

<b>CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 7</b>
<b>12 JULY 2023</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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**REVIEW OF 2022/2023 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2023/2024**

RECOMMENDATIONS	
<b>FROM:</b> Director of Law and Governance	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Considers relevant items which were presented to the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee during 2022/2023 and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.</li> <li>2. Notes the information provided in Appendix 1 and considers if further information on the items presented in 2022/2023 is necessary.</li> <li>3. Notes the Recommendations Monitoring Report attached at Appendix 2 and considers if further monitoring of the relevant recommendations made by the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee during 2022/2023 municipal year is required.</li> <li>4. Determines its priorities and approves the draft work programme for 2023/2024 attached at Appendix 3.</li> <li>5. Notes the Terms of Reference for this Committee as set out in Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions attached at Appendix 4 and in particular paragraph 2.1 item 4, Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee.</li> </ol>	

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 The report is presented to the Committee on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 To provide the committee with a review of the work undertaken by the Committee during 2022/2023 and to consider if further monitoring of these items is required.

To note the information provided in Appendix 1 and consider if further information on the items presented in 2022/2023 is necessary.

To note the recommendations made last year in Appendix 2 and consider if further monitoring is required.

To determine the committee's priorities and approve the draft work programme for 2023/2024 attached at Appendix 3.

To note the Terms of Reference for this Committee attached at Appendix 4.

- 2.2 This report is for the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraphs 2.1, and paragraph 3, Specific Role of Overview and Scrutiny, sub paragraphs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.8.

### 3. **TIMESCALES**

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

- 4.1 The Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its Annual General Meeting on 23 May 2022. This report will provide a review for the 2022/2023 Municipal year and detail progress made on actions and recommendations.

- 4.2 During 2022/2023 the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the following items:

#### ***Monitoring/ Calling to Account***

- Closure of Climate Working Group;
- Closure of Cycling Working Group and creation of a Cycling and Walking Task and Finish Group;
- Portfolio Progress Report of Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Planning, Housing and Transport (Cllr Marco Cereste);
- Portfolio Progress report of Cabinet Member for Waste, Street Scene and Environment (inc. Recycling Rates, Open Space Management) (Cllr Nigel Simons);
- The City Council's Biodiversity Strategy: Progress Report 2021-22;
- Final Report of the Cycling and Walking Task and Finish Group

#### ***Policy/Plans/Consultation***

- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Adoption of Local Area Energy Plan
- Tree Management: Review of Existing Policy for Managing Tree Related Subsidence Claims Against the Council
- Climate Change Public Engagement Approach
- Peterborough School Climate Change Programme
- Trees and Woodland: Ash Dieback Action Plan
- Draft Peterborough City Council Climate Change Action Plan
- Peterborough Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021-2027

### 4.3 **Call-in**

There were no call-ins presented to the Committee in the 2022-2023 Municipal Year.

### 4.4 **Joint Committees**

The Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee attended the following joint meetings:

- Joint Meeting of Growth, Resources and Communities and Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committees: Peterborough City Council's Consultation Response to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport and Connectivity Plan;

- Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees: MTFs Quarter 1 Update;
- Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees: Sustainable Future City Council Strategy & Priorities 2022-25;
- Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees: Draft Budget 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2023-2026.

#### 4.5 **Task and Finish Groups**

The Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee commissioned one Task and Finish Group in the 2022/2023 Municipal Year.

The Cycling and Walking Task and Finish Group was formed in July 2022 to support the development of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and the rural cycling strategy. The group's final recommendations were submitted to the parent committee in February 2023 and were recommended to Cabinet, subject to an amendment.

At the time of writing the report, the Group's report has not yet been presented to Cabinet.

#### 4.6 **Recommendations made**

A list of recommendations made during the year are attached at Appendix 2 for consideration.

### 5. **WORK PROGRAMME 2023/2024**

5.1 In preparing a work programme for 2023/2024, the Committee is requested to consider its functions as set out in the terms of reference attached at Appendix 4 - Part 3, Section 4, Overview and Scrutiny Functions and Terms of Reference, paragraph 2.1 item 4.

5.2 A draft work programme which shows the items identified for scrutiny at the Annual Work Programming meeting held on 12 June 2023 is attached at Appendix 3 for consideration and approval.

### 6. **CONSULTATION**

6.1 None.

### 7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 To ensure the Scrutiny Committee fulfils the requirements as set out in the terms of reference attached at Appendix 4.

### 8. **IMPLICATIONS**

#### 8.1 **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.

#### 8.2 **Legal Implications**

A review of last year's priorities, acting upon lessons learnt and continuous improvement and approval of the coming year's Scrutiny priorities providing a planned and focussed approach to the work of Scrutiny, is in keeping with good governance.

#### 8.3 **Equalities Implications**

None.

#### 8.4 **Rural Implications**

None.

### 9. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

9.1 Minutes of the meetings of the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee held on: 6 July 2022, 5 September 2022, 9 November 2022, 4 January 2023 and 28 February 2023.

9.2 Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Growth, Resources & Communities Scrutiny Committee and Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 12 July 2022.

### 10. **APPENDICES**

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – Review of Committee’s Work 2022/2023  
Appendix 2 – Recommendations made by the Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee during 2022/2023  
Appendix 3 – Draft Work Programme 2023/2024  
Appendix 4 – Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions