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ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE ACTION SCRUTINY PANEL

**Tuesday, 8th September, 2020 at 7.00 pm Virtual Meeting/Remote -
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meeting**

Membership:

Councillors: Hass Yusuf (Chair), Maria Alexandrou, Mahmut Aksanoglu (Vice Chair), Charith Gunawardena, Bernadette Lappage, Elif Erbil, Dino Lemonides and Lindsay Rawlings

AGENDA – PART 1

- 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Council are invited to identify any disclosable pecuniary, other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relevant to the items on the agenda.

- 3. INTRODUCTIONS - PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair to introduce the purpose of the meeting.

4. LOCAL PRIORITIES FOR 2020-21

The Scrutiny Panel will hear from the following, out-lining priorities and areas of challenge.

Cllr Guney Dogan (Cabinet Member for Environment), Cllr Ian Barnes (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Lead on Climate Action), Doug Wilkinson (Director of Environment and Operational Services).

5. MERIDIAN WATER ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY

To receive a presentation on the Meridian Water Environment Strategy.

Cabinet Members and Officers will be asked to leave the meeting at this point.

6. PLANNING THE WORK PROGRAMME 2020-21 (Pages 1 - 2)

To agree and prioritise items for the new work programme.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

For information, the Terms of Reference of the Environment and Climate Action Scrutiny Panel are as follows:

1. To examine and report on the strategies, policies and services of the Council and matters of importance to Enfield as they relate to the Environment
2. To consider environmental matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee.
3. To take into account in its deliberations the cross-cutting themes of the achievement of sustainable development, climate change, and the impact on health of Enfield residents

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the date of future meetings as follows:

Thursday 16 December 2020

Tuesday 9 February 2021

Thursday 29 April 2021

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The Role of Scrutiny in Meeting the Public Sector Equality Duty

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a key role to play in ensuring that the Council meets all the statutory duties under the Public Sector Equality Duty of the Equality Act 2010, particularly in ensuring that the authority has due regard to the needs of diverse groups when designing, evaluating and delivering services in order to –

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

In order to do this, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will scrutinise the Council's Equality and Diversity Action Plan and Annual Achievement Report each year to monitor the Authority's performance. The OS Committee will be flexible enough to pick up on issues of inequality, wherever they arise in the Council work programme, or to delegate to individual workstreams for investigation. OSC has a key role in providing a 'critical friend' challenge to the Council's strategic equality objectives and scrutinising performance in delivering those objectives.

In addition, as part of their normal work programme, each workstream will (where relevant and proportionate) -

- request information about the equality impact assessments/analyses that have been undertaken whenever discussing proposals for new policies or future plans, or for current services, to inform their comments on those proposals or services
- examine these assessments/analyses of impact in detail to check if they are robust and have been developed based on strong evidence and appropriate engagement
- question and consider whether appropriate people have been involved and engaged in developing equality objectives and plans, and when assessing the impact of policies and proposals.
- when procurement award criteria and contracts are determined, consider whether or not specific equality stipulations are required
- Scrutiny may also wish to investigate the accessibility of equality and other published documents, asking questions such as –
 - what is done to promote these documents?
 - what languages or formats is the information available in?
 - which documents are most regularly required?
 - how aware are the public of the Authority's equality plans and performance?

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WORK	Lead Officer	8 September 2020- Planning Session	16 December 2020	9 February 2021	29 April 2021
Date papers to be with Governance and Scrutiny Team		n/a	7 December 2020	29 January 2021	20 April 2021
Specific Topics					
Local Priorities 2020-21	Doug Wilkinson	Verbal update			
Standing Items					
Monitoring/ update					
Work Programme					
Setting the Environment and Climate Action Scrutiny Work Programme 2020-21	Claire Johnson		Agree Work Programme		