

Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee

25 July 2024



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Title: Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee: Annual Business Report 2024/2025

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Recommendations:

1. To note the membership of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee for 2024/2025.
2. To note the appointment of Councillor Martin Fodor as the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee for 2024/2025.
3. To note the appointment of Councillor Ellie King as the Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee for 2024/2025.
4. To note the terms of reference of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee.
5. To note the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee’s meeting dates for 2024/2025.



1. Context/background

a. Membership of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee:

At the annual Full Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, the following members were appointed to serve on the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee for 2024/2025:

Councillor James Crawford
Councillor Kye Dudd
Councillor Abi Finch
Councillor Martin Fodor
Councillor Tim Kent
Councillor Ellie King
Councillor Henry Michallat
Councillor Izzy Russell
Councillor Kirsty Tait

b. Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee:

At the annual Full Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, Councillor Martin Fodor was appointed as Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee for 2024/2025.

c. Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee:

At the annual Full Council meeting held on 21 May 2024, Councillor Ellie King was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee for 2024/2025.

d. Terms of reference of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee:

The terms of reference of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee, as set out in the Council's constitution, are as follows:

Terms of Reference of Policy Committees

All policy committees have the following terms of reference:

1. To deliver their functions in accordance with the Corporate Plan and any other plan or strategy approved by Full Council.
2. To take decisions above the financial threshold of £500,000 for decisions of Policy Committees and in accordance with the Council's approved budget and policy framework and decisions that are significant in terms of their effects on communities living or working in two or more wards in the city.
3. To consider matters that are referred to the Committee by the Chair of the Committee or which are escalated to the Committee.
4. To develop and agree strategies, policies and plans in respect of the areas of responsibility of the Committee.
5. To approve fees and charges.
6. To exercise statutory scrutiny functions through the appropriate Policy Committee, or Sub-Committee established for that purpose (health, flood risk management and crime and disorder).

7. To review risk management, financial management and performance reports from service areas within the areas of responsibility of the Committee.
8. To establish Sub-Committees and delegate functions to them.
9. To conduct task and finish activities to consider policy development matters. It is recommended that this be two per Policy Committee per municipal year.
10. To foster relationships with residents, businesses and stakeholders within the city and encourage them to participate in the Council's democratic processes.

Policy committees carrying out policy development

Where a policy committee is carrying out policy development, it will do so in accordance with the following principles:

11. Policy development will be carried out within the framework of the Council strategic priorities as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan.
12. Policy development will consider the Council Budget and Policy Framework and review of their impact on service delivery and outcomes for people in Bristol.
13. Consider 'city-wide issues' (and where appropriate sub regional, regional and national issues), in particular through collaborative work with local partner authorities, providers, stakeholders and members of the public.
14. Consider organisational performance (ICT, legal, financial and HR services) and commission performance reviews.

Specific functions of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee

The Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee is responsible for the following functions:

- Climate Emergency Strategy delivery
- Ecological Emergency Strategy delivery
- Waste and Recycling Strategy delivery
- Clean Streets Campaign and street cleansing
- Energy, Heat Networks and City Leap
- Carbon neutrality and Green New Deal
- Air Quality and Clean Air Plan
- Departmental performance, budget and risk

e. Meeting dates

The meeting dates of the Environment and Sustainability Policy Committee for 2024/25 are (all at 5.00 pm):

- Thursday 25 July 2024
- Thursday 26 September 2024
- Thursday 7 November 2024
- Thursday 19 December 2024
- Thursday 27 February 2025
- Thursday 3 April 2025

2. Legal and Resource Implications

N/A

Appendices:

None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

Full Council agenda papers and minutes, 21 May 2024 [ModernGov – bristol.gov.uk](https://moderngov.com/bristol/council-agenda-papers-and-minutes-21-may-2024/)