

Report to Sustainable development panel

13 November 2019

Report of Director of resources

Subject Terms of reference

Item

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Purpose

To update the terms of reference of the sustainable development panel following the creation of the climate and environment emergency executive panel (CEEEP).

Recommendation

To:

- (1) note that the council has established a climate and environment emergency executive panel (CEEEP);
- (2) approve the amendment of the terms of reference for the sustainable development panel by transferring the following terms of reference to the CEEEP:
 - (a) monitoring the progress of the council's environmental strategy and carbon management programme;
 - (b) consider how the council's environmental strategy, carbon reduction programme and associated policies tackle the issues of climate change, carbon reduction and sustainable development;
 - (c) overseeing the implementation of the action plan for the integrated waste management strategy;
 - (d) the development of specific environmental strategies including trees, parks, play areas and natural areas;
- (3) approve the revised terms of reference as set appendix 6 of the report.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority for great neighbourhoods, housing and environment, inclusive economy, and people living well.

Financial implications

None

Ward/s: All wards

Cabinet member: Cllr Stonard – sustainable and inclusive growth

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Background documents

None

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Background

1. At a meeting of council on Tuesday, 23 July 2019, members agreed to the formation of a climate and environment emergency executive panel, which is an advisory group to cabinet.
2. The following terms of reference were agreed:

The climate emergency and environment executive panel will:

- a) consider climate change and sustainability including social and economic issues in both the short and the long term in order to gather information and generate reports to advise cabinet on:
 - i. their work to make the city of Norwich carbon neutral as soon as possible, considering both production and consumption emissions
 - ii. the continuation and expansion of its work of building climate-change resilient social housing
 - iii. their continued promotion of climate-change resilient planning and building
 - iv. working with other local authorities to determine and implement best practice methods to limit global warming to less than 1.5°C;
 - v. Continuing and expanding their work with partners across the city and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans, framed by the 2040 City Vision.
 - b) be drawn from all parties in a politically balanced manner and composed of 7 members
 - c) consider:
 - i. what the council is doing now
 - ii. what it plans to do
 - iii. what it might do
3. The terms of reference for the sustainable development panel were agreed at its first meeting on 17 February 2011. The terms of reference were based on previous working parties to provide continuance.

Proposal

4. Currently, the sustainable development panel includes points in its terms of reference which would be better suited to the climate emergency and environmental executive panel.
5. It is proposed that the panel adopts the following points from the sustainable development panel terms of reference:
 - (a) monitoring the progress of the council's environmental strategy and carbon management programme;

- (b) how the council's environmental strategy, carbon reduction programme and associated policies tackle the issues of climate change, carbon reduction and sustainable development.
- (d) overseeing the implementation of the action plan for the integrated waste management strategy
- (e) the development of specific environmental strategies including trees, parks, play areas and natural areas

Conclusion

6. The terms of reference for the sustainable development will therefore be as set out below:

Sustainable Development Panel

Terms of Reference

To consider and if required, to make recommendations to cabinet or any relevant committee/body, on sustainability issues facing the council, including:-

1. An overview of government policy relating to sustainable development and the implications for the council and the city.
2. Preparation and implementation of planning policy including Local Development Framework.
3. Responses to relevant planning consultations.
4. Issues arising from the implementation and monitoring of planning policies.
5. The council's position and response to transport policy and strategy development, including the Norwich Area Transportation Strategy.
6. The development of specific sustainable transport initiatives.