Response to Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

Committee Date	Recommendation	Response
3 April 2024	 CN28 Recommendations to the Portfolio Holder 1) To liaise with the Universities to explore research opportunities for green energy generation in Nottingham. 2) To discuss with sector leaders around the use of green technology within buildings and consider how this can be applied to Council buildings. 3) Consider how Commercial partnerships could be used to progress work towards CN28 targets 	Nottingham City Council's Environment and Sustainability Division have a longstanding relationship with both University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University. Forums of Engagement include Green Partnerships and the Nottinghamshire Environmental Strategy Working Group. There is also a history of partnering up to support / delivery funding bids. Both Carbon Reduction Projects and Policy Service and Midlands Net Zero Hub have regular dialogue with Sector Leads in various forums. Examples include supporting white papers on Energy Security and the Just Transition. There is dedicated resource in both service areas to support the decarbonisation of the public estate; a current project is a Solar PV project on Harvey Hadden Leisure Centre that will reduce its energy costs. The Services have secured funding to deliver a Local Area Energy Plan and Digital Twin for Nottingham and for the wider Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Geography. This will detail out the most cost-efficient route to Net Zero over defined periods of time. In parallel to this the Carbon Reduction Projects and Policy team are exploring options around procuring a Strategic Energy Partner / Partners to support and drive both public and private investment in decarbonisation projects in the city.