

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/2020 REPORT NO.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PORTFOLIO DECISION OF:
Cllr Ian Barnes, Deputy Leader

REPORT OF:
Executive Director Place

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Subject: Consultation on the Draft Enfield Climate Action Plan

Wards: All

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To continue delivering reductions in carbon emissions and meet its target of being carbon neutral by 2030, the Council has drafted a Climate Action Plan (CAP). Prior to Cabinet approval, there is a need to engage with elected representatives, residents and climate change organisations to inform the development of the CAP. This report seeks approval to undertake public consultation as part of this engagement.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve publication of the draft Enfield Climate Action Plan with a view to this forming the basis for consultation with elected representatives, residents and climate change organisations.

3. BACKGROUND

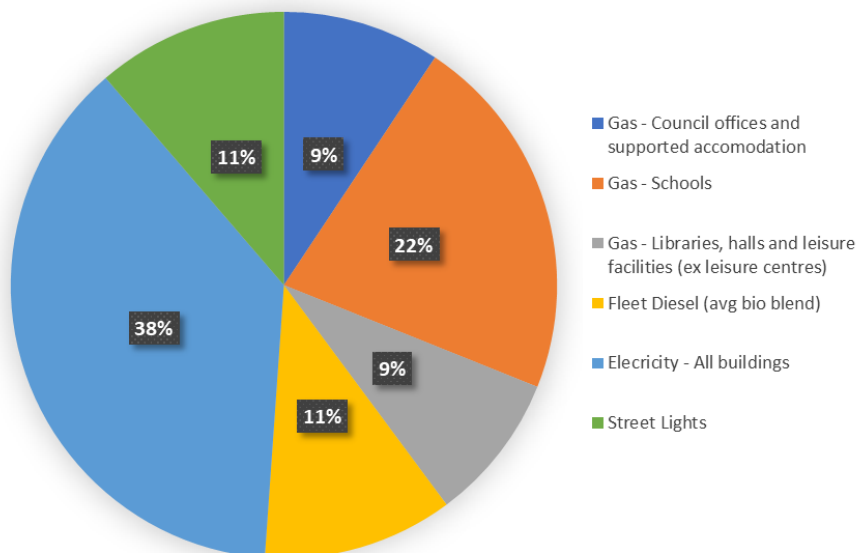
- 3.1 In July 2019 the Council declared a Climate Emergency and committed to:
- Make Enfield Council a carbon neutral organisation by 2030.
 - Divest the Council from investment in fossil fuel companies.
 - Only use environmentally friendly products where we are able to do so.
 - Make our supply chain carbon neutral through ethical procurement.
 - Work with local partners and communities and positively promote changing behaviours in Enfield to limit activities scientifically linked to climate change.

3.2 To deliver against this pledge the first task was to undertake a baselining exercise of the Council’s carbon footprint over three ‘scopes’, an approach recognised globally in carbon management. These are a way of classifying the varied nature of emissions. The table below was presented, which outlines exactly what has been included in Enfield’s new baseline:

| Scope 1 | Scope 2 | Scope 3 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Gas Council vehicle fleet | Purchased electricity | Council housing Staff business journeys Transmission and distribution losses from the grid Staff commuting Suppliers Outsourced services |

3.3 Enfield has previously only reported its scope 1 and 2 emissions. Recognising the severity of the climate crisis and the need to work with our partners and across the borough, for the first time Enfield is working to establish the carbon footprint of its suppliers and those who deliver services on its behalf (scope 3). Whilst we are focusing on reducing scope 1 and 2 to zero by 2030, we need to influence others across the borough to do the same.

3.4 Enfield’s scope 1 and 2 emissions have been calculated at 21,908 tCO2e. The breakdown of these emissions were reported as follows:



3.5 The delivery of the actions within the strategy are based around:

1. Reducing our scope 1 and 2 emissions through direct action
2. Offsetting the remaining emissions through in borough programmes and investment

3. Undertaking a cultural change programme that places the climate at the heart of our decisions

3.6 Seven priorities have been identified for achieving this:

1. Becoming a carbon neutral organisation.
2. Preparing for a changing climate.
3. Zero carbon investment.
4. Building Enfield.
5. Borough wide low carbon transport.
6. Resilience and the natural environment.
7. Facilitating sustainable business.

3.7 For each priority the Council has identified a number of supporting actions and these are presented along with timescales. There are also performance indicators and targets which will allow progress to be monitored. This reflects our ambition that the CAP is a living document which is regularly reviewed.

3.9 The CAP is also a document which we want to be owned by a range of stakeholders including businesses, residents and organisations with an interest in climate change. The first step to achieve collaborative working is to engage with residents and climate change organisations to further develop the CAP. To do this the Deputy Leader is being asked to approve publication of the draft CAP so that it can inform consultation with residents and climate change organisations.

3.10 In terms of timescales, now we understand the scale of the challenge and have started identifying what we can do to accelerate and augment our existing carbon reduction programme, the Council wants to agree the CAP as soon as possible:

| <i>Event</i> | <i>Timing</i> |
|--|---|
| Delegated authority decision | By 6 th March 2020 |
| Draft Climate Action Plan published | By 13 th March 2020 |
| Date for public meeting | 19 th March 2020 |
| Cabinet where final Climate Action Plan will be presented for decision | May 2020 (date to be confirmed post Council meeting in May) |

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 None – The Council has committed to tackling the climate change emergency, to do this we need to set out a clear strategy with supporting actions. To be effective and inclusive we need to publish a draft document which can then inform consultation and engagement with a range of stakeholders including elected representatives, residents and climate change organisations.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Council has committed to tackling the climate change emergency, to do this we need to set out a clear strategy with supporting actions. To be effective and inclusive we need to publish a draft document which can then inform consultation and engagement with stakeholders.

6. COMMENTS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications relating to the publication of the draft Climate Action Plan. The financial implications of delivering the Climate Action Plan will be assessed in the decision report for Cabinet.

6.2 Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications relating to the publication of the draft Climate Action Plan. The legal implications of delivering the Climate Action Plan will be assessed in the decision report for Cabinet.

6.3 Property Implications

There are no specific property implications relating to the publication of the draft Climate Action Plan. The property implications of delivering the Climate Action Plan will be assessed in the decision report for Cabinet.

7. KEY RISKS

The main risks in relation to the publication or otherwise of the draft CAP is reputational. To not publish the draft CAP would undermine the Council's commitment tackling climate change and to engaging with stakeholders. Publication of the CAP could lead to criticism of the Council's proposed approach and progress to date. The latter is a risk which will have to be managed by working closely with stakeholders to address their expectations within the constraints faced by the Council.

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES – CREATING A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITIES IN ENFIELD

8.1 Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods

The CAP recognises that buildings, both Council and privately owned, are key carbon emitters and that transport also has a significant impact on climate change. Reducing the impacts of buildings will involve making them more energy efficient including via high quality new homes and the retrofit of existing. Well-connected neighbourhoods will be delivered by improving

active and sustainable travel provision to encourage a shift away from private cars, while also encouraging less polluting vehicles.

8.2 Sustain strong and healthy communities

Reducing carbon emissions should be a collaborative effort so there will be opportunities for everyone to be involved and play their part. One of the elements of the CAP is engaging with young people so that they support the long-term delivery of a carbon neutral Enfield. As for health, aside from reducing the occurrences of adverse weather which have direct impacts on residents and the services they receive, reducing carbon emissions is linked to air quality.

8.3 Build our local economy to create a thriving place

Taking the lead on low carbon approaches, for example to construction, will require expertise and a suitably trained workforce so going carbon neutral presents an opportunity for local people.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific equalities implications relating to the publication of the draft Climate Action Plan. The equalities implications of delivering the Climate Action Plan will be assessed in the decision report for Cabinet.

10. PERFORMANCE AND DATA IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific performance and data implications relating to the publication of the draft Climate Action Plan. The performance and data implications of delivering the Climate Action Plan will be assessed in the decision report for Cabinet.

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific health and safety implications relating to the publication of the draft Climate Action Plan. The health and safety implications of delivering the Climate Action Plan will be assessed in the decision report for Cabinet.

12. HR IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific HR implications relating to the publication of the draft Climate Action Plan. The HR of delivering the Climate Action Plan will be assessed in the decision report for Cabinet.

13. PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Whilst there are no specific Public Health implications in relation to publishing the draft Climate Action Plan, as noted above the delivery of the Plan will have positive impacts on public health in Enfield.

Background Papers

Draft Enfield Climate Action Plan.