

**Report to:** Climate, Energy and Environment Committee

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**Subject:** **Forward Plan**

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Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Are there implications for equality and diversity?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## 1. Purpose of this Report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a draft outline of the items to be discussed at meetings over the next 12 months.
- 1.2 To seek Committee input on potential guest items and priorities for discussion at future meetings.

## 2. Information

### Background

- 2.1 The purpose of the Climate, Energy and Environment Committee is to support, enable and provide scrutiny on progress to tackle the climate emergency and transition to a net-zero carbon region.
- 2.2 Its frame of reference is provided by the eight themes and 39 interventions of West Yorkshire Climate and Environment Plan. This provides a structure on which to inform future agenda items for the Committee.
- 2.3 This report sets out the draft forward plan of items to be discussed at Committee meetings over the next 12 months.

## Forward Plan

### 2.4 10 January 2023:

- Decisions required on:
  - Wave 1 Climate and Environment Plan programme approvals
  - Flooding Capital Programme approval
- For information / discussions / endorsement on:
  - Cost of living / doing business update
  - Climate resilience thematic discussion
  - Hydrogen Strategy (for information)
  - Electric Vehicle Strategy (for information)
  - Climate and Environment Monitoring Indicators (standing agenda item)
  - Pledge Delivery Update (standing agenda item)

### 2.5 21 March 2023:

- Decisions required on:
  - Climate and Environment Plan Wave 1 programme approvals (number TBC)
  - Climate and Environment Plan Wave 2 Strategic Assessment (approval of document)
- For information / discussions / endorsement on:
  - Net Zero Region Accelerator Update (Prospectus and Initial Pipeline)
  - Air Quality Strategy (for information)
  - Business and Industry thematic discussion
  - Local Nature Recovery Strategy (scope and work programme)
  - Carbon Emission Reduction Pathways refresh (scope)
  - Climate and Environment Monitoring Indicators (standing agenda item)
  - Pledge Delivery Update (standing agenda item)

### 2.6 July 2023:

- Decisions required on:
  - Climate and Environment Plan Wave 1 programme approvals (number TBC)
- For information / discussions / endorsement on:
  - Cost of living / doing business update
  - Housing thematic discussion
  - Climate and Environment Monitoring Indicators (standing agenda item)
  - Pledge Delivery Update (standing agenda item)

### 2.7 October 2023:

- Decisions required on:
  - Local Nature Recovery Strategy (approval of document)

- Climate and Environment Plan Wave 2 programme approvals (number TBC)
- For information / discussions / endorsement on:
  - Carbon Emission Reduction Pathways refresh (update)
  - Transport thematic discussion
  - Climate and Environment Plan – 2 Year Progress Update
  - Climate and Environment Monitoring Indicators (standing agenda item)
  - Pledge Delivery Update (standing agenda item)

2.8 The above is an initial outline of the forward plan, however there is opportunity to include discussion items on specific themes and/or members' specific plans.

### **3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications**

3.1 The forward plan of activity outlined in this report is directly linked to the West Yorkshire Climate and Environment Plan and will assist in addressing the climate emergency and meeting net-zero carbon in the region.

### **4. Inclusive Growth Implications**

4.1 It is crucial that transitioning to a net-zero carbon economy reduces inequality in West Yorkshire. It cannot be the cause of further inequality for our most excluded and deprived groups and communities. Furthermore, opportunities for better jobs and quality of life need to be embedded within the transition to net-zero carbon and sustainable economy.

4.2 Inclusive growth goals and outcomes will be considered within the items that are included on the forward plan.

### **5. Equality and Diversity Implications**

5.1 Meeting net-zero carbon and transitioning to a net-zero carbon economy should be equitable and not be at the expense of any groups or communities. To that extent, equality and diversity implications and solutions will be cross-cutting and integrated across the items outlined in this report to ensure no one is adversely affected.

### **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no financial implications of this report.

### **7. Legal Implications**

7.1 There are no legal implications of this report.

### **8. Staffing Implications**

8.1 There are no staffing implications of this report.

## **9. External Consultees**

9.1 No external consultations have taken place.

## **10. Recommendations**

10.1 That the Committee:

- Notes the contents of the report.
- Provide comments on potential items for discussion at the Committee to include on the forward plan.

## **11. Background Documents**

There are no background documents referenced in this report.

## **12. Appendices**

None.