

Environment and Sustainability Panel Meeting

**Online Meeting, Virtual Meeting Platform
Thursday, 17 September 2020 at 18:00**

The Environment and Sustainability Panel explores methods of conservation of natural habitats and biodiversity through adapting existing practices or creating new ecologically diverse environments. The Panel encourages renewable energy generation and carbon footprint reduction in both the public and private sectors by examining air and water quality, plastic and waste reduction and renewable energy generation. The Panel monitors the progress and implementation of the Council's Emergency Climate Action Plan and regularly reports to Cabinet and Full Council.

Information for Members of the Public

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<https://colchester.cmis.uk.com/colchester/MeetingCalendar.aspx>.

Occasionally certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual have to be considered in private. When this is the case an announcement will be made, the live broadcast will end and the meeting will be moved to consider in private.

Have Your Say!

The Council welcomes contributions in the form of written representations from members of the public at most public meetings. One single contribution to each meeting of no longer than 500 words may be made by each person which must be submitted via the form accessed by this link, before noon on the working day before the meeting date: Environment and Sustainability Have Your Say!

If you would like to submit representations to a meeting and need to find out more, please refer to the Have Your Say! arrangements here:

<https://colchester.cmis.uk.com/colchester/HaveYourSay.aspx>.

E-mail: democratic.services@colchester.gov.uk

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Environment and Sustainability Panel - Terms of Reference (but not limited to)

To acknowledge our “Climate Emergency” and translate aspirations into actions.

To explore methods of conservation of natural habitats and biodiversity, whether through adapting existing practices and places or creating new ecologically diverse environments with sustainable practices built in.

To encourage renewable energy generation and carbon footprint reduction in both the public and private sectors across the borough.

To encourage environmental stewardship focusing on carbon footprint reduction by examining air quality, water quality, plastic and waste reduction and renewable energy generation in both public and private spheres across the Borough

To monitor and regularly report to Cabinet and Full Council upon progress and implementation of the Council’s Climate Emergency Action Plan and its goal to be net carbon neutral by 2030.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL
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The Environment and Sustainability Panel Members are:

Councillor Nigel Chapman
Councillor Peter Chillingworth
Councillor Mark Cory
Councillor Robert Davidson
Councillor Mark Goacher
Councillor Sam McCarthy
Councillor Lee Scordis
Councillor Lorcan Whitehead

The Environment and Sustainability Panel Substitute Members are:

All members of the Council who are not Cabinet members or members of this Panel.

AGENDA
THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING
(Part A - open to the public)

Please note that Agenda items 1 to 6 are normally dealt with briefly.

1 Appointment of Chairman

To appoint a Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year

2 Appointment of Deputy Chairman

To appoint a Deputy Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year

3 Welcome and Announcements (Virtual Meetings)

The Chairman will welcome members of the public and Councillors to the meeting and remind those participating to mute their microphones when not talking. The Chairman will invite all Councillors and Officers participating in the meeting to introduce themselves. The Chairman will, at regular intervals, ask Councillors to indicate if they wish to speak or ask a question and Councillors will be invited to speak in turn by the Chairman. A vote on each item of business will be taken by roll call of each Councillor and the outcome of each vote will be confirmed by the Democratic Services Officer.

4 Substitutions

Councillors will be asked to say if they are attending on behalf of a Committee member who is absent.

5 Urgent Items

The Chairman will announce if there is any item not on the published agenda which will be considered because it is urgent and will explain the reason for the urgency.

6 Declarations of Interest

Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda about which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the item or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest.

7 Have Your Say! (Virtual Meetings)

Members of the public may make representations to the meeting. Each representation may be no longer than three minutes (500 words). Members of the public may register their wish to address the meeting by registering online by 12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting date. In addition a written copy of the representation will need to be supplied for use in the event of unforeseen technical difficulties preventing participation at the meeting itself.

8 Introduction to the work of the Panel and Terms of Reference

The Chair will make a brief verbal introduction to the work of the Panel, and discuss the Terms of Reference.

9 Climate Emergency – One Year On

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This report sets out the progress that has been made with the environmental sustainability agenda at the Council since the Climate Emergency declaration on 17 July 2019. Next steps for each of the environmentally themed projects and workstreams occurring at the Council are also summarised.

10 Greening Colchester Policy

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This report sets out how the Council proposes to reduce, monitor and control the use of glyphosate-based products and how it will use alternative methods for the control of unwanted vegetative growth on Council owned land.

11 Environment and Sustainability Work Programme 2020-2021

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This report sets out the current Work Programme 2020-2021 for the Environment and Sustainability Panel. This provides details of the reports that are scheduled for each meeting during the municipal year.

Part B

(not open to the public including the press)