

GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6.
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To inform strategic direction in response to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate’s initial report

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Councillor Nigel Simons	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the recommendations set out in the initial report of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate. • Recommend priorities for the city-wide carbon management action plan to the Climate Change Working Group. • Agree to receive a briefing note on a draft version of the final report of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate’s initial report is brought for discussion following a request from the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate produced an initial report detailing recommendations which could help lower carbon emissions within the region, see appendix 1. This report recommends that the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee consider this report and make recommendations to support the Climate Change Working Group in the development of the city-wide carbon management action plan.

A representative of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and/or the Independent Commission on Climate will present the report at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

2.2 This report is for the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference 2.1, Functions determined by the Council:

2. Environmental Capital

2.3 Consideration of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate’s

initial report delivers on the corporate priorities to reduce the city's carbon footprint, to position Peterborough as a leading city in environmental matters and to implement the Environment Capital agenda.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority established the Independent Commission on Climate in 2020. The Commission was tasked with providing recommendations that could be taken within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to mitigate against, and adapt to, climate change. In March 2021 the Independent Commission on Climate published their initial report detailing a series of recommendations. A number of recommendations within the report relate to activities that the Council has the authority to deliver.

In order to deliver against its commitment to help Peterborough become a net zero carbon city by 2030, full Council committed to producing a city-wide carbon management action plan by December 2021. It is recommended that the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee consider the recommendations of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate initial report, elements of which the Council has the authority and ability to deliver. The Scrutiny Committee are recommended to propose recommendations to the Climate Change Working Group to help inform the development of the city-wide carbon management action plan. The city wide action plan will be developed in consideration of the views of the Scrutiny Committee, Working Group, residents, businesses and community groups.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate are due to publish a final report in the Autumn of 2021, this will include additional and potentially revised recommendations. It is recommended that the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee agrees to receive a briefing paper on the draft report once written.

The Leader of Peterborough City Council, in his role as the Deputy Mayor of the Combined Authority, will help shape the response of the Combined Authority to recommendations upon which it can deliver.

5. **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 No consultation has taken place specifically in relation to this report.
- 5.2 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate undertook a public survey in late 2020 to identify views on the most pressing issues of climate change across the region and what action should be taken alongside a call for evidence. This informed the development of their final report.

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

- 6.1 It is anticipated that the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee will discuss recommendations of the initial report of the Independent Commission on Climate and recommend priorities for the city-wide carbon management action plan. It is also anticipated that the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee will agree to receive a briefing paper on the final report of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate when drafted.

7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 The recommendations will provide strategic direction to help develop the city-wide carbon management action plan.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 The option to not consider the recommendations of the Independent Commission on Climate was rejected due to the Council's strategic priority to respond to the climate emergency.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 There are no direct financial implications from considering the report's recommendations.

Legal Implications

9.2 There are no direct legal implications from considering the report's recommendations.

Equalities Implications

9.3 There are no direct equalities implications from considering the report's recommendations.

Rural Implications

9.4 There are no direct rural implications from considering the report's recommendations.

Carbon Impact Assessment

9.5 There are no direct carbon impact implications from considering the report's recommendations.

No other relevant implications identified

9.6 There are no direct implications for Children in Care and Care Leavers from considering the report's recommendations.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 List any appendices to the report.

- Appendix 1 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate Initial Report: <http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk-6985942.hs-sites.com/cpicc-initial-report>

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