

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME 2023/2024

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FULL PANEL DISCUSSION		
THEME/ISSUE	APPROACH / AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES / ACTIONS
Cumulative Impact Assessment	<p>New Issue:</p> <p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 4th July 2023</u></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to brief Members of the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Panel on proposals to introduce a Cumulative Impact Assessment Policy under the Licensing Act 2003.</p>	<p>The Panel recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The data be reviewed where it was felt to be incorrect (particularly in relation to Dewsbury Town centre) and be shared with the Panel. 2. The maps be made clearer and shared with the Panel following review with the Public Health Department. 3. Where figures less than 50 had been blocked out in the report that liaison took place with the Public Health Department to obtain actual figures and that these be shared with the Panel. 4. The quality of the report presented be improved and formatted to a higher standard before presentation to the Panel moving forwards. 5. A review of areas be undertaken where streets may be excluded by the boundary line and allow for issues to persist (i.e.- Trinity Street). 6. The ambition for the Public Consultation was made clear and that a statistically valid figure against the overall population for the number of public respondents be set to ensure broad representation and meaningful engagement. 7. Consideration be given to amending the period within which the Public Consultation was to be held to ensure the student population be represented. 8. The Panel be informed with the outcomes of the Public Consultation if approved by the Licencing Panel.

		<p>9. The Panel be provided with information in relation to; those licences that were being reviewed (i.e.- where areas were congested with premises selling cheap alcohol), the scope for refusal and evidence of good practice.</p> <p>10. It was important to be inclusive in the approach and that consideration continue to be given to the inclusion of other areas.</p> <p>11. If the Consultation be approved, that an email be sent to all Ward Members asking them to put forward the areas that they represent for consideration if they felt it would be useful.</p> <p>12. The Panel to be informed if the Consultation was approved and for an update be provided on progress prior to further consideration by Licensing and Full Council.</p>
<p>White Rose Forest – Summary Review 2022/23</p>	<p>New Issue:</p> <p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 4th July 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel considered a presentation in relation to White Rose Forest – Summary review 2022/23 and looking ahead to 2023/24</p>	<p>The Panel noted the report, White Rose Forest – Summary review 2022/23 and looking ahead to 2023/24 and recommended that Kirklees specific data be provided in relation to the Green Streets be provided to the Panel.</p>
<p>Waste Strategy Update</p>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 30th August 2023</u></p> <p>In 2023/2024, the Environment and Climate Change Panel will receive an update around work undertaken to refresh the strategy in light of recent financial challenges and changes to legislation.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel first scrutinised the new Waste Strategy in 2021. In 2022/23 there was a focus on pre-decision scrutiny of the Waste Strategy Capital Update and the Cabinet decision 2nd August 2022 was taken to approve funds.</i></p>	

	<p><i>Overall, the Panel were supportive of the strategy and recommended that, 'the idea of rewarding individual businesses be considered in the development of the Community Reward Scheme. A joined up and borough wide approach be taken to the reuse shop and bulky waste initiatives in later stages of development'.</i></p>	
<p>Snow Warden Volunteer Scheme Update</p>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 30th August 2023</u></p> <p>In 2023/2024, the Environment and Climate Change Panel will receive an update around learning from snow wardens, under the theme of Winter Maintenance.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel reviewed the approach taken to Winter Maintenance 7th September 2021 which included a focus on the link to planning.</i></p> <p><i>Key issues noted included the maintenance of active travel routes during winter and of the challenges around housing growth, resources, and capacity for winter maintenance. It was agreed that the current policy for winter maintenance should be assessed. This work was undertaken an update was given 30th August 2022.</i></p>	
<p>Council Owned Tree and Woodland Management Policy</p>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 25th October 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider the finalised draft replacement Council Owned Tree and Woodland Management Policy.</p>	

<p>Air Quality Update</p>	<p>Background:</p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel received an update in October 2019. A number of areas to monitor were identified following implementation of the Action Plan.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Which measures have proven effective, and which provide good value for money.</i> 2. <i>Addressing the issue of vehicles with idling engines particularly outside schools.</i> 3. <i>How the planning system can be used/will address issues in relation to infrastructure to encourage sustainable transport/active travel.</i> 4. <i>Improving infrastructure to encourage travel by public transport/cycling and walking.</i> 5. <i>Encouraging/ facilitating better options for travel to school to reduce use of private cars.</i> <p><i>In 2022/23 the Panel received notification of the publication of the Annual Status Report (ASR) for consideration with a view for a formal update to follow. The ASR provided a look back on Air Quality monitoring data for the calendar year of 2021 as well as some progress made in relation to the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)</i></p> <p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 25th October 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider the 2023 Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) and will receive a presentation providing an update on Local Air Quality Management.</p>	
<p>Environmental Sustainability Strategy</p>	<p>New Issue:</p> <p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 29th November 2023</u></p>	

	The Panel will receive an update on the Environmental Sustainability Strategy.	
Heat District Energy Network	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 10th January 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel will receive an update on the Heat District Energy Network.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel were updated on the outcome of the Huddersfield District Energy Network Outline Business Case Study, draft Cabinet report and proposed next steps prior to Cabinet adoption 20th September 2022.</i></p>	
Waste Procurement	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 10th January 2023</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update in relation to Waste Procurement to in relation to work undertaken in the scrutiny of the Waste Strategy update.</p>	
Parks and Greenspace Vision	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 10th January 2024</u></p> <p>The Panel will receive an update in respect of Parks and Greenspace Vision</p>	
Parking Strategy Review	<u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 21st February 2024</u>	

	<p>The Panel will consider an update in respect of Parking Strategy Review. To include use of pesticides.</p>	
<p>Highways and Road Safety</p>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 21st February 2024</u></p> <p>The Panel will consider an update in relation to Highways and Road Safety. To include street lighting.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel received a presentation around Highways Safety which set out The Councils statutory responsibilities, (as per the Highways Safety Act), (i.e.- Safe vehicles, speeds, roads and behaviours as well as Post collision learning and care). The presentation also covered issues in relation to capital funding, and the Vision Zero ambition to eliminate road deaths and serious injuries (KSI's) to zero by 2040 and improve road safety for everyone using a safe systems approach. The Panel recommended that more emphasis be placed on enforcement and that the council continue to promote, persuade and influence driver behaviour as well as maintaining strong partnership work with the Police.</i></p>	
<p>Events</p>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 27th March 2024</u></p> <p>The Panel will receive an update in respect of local events (i.e.- Woven/Pride/Year of Music)</p> <p>-</p>	
<p>Statutory Health and Safety Service Plan 2022- 23</p>	<p><u>Meeting of the Panel to be held 27th March 2024</u></p>	

<p>Food Safety Service Plan 2023</p>	<p>The Environment and Climate Change Panel will receive an update in respect of the Health and Safety and Food Safety Service Plans.</p> <p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>The former Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel received an update on the performance of the Food Safety Team against the priorities set in the Food Safety Service Plan 2022 and the delivery of the Health and Safety Service Plan 2022-23. Overall, the Panel were positive about the updates and recommended that communication with Community Groups to help increase their understanding of the regulations under Martyn’s Law (if brought forward) were key.</i></p>	
LEAD MEMBER BRIEFING ISSUES		
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Items scheduled:

- Cumulative Impact Assessment (July)
- White Rose Forest – Summary review 2022/23 and looking ahead to 2023/24 (July)
- Waste Strategy Review (August)
- Snow Warden Volunteer Scheme Update (August)
- Air Quality Action Plan (October)
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy TBC (October)
- Heat District Energy Network (October)
- Waste Procurement (Private Item) (November)

- Future Bereavement Services Offer (TBC)
- Parks and Greenspace Vision (January)
- Events (Woven/Pride/Year of Music) (January)
- Highways and Road Safety (February)
- Parking Strategy Review (February)
- Statutory Food Hygiene Plan 2024 – 2025 / Statutory Health & Safety Plan 2024 – 2025 (March)

Items not yet scheduled:

- Fleet Replacement
- Street Lighting

Upcoming Panel visits Ideas:

- Energy from Waste (EfW) and Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Scrutiny Visit (September)