

Item No. 3.1	Classification: Open	Date: 24 November 2021	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Community Evidence on the Themed Debate	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Introduction

1. The council assembly business panel agreed that the theme for council assembly in July 2021 should be "Climate justice: a green future for all".

Community evidence on the theme

2. The deadline for community evidence was 12 midnight, 18 November 2021.
3. The following requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are listed in the order received below.
4. Which community evidence shall be considered and the length of each submission will be established by way of a programme motion at the start of council assembly. Community evidence shall be conducted under the existing rules for public participation.
5. If the community evidence is not dealt with by council assembly, the matter shall be referred without debate to the relevant cabinet member who shall, after consideration, respond with an open reply to the sender.

Submissions

1. Emma Trueman, Global Generation

The community evidence requests states:

"I would like to speak about the Paper Garden, a community garden we have been growing in Canada Water since 2017. We have worked with local schools and young people to develop the garden, and are in the process of moving the garden to its new site. I would like to talk about our circular economy build, the co-design of our new garden, community growing beds, and a long term vision for community grown pockets of the Canada Water Masterplan public realm."

2. Jack Skillen, Team London Bridge

The community evidence requests states:

"Team London Bridge is supporting Southwark's declaration to be net zero by 2030 and increase our resilience to a changing climate. We need to do this through

concrete actions – particularly on the Low Line. I would like support and commitment from the Council to help us work together with our partners on two specific projects for the Low Line:

1. We are applying to the Mayor’s Green Resilient Cities fund to put greening in public realm along the Low Line. Can we work with you, and get the support of the highways team, to realise this vision for bringing greenery into highways projects.
2. We are shifting deliveries near the Low Line from van to e-cargo bike. Can Southwark Council commit to looking at how Southwark Council deliveries across departments could be switched to cargo bike? ”

3. Southwark Youth Parliament

The community evidence requests states:

“We would like to talk about the experience of young people in relation to climate change and the impact that this crisis is having and will continue to have on our lives and future generations. We will offer some ideas on how, together we can tackle this important issue that matters to us all and give our planet the justice it deserves. Through the Southwark Youth Parliament, we want to improve relationships between our schools, communities and the council and implement social and environmental changes that will enable us to lead more informed and environmentally friendly lives.”

4. Alan Jones, Sustainable Energy 24

The community evidence requests states:

“I aim to outline what SE24 does and suggest ways the council could act to scale up community energy to help meet its net zero targets.”

5. Jeremy Brackpool, climate expert

It is not possible to address climate change in Southwark without significant shifts in behaviour from individuals*. Personal choices around diet, purchasing, leisure travel, and financial services, are responsible for over half of Southwark's emissions**. Low carbon options already exist for all these areas and could be implemented by most individuals right now, without major investment from government, councils or the individuals themselves.

The critical question is therefore how to best engage and support individuals to make the necessary changes. I live in Southwark, work as a climate professional at a FTSE 100 company, and have degrees in physics and in environmental science. I facilitate events, run coaching and give talks on climate change, engaging with over 300 local individuals over the last two years. I wish to share my experiences with the Council Assembly on the most effective ways of engaging and supporting people to reduce their climate impact.

* Source: Climate Change Committee. ** Source: carbon.place

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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