



Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 26th November 2020

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Subject: Addressing the Climate Emergency – An Update on Progress

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Summary:

This report outlines the progress the Council and its partners have made in addressing the climate emergency and our stated ambition of becoming net-zero carbon by 2030.

Over the past nine months the Council, working with the support of the Green City Partnership Board and along with other stakeholders in the city has been developing a comprehensive evidence base to underpin our city’s approach to achieving net-zero carbon.

The report provides a summary of this work including some of the initial findings as well as setting out proposed next steps. The report makes series of recommendations of where it is anticipated OSMC can support this critical programme of work, and welcomes the opportunity for further proposals to come forward as part of this discussion.

The report has been requested to by the Overview and Management Scrutiny Committee and outlines the work that has been progressed over the past 18 months.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	x
Informing the development of new policy	x
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	x

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

In recognition of the need to address the climate emergency across all our activities (as well as across the city, with other organisations and individuals), there is a valuable role for Scrutiny to play in helping to embed our ambitions across the organisation. We would like to make three recommendations that would help to support the city to progress this:

1. Scrutiny Committee chairs to support and challenge other committees on climate action
 2. Support the roll-out of carbon and climate awareness programmes for Members and Officers and attend awareness sessions.
 3. Support the establishment of a cross-party climate change and sustainability Committee
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Background Papers:

1. Sheffield Greenhouse gas emissions baseline and inventory - Infographic
2. Sheffield Greenhouse gas emissions baseline and inventory Report
3. Sheffield Net-zero Carbon Gap Analysis infographic
4. Sheffield Net-zero Carbon Gap Analysis Report
5. Setting Climate Commitments for the City of Sheffield: Quantifying the implications of the United Nations Paris Agreement for Sheffield – The Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research
6. Green City Partnership Board Membership –November 2020
7. Related projects and programmes – A summary

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