



Environment and Sustainability Panel Meeting

**Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street,
Colchester, CO1 1PJ**

Thursday, 21 March 2024 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.

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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 City.
5. To be a leading voice for environmental sustainability, promoting innovative environmental practices, having influence across the City 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 CITY COUNCIL
Environment and Sustainability Panel
Thursday, 21 March 2024 at 18:00

The Environment and Sustainability Panel Members are:

Councillor Steph Nissen	Chairman
Councillor Tracey Arnold	Deputy Chairman
Councillor Molly Bloomfield	
Councillor Pam Cox	
Councillor Paul Dundas	
Councillor Andrew Ellis	
Councillor Mark Goacher	
Councillor Sue Lissimore	
Councillor Venessa Moffat	
Councillor Natalie Sommers	

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.

Live Broadcast

Please follow this link to watch the meeting live on YouTube:

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1 Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman will welcome members of the public and Councillors and remind everyone to use microphones at all times when they are speaking. The Chairman will also explain action in the event of an emergency, mobile phones switched to silent, audio-recording of the meeting. Councillors who are members of the committee will introduce themselves.

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 registerable interest or non-registerable interest.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Councillors will be invited to confirm that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2024 are a correct record.

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6 Have Your Say! (Hybrid Council Meetings)

Members of the public may make representations to Council meetings on any item on the agenda or any other matter relating to the business of Council. This can be made either in person at the meeting or by joining the meeting remotely and addressing the Council via Zoom. Each representation may be no more than three minutes. Members of the public wishing to address Council remotely may register their wish to address the meeting by e-mailing democratic.services@colchester.gov.uk by 12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting. In addition, a written copy of the representation should be supplied for use in the event of technical difficulties preventing participation at the meeting itself.

There is no requirement to pre-register for those attending in person.

7 Ferry Marsh Nature Reserve Improvements 19 - 34

The Committee are invited to review the report and recommend to Cabinet that it approve the changes to Ferry Marsh Nature Reserve as set out in the report.

8 Air Quality Update 35 - 40

The Committee are invited to note and support the the work being undertaken to improve air quality in Colchester, and to support staff in their negotiations with Essex County Council to obtain necessary permissions to take projects forward.

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| 9 | Sustainable Travel Projects Update | 41 - 52 |
| | The Committee are invited to support the work of the Sustainable Travel Team in working with the County Council and partners to deliver infrastructure and projects to enable travel behaviour change. Further to this the Committee are invited to support the progress being made by the City Council in delivering the key goals and outcomes for sustainable travel in Colchester. | |
| 10 | Colchester City Council Fleet Transition Strategy | 53 - 92 |
| | The Committee are invited to review the report and recommend to Cabinet the strategy with any additional comments and changes as agreed by the panel. | |
| 11 | Work Programme 2023-2024 | 93 - 96 |
| | The Committee are invited to note the contents of the work programme for 2023-2024. | |

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