

# CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE PANEL

## Action notes

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**Enfield Civic Centre, Place Shaping Room**

### Attendees:

Cllr Ian Barnes (Chair) Cllr Mahym Bedekova; Cllr Chris Bond; Okan Gurhan; Christevie Ngoma; Ian Davis; Sarah Cary; Fay Hammond; Glenn Stewart; Andrew Golder; Dominic Millen; Harriet Potemkin; Bevan Jones (Greengage); Mitch Cooke (Greengage)

### Introduction from the Chair

Cllr Barnes welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Climate Change Task Force (CCTF) and gave an overview of the purpose of the task force and the urgency of the action needed as a result of the climate emergency.

### Enfield Council progress on tackling climate change and overview of proposed approach for developing a new Sustainable Enfield Plan

Mitch Cooke and Bevan Jones, from sustainability consultancy Greengage, introduced themselves explaining that they have been commissioned to support the task force to deliver on the climate emergency pledge signed by Cabinet in July 2019.

They summarised the reasons for committing to becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030, gave examples of positive work in Enfield to date, considered successes and challenges for peer local authorities, the emerging priority actions for Enfield, and gave an overview of next steps.

Greengage will be working with officers across the Council to determine our baseline for carbon emissions and develop an action plan to achieve neutrality. The action plan will be supported by roadmaps setting out what we can need to do and by when, including scenarios for different scales of change, which will inform the prioritisation of different initiatives and interventions.

The following was agreed by the CCTF:

- Our definition of carbon neutral refers to all green house gases causing the climate to change, not just carbon dioxide. This will be reflected in the way emissions are reported.
- The definition of carbon neutral as being balancing emissions through reduction or offsetting . Our ambition is to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 by working to minimise carbon emissions and only offsetting what we cannot reduce. This may mean offsetting more in the early years and then reducing this element over time.
- We want Enfield to contribute to London-wide carbon neutrality, capitalising on our assets as a large outer London authority, and continue to innovate..

- We need to prioritise any investment on action which will allow us to have the biggest impact on reducing carbon emissions, focusing on the emissions which we have direct control of eg energy used for council buildings
- The CCTF will identify actions to reduce carbon emissions and work to positively promote changing behaviours in Enfield to limit activities scientifically linked to climate change. The actions will be framed by the **seven themes** set out in our Terms of Reference. These will be refined into workstreams with related initiatives and interventions.
- The task force supported the actions proposed by the Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor in regards to a youth-led communications campaign and a climate summit to raise awareness and engage with young people.

**Action:** Bevan to circulate a proposed framework for the new Sustainable Enfield Plan which will set out workstreams organised around areas of direct control by the Council (eg buildings, fleet), and areas of influence (eg transport network), connecting these workstreams to how they will deliver on the seven thematic areas set out in the terms of reference.

**Action:** Bevan to work with officers across the Council to identify our current baseline for carbon emissions and develop a draft new Sustainable Enfield Plan, which will include actions to secure ‘quick wins,’ identify those with the biggest impact and consider innovative new approaches, which will see Enfield making a regional / national impact on carbon reduction.

**Action:** The CCTF will support the Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor in relation to their work in schools to raise awareness and explore solutions in school settings.

### **Task Force Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference were agreed with the following clarifications:

- The CCTF will be task-orientated but not time limited, given the long-term target of carbon reduction by 2030.
- The Terms of Reference will be kept under review by the CCTF, as they are likely to evolve as the new Sustainable Enfield Plan develops.

It was agreed that task force would also consider mitigation / climate resilience.

### **Update from the Chair about Citizen’s Assembly**

Cllr Barnes updated the CCTF on his discussions to date with Extinction Rebellion regarding an Enfield Citizen’s Assembly.

It was agreed that we will need to time any event appropriately in relation to the development of the new Sustainable Enfield Plan. We will want to both inform the public of steps the Council is taking, and work with residents, local public and voluntary sector organisations and businesses on how we can collectively change behaviours in Enfield to limit activities scientifically linked to climate change.

**Action:** Harriet, Dominic and Bevan to further research the options for a Citizen's Assembly and how this can contribute to the new Sustainable Enfield Plan.

### **Future items for discussion (roundtable)**

Priorities raised by members of the CCTF were:

- Communications campaign: what do we want to influence and how? Working with Young Mayors on this; case study examples of residents moving towards carbon neutrality; Citizen's Assembly
- Energy: report on feasibility of changing corporate electricity supply to use 100% renewable energy; update on progress from Energetik; generating renewable energy including wind turbines and solar arrays.
- Housing: Council housebuilding programme, retrofitting and planning policy
- Transport – electrification / electric charging infrastructure
- Use of the Council's Carbon Fund
- Water consumption.

### **Timescales and next steps including future meeting dates**

It was agreed that the CCTF would meet again within the next 8 weeks.

**Action:** Dominic to set the date of the next meeting.

### **AOB**

There was no AOB.