

Report to: Climate, Energy and Environment Committee

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Subject: **Monitoring indicators and reporting arrangements**

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Are there implications for equality and diversity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To set out the plans for future monitoring indicators and reporting arrangements to the Committee.
- 1.2 To seek approval for these arrangements subject to any comments from the Committee.

2. Information

Future monitoring arrangements

- 2.1 Under proposals submitted to the Combined Authority in December 2021 it was agreed that a new approach to reporting would be adopted. A key part of this involves the development of a set of socio-economic indicators for each of the seven portfolio committees of the Combined Authority, including the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee. Each committee will sign-off on a set of indicators relevant to its remit and receive regular reporting against these indicators, with this topic becoming a standard item on the Committee's agenda.
- 2.2 The indicators will also be incorporated into the next iteration of State of the Region report, the Combined Authority's annual stock-take of West Yorkshire's socio-economic performance, to be published later this year. The

State of the Region indicators are intended to provide a high level, strategic picture of performance against this priority rather than a detailed examination of operational performance of specific projects. However, operational indicators can be mapped against these strategic indicators to show the linkages and contribution of operational activities to identified impact areas.

- 2.3 This report will also examine key equality, diversity and inclusion implications, building on the Women and Girls report published in 2021. The main State of the Region report will be supplemented with a series of published interactive dashboards which will allow users to drill down into the available data for each indicator under each priority.

Proposed indicators

- 2.4 State of the Region 2021 assessed performance against a series of indicators linked to the Strategic Economic Framework priority of “Tackling the Climate Emergency”. These indicators are as follows (see appendix for full metadata):

- CO2 emissions (including per capita ratio)
- CO2 emissions by broad sector of the economy
- Emissions intensity ratio (ratio of CO2 emissions to output of economy)
- Access to green space
- Building energy efficiency
- Premises at risk of flooding (business and residential)
- Fuel poverty (included under the Inclusive Growth priority).

- 2.5 It is **proposed to retain these indicators for future reporting** as they remain core measures of West Yorkshire’s progress on pressing climate and environmental issues.

- 2.6 **A series of indicators was also proposed in the Combined Authority’s Climate and Environment Plan.** Some of these are additional to those already contained within State of the Region and include the following:

- Number of domestic gas and oil boilers, heat pumps and heat network connections
- Solar PV and storage installed capacity.

- 2.7 Published official statistics are not currently available at West Yorkshire level to measure performance against these indicators. To address this deficit we propose to monitor the future availability of data and to engage with data providers, including BEIS and the Office for National Statistics through existing channels to promote the case for filling these gaps. However, it is likely to be the case that we will be unable to cover these indicators within State of the Region 2022. Nonetheless, we propose to maintain an ambition to measure progress against these indicators in future.

- 2.8 The Plan also makes a **commitment to measure the number of jobs in West Yorkshire sustained and created by the net zero and environment economy.** Published statistics are also not currently available to measure progress against this indicator. However, activity is underway to address this

information need through dedicated research and analysis as part of the programme of evidence work overseen by the Mayor's Green Jobs Taskforce. The results of this study will be shared with the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

- 2.9 The cross-cutting issues of inclusive growth and equality and diversity will be considered within the analysis of the proposed indicators. This includes overlaying spatial patterns of deprivation when examining indicators such as energy efficiency and access to green space. The impact of fuel poverty will be examined from the perspective of the different groups, such as the economically excluded and people from ethnic minorities, who are more likely to be affected. The direct linkage between energy efficiency performance and fuel poverty will also be examined, as key projects like the Better Homes Hub seek to alleviate fuel poverty through a domestic retrofit programme.
- 2.10 Equality, diversity and inclusion will be central to our assessment of the opportunities arising from the growth of the green economy. The evidence suggests that existing employment in this space is less diverse than across the wider economy.

It is proposed that an in-depth presentation of the relevant messages from State of the Region be provided to the Committee following publication.

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

- 3.1 The proposed indicators and monitoring arrangements will enable us to assess West Yorkshire's progress in tackling the climate emergency.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.1 The proposed indicators feature several with direct implications for inclusive growth, including those relating to fuel poverty, energy efficiency and access to green space. The growth of the green economy presents potential inclusion issues. Future reporting against the indicators will bring out inclusive growth implications across all indicators, where availability of data allows.

5. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 Future reporting will bring out equality and diversity implications across all indicators, where availability of data allows; for example the impact of fuel poverty on different communities and access to green jobs across different population groups.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Staffing Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct staffing implications directly arising from this report. However, the Committee should note our plans to increase capacity in this area.

9. External Consultees

- 9.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

10. Recommendations

- 10.1 That the Committee reviews the proposed indicators with a view to approving them and / or amending them or suggesting additional indicators.

11. Background Documents

There are no background documents referenced in this report.

12. Appendices

Appendix 1: Indicator metadata