have a fully zero carbon transport system, which will 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

As part of the 2022/23 budget £0.8m investment was approved to support delivery of both the council and the zero carbon action plan, this funding is ongoing and has now

been included as part of each service areas budgets. It is not expected that there will be any further revenue budget requirements arising from the content of this report.
<https://democracy.manchester.gov.uk/documents/s38151/Zero Carbon Budget Report.pdf>

As part of the 2024/25 budget planning, work is ongoing to ensure all revenue savings arising from the work undertaken as part of the action plan are captured and included as part of the budget process.

Financial Consequences – Capital

It is not expected that there will be any financial consequences to the Capital budget that should arise from the content of this report. Any funds required to deliver the 2023/24 work programme have already been approved as additional funding requirements or as part of directorate budgets.

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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 Updated 2022*
- *Manchester City Council Climate Emergency Declaration July 2019*
- *Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25 Updated 2022*
- *Neighbourhoods Directorate 2023/24 Budget – Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee*

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This is a high-level summary of the work programme that is to be delivered within the fourth year of Manchester City Council's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), April 2023 - March 2024.
- 1.2 The CCAP Work Programme for 2023-24 has been reviewed by the Zero Carbon Coordination Group to ensure its 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 Manchester City Council Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2020-25 went live following approval at Executive Committee in March 2020.
- 2.2 The Council's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) has a science-based target calculated by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Research to reduce the Council's direct emissions of CO₂ by 41% over the five-year period of 2020-25. In addition, the Council has committed to be zero carbon by 2038 at the latest, also based on the science-based targets developed by the Tyndall Centre.
- 2.3 The CCAP also recognises the Council's unique leadership role in supporting and influencing the city to reduce its emissions and in ensuring that the city's residents are protected from the impacts of climate change.
- 2.4 The actions are structured across five workstreams as follows:
 - 1. Buildings and Energy
 - 2. Transport and Travel
 - 3. Reducing Consumption Based Emissions and Influencing Suppliers
 - 4. Climate Adaptation, Carbon Storage and Carbon Sequestration
 - 5. Influencing Behaviour and Being a Catalyst for Change.
- 2.5 Following the establishment of the previously named Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee, regular updates on delivery of the CCAP have been provided via the Quarterly Progress Reports and Annual Reports, which have also been scheduled into the Committee's future work programme. Previous quarterly and annual progress reports are available on [the Council's website](#).
- 2.6 A refreshed Manchester City Council CCAP 2020-25 was endorsed by the Environment & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee and approved by the Council's Executive Committee in September 2022. The refreshed CCAP sets out the Council's commitment to continue working to reduce MCC's own direct CO₂ emissions alongside a strong focus on our city-wide leadership role and work across Greater Manchester in support of wider climate change objectives.

- 2.7 The refreshed Climate Change Action Plan sets out new actions, building on existing ambitions, for example, looking at ways to accelerate reaching zero carbon sooner than 2038, identifying opportunities to be bolder and avoiding any risk of complacency.
- 2.8 The MCC Climate Change Action Plan Work Programme for 2023-24 focuses on specific actions or critical milestones to be delivered during this period, as part of the wider CCAP which spans the period 2020 – 25.
- 2.9 The 2023-24 CCAP 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, delivering a housing retrofit and investment plan for Council housing stock and continue to deliver a programme of work to achieve Gold Carbon Literacy Accreditation by March 2025.
- 2.10 For this year 2023-24, our carbon budget is 21,562 tCO₂ (which also includes our direct emissions from our housing stock – formerly Northwards). This carbon budget is what we measure our direct emissions against – which are made up of our buildings, streetlights, refuse collection vehicles, operational fleet and staff business travel.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Environment, Climate Change & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note and comment on the contents of the report and the CCAP Work Programme for 2023-24.

4.0 Appendices

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – MCC CCAP Work Programme 2023-24