

Report to Climate Emergency and Environment Executive Panel

Item

Wednesday 30 October 2019

Report of Director of resources

Subject Terms of reference

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Purpose

To consider the terms of reference of the climate emergency and environment executive panel.

Recommendation

To:

- 1) Note the terms of reference as agreed at council on 23 July 2019
- 2) Adopt the following points from the terms of reference of the sustainable development panel :
 - 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
- 2) agree to hold the meetings of the climate emergency and environment executive panel in public.

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 Kevin Maguire – Safe and sustainable city environment

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Background documents

None

Report

1. At a meeting of council on Tuesday 23 July 2019, members agreed to the formation of a climate emergency and environment 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. 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.
 4. 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.
 - 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
- 5. Members will also need to consider making a resolution to hold the meetings of the climate emergency and environment executive panel in public.