

## **Request for update on previous scrutiny recommendations**

Members have asked for an update on various recommendations from previous scrutiny reports. This paper provides a brief update on particular actions that members have asked for an update on in relation to the climate emergency.

## **First report on the Climate Emergency road map October 2019**

**Please provide an update on work with London Councils:**

- 1. To try and agree a single framework across London for carbon emission reduction.**
- 2. to develop a Carbon rating system**

London Councils has established a Carbon Accounting Task and Finish Group. The draft terms of reference of the group are:

- To determine the main use cases for emissions data
- To identify and endorse an updated approach for borough Scope 1 and 2 emissions accounting, building on the March 2020 TEC report.
- To understand the different methodologies for capturing scope 3 emissions, and which should be adopted in which contexts
- To identify a shared borough approach to carbon emissions accounting, including an agreed methodology for council estate scope 3 emissions.
- To make a recommendation to London Councils Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) on the adoption of an updated, shared approach to emissions accounting

They have held their first meeting and setting up a schedule for future meetings to take this work forward. Southwark continues to work with London Councils on this.

## **Second report on the Climate Emergency strategy - July 2020**

**Provide an update on**

- 1. How deprivation data has been used to enable a Just Transition**
- 2. The mapping of emissions and consumption data.**
- 3. Investigation of digital simulation tools.**
- 4. Engagement work with:**
  - **Youth Council**
  - **Youth Environment groups**
  - **Schools generally and school Eco councillors specifically**
- 5. Work with local BIDs and wider business community**
- 6. On research and viability testing for Community Energy**
- 7. On the action plan for reducing carbon, and if this includes PV.**

**Just Transition** - The council is due to publish its final climate change strategy in June and its action plan in July. Both of these documents take into account recommendations from the Commission, as well as from extensive public engagement throughout last summer and autumn including online portals, a climate conference, community round tables and pop up events in our parks. We have also had a formal consultation which closed in January.

The strategy when published will commit the council to supporting a just transition. It considers the variable impact of climate change on different communities in the borough.

**Data and tools** - The council has now commissioned a specialist consultancy to develop the action plan. They are using various tools to identify carbon emissions and how they vary and the actions that are required to address these.

**Energy** - One of the five themes in the action plan and strategy is energy which contains community energy. Details will be available when the strategy and action plan are published in the coming weeks.

**Young People** - As part of our climate work, engagement with young people is essential. We have committed to working with the youth parliament when it is established. We will also be working with young people in schools to help them to create the tools they need to engage with other young people on this issue.

Schools in the last few months have been under pressure to deliver during Covid, we have therefore delayed our direct engagement with schools, but this will be a priority going forward. We have however set up some projects with schools, for example on Earth Day, Southwark joined with its twin city of Clichy in France to make a renewed commitment to the climate emergency and to link schools in Southwark with schools in Clichy to work jointly on gardening and greening projects. We have five schools already wanting to be involved.

**Business** - One of the key themes that has come out of our consultation and engagement work is the need for greater involvement with businesses. This will be addressed in the strategy when it is published in June. In the interim we have invited BIDS to join our partnership steering group and the Cabinet Member has had a range of meetings with businesses.