

# Full Council

12<sup>th</sup> December 2023



**Title:** Just Transition Declaration

**Ward:** Citywide

**Member Presenting Report:** Lord Mayor

## Recommendation

That Full Council endorse the Just Transition Declaration, as set out in Appendix A.

## Summary

In December 2022 four Bristol climate justice activists (Emma Geen, Olivia Sweeney, Kirsty Hammond and Rachel Moffat), with the support of Bristol City Council were invited to the USA as part of the International Visitor Leadership Programme with the US Embassy for a Climate Justice and Adaptation Knowledge Exchange.

To harness the momentum and learnings from this trip, these climate justice activists felt it important to produce work to embed the principles of fairness, equity, and justice within the city's climate and ecological strategies. By putting these concepts at the forefront of a Just Transition Declaration we can be sure that the transition to net zero is socially just.

In March 2023, the draft principles of the Just Transition Declaration were shared with the Environment Board. One finalised, the Just Transition Declaration was circulated to councillors in July. It was subsequently endorsed by the Mayor and Cabinet during the 5 September 23 Cabinet meeting.

## The significant issues in the report are:

Decarbonisation and equalities - The need for Bristol's transition to a net zero society to be socially just, as set out in Appendix A.

## **Policy**

1. See appendix for the Just Transition Declaration in full.

## **Consultation**

### **2. Internal**

The Just Transition Declaration has been circulated to all Bristol City Councillors. Draft principles for a just transition were shared with the Environment Board. The finalised Just Transition Declaration was endorsed by the Mayor and Cabinet in September 2023.

### **3. External**

The four climate justice activists consulted with trade unions and a number of Bristol-based community and climate campaign groups.

## **Proposal**

4. To endorse the Just Transition Declaration, as set out in Appendix A.

## **Appendices:**

Appendix A - The Just Transition Declaration

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

### **Background Papers:**

None.