

Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee
3 April 2024

CN28

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the information presented at the meeting from the Best Value Review of Carbon Neutral 28. To look at any recommendations arising from the review and consider how best to progress the CN28 ambitions in the coming years.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- use the information provided to inform questioning and scrutiny of the activity around the Carbon Neutral 28 work and on the progress against targets
 - make recommendations where appropriate
 - identify any potential areas for further scrutiny activity for inclusion on the work programme

3 Background information

- 3.1 In 2019, Nottingham City Council declared a climate and ecological emergency and, along with its partners, set an ambition to be the first carbon neutral city in the UK by 2028. This goal is known as Carbon Neutral Nottingham 2028, or CN28
- 3.2 Since its launch the CN28 agenda has achieved a number of key steps towards this ambitious target including:
- Nottingham has the second highest number of Electric Vehicle (EV) charge points per head of population for any UK core city and is above the national average
 - 30% of public buses operating in the city are biogas or electric. £15m of funding was secured for 78 new electric buses and charging infrastructure for Nottingham City Transport being introduced later in 2023
 - The energy efficiency of nearly 1,000 homes in Nottingham was improved by the City Council's Greener Housing works
 - Over 36,500 new trees have been planted in the last three years
 - Both Nottingham Universities were considered in the top three most sustainable universities in the world
 - Nottingham City Hospital began work on replacing its coal fired boilers saving 800 tonnes CO₂e per year

- 3.3 A review of CN28 has been conducted with a view to focus effort on areas that will deliver carbon emissions reduction at pace and scale in 2024 and beyond. The Best Value thematic review on CN28 and climate change, focussed in particular on economy, efficiency, effectiveness. The review began in November 2023 and concluded in February 2024 and identified a number of recommendations around the following themes:
- Strategy
 - Governance
 - Value for Money and Appraisal
 - Finance
 - Commercial
 - Management and culture

4 List of attached information

4.1 None

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 None

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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