

Cabinet

3 October 2023



Report of: Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB)

Title: Recommendations from the Climate Change Working Group

Ward: All

Member presenting report: Councillor Tony Dyer, Chair of OSMB

Recommendations:

Cabinet to consider the recommendations of the Climate Change Working Group.



1. Introduction

1. The Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) was set up by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to look at Bristol’s city journey towards its target of Net Zero by 2030, and to assess whether there is more that can be done by the Council to reduce carbon generated both by its own emissions, and by those of institutions, households and individuals across the city.

2. The CCWG focused on identifying any gaps and areas for acceleration, intending to add value to (rather than duplicate) the considerable work already being done, while being mindful of ensuring the transition to Net Zero is as just as possible. In carrying out their work, the CCWG aimed to identify some of the blockers to policy change that might be non-technical in nature and to achieve consensus on how to address these.

2. Conclusions and Recommendations from the CCWG

1. The CCWG held three ‘deep dive’ sessions covering:

- a. Data/strategic priorities and partnerships.
- b. Energy efficiency/home retrofitting/skills and decarbonisation of the residential/civic space.
- c. Communications/engagement.

2. The recommendations from the CCWG are set out in full in the attached report, which was submitted to OSMB on 4 September 2023.

3. In considering the report on 4 September, OSMB recognised the importance of ensuring an ongoing joined-up approach to climate emergency actions. Given the overall pressures on the OSMB work programme and also recognising resource considerations, OSMB leads will give further consideration to the particular issue (as raised in recommendation A2 from the Working Group) about the extent to which further deep-dive activity may be able to be prioritised this year within the scrutiny work programme.

4. The appended CCWG report is accordingly presented for the Cabinet’s consideration.

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Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
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