

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee
8 March 2023**

Nottingham's Carbon Neutral Policy

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider performance against the Council's Carbon Neutral Action Plan in the delivery of priorities to enable Nottingham to be the first UK city to be carbon neutral by 2028.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to
- (a) use the information provided to inform questioning and scrutiny of the progress against targets
 - (b) make recommendations where appropriate
 - (c) identify any potential areas for further scrutiny activity for inclusion on the work programme.

3 Background information

- 3.1 In 2019 the Council, along with key partners, published the Carbon Neutral Charter, followed by the Council establishing its Carbon Neutral Action Plan in 2020, with the aim of Nottingham becoming the first UK city to be carbon neutral by 2028.
- 3.2 The Plan is reviewed annual to ensure that it remains valid and allow the latest research, technologies and regulations to be incorporated, as well as for learning from previous actions.
- 3.3 The Plan prioritises carbon reduction measures, which are broken down into 5 chapters for activity:
- Transport
 - The Built Environment
 - Energy Generation
 - Waste and Water
 - Consumption
- 3.4 Within each chapter, the plan identifies key objectives for achieving carbon neutrality and provide timescales for implementation as follows:

- (a) short term: actions that could start immediately with the aim to complete them within the first three years of the plan (2020 – 2022)
 - (b) medium term: actions which require further development to be implementable within years three to six of the plan (2023 - 2025)
 - (c) long term: actions that have dependencies or require substantial development to be implementable within the final three years of the plan (2026 - 2028)
- 3.5 The Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Energy, along with relevant colleagues, will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the Plan and performance.
- 3.6 The Committee will need to use the information provided at the meeting to identify if any further scrutiny on specific elements is needed, or if any recommendations should be made.
- 3.7 A briefing note from the Carbon Neutral Team is attached for consideration.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Briefing note from the Carbon Neutral Team.

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 Carbon Neutral Charter
- 6.2 Carbon Neutral Action Plan

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All.

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