

Environment and Sustainability Panel Meeting

**Online Meeting, Virtual Meeting Platform
Thursday, 29 October 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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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)

1. To acknowledge our “Climate Emergency” and translate aspirations into actions.
2. 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.
3. To engage, communicate and collaborate with strategic partners, external bodies, Parish Councils and local communities, to encourage biodiversity enhancement and sustainable practices through their work.
4. To encourage environmental stewardship focusing on carbon footprint reduction by improving air quality, water quality, plastic and waste reduction and renewable energy generation in both public and private spheres across the Borough
5. To be a leading voice for environmental sustainability, promoting innovative environmental practices, having influence across the borough and beyond, including public and private sector policy, at regional and national levels.
6. To promote, monitor and regularly report to Cabinet and Full Council upon progress and implementation of the Council’s Climate Emergency Action Plan and it’s goal to be net carbon neutral by 2030.

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL
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The Environment and Sustainability Panel Members are:

Councillor Mark Cory	Chairman
Councillor Peter Chillingworth	Deputy Chairman
Councillor Nigel Chapman	
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 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.

2 Substitutions

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

3 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.

4 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.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Councillors will be invited to confirm that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2020 are a correct record.

Environment and Sustainability Panel draft minutes - 17-09-2020

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6 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.

7 Climate Emergency and Community Engagement

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The Panel will consider a report setting out several methods for community engagement, including case study examples from other local authorities. The findings from the engagements will inform the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan.

8 Air Quality Project Update

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The Panel will consider a report providing an update on the progress of the DEFRA funded air quality project.

9 Positive Parking Review

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The Panel will receive an update on the Positive Parking Review that has been undertaken to inform Colchester's Parking Strategy for the next five years. The strategy is in the process of being finalised to reflect feedback from public consultation before being taken to Cabinet for endorsement.

10 Safer Greener Healthier – Active Travel In Colchester

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The Panel will consider a report outlining the work Essex County Council are carrying out to encourage more walking and cycling in Colchester, including the funding bid to Government to improve the routes and access to the town centre. This is part of the Government's initiative to promote active travel to help people access the town centres, jobs and services in a sustainable way, as part of the Covid19 recovery plan.

11 **Brief verbal update**

The Panel will receive a brief verbal update from officers on the following topics:

- The introduction of the new Sustainability and Climate Change Manager
- Update on the progress of the Carbon Management Plan

12 **Work Programme 2020-2021**

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The Panel is asked to note the contents of the Work Programme for 2020-2021.

Part B
(not open to the public including the press)