



## Environment and Sustainability Panel

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21 March 2024

<b>Report of</b>	<b>Head of Sustainability</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Matthew Evans</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Work Programme 2023-2024</b>		<b>☎ ext. 8006</b>
<b>Wards affected</b>	Not applicable		

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the current Work Programme 2023-2024 for the Environment and Sustainability Panel. This provides details of the reports that are scheduled for each meeting during the municipal year.

### 2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to note the contents of the Work Programme for 2023-2024.
- 2.2 The attention of the Panel is drawn to the deferment of both the Carbon Management Plan, and the Waste and Recycling Strategy reports from this meeting to the next municipal year.

### 3. Reason for Recommended Decision

- 3.1 The Work Programme of this Panel is kept under review throughout the municipal year to ensure that business is progressed and Members have the opportunity to review upcoming agenda items.

### 4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 This function forms part of the Panel's Terms of Reference and, as such, no alternative options are presented.

### 5. Background Information

- 5.1 The Environment and Sustainability Panel deals with existing and emerging environmental issues, and will focus on carbon footprint reduction and monitoring and supporting the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan.
- 5.2 The Panel's Work Programme will evolve as the Municipal Year progresses and items of business are commenced and concluded. At each meeting the opportunity is taken for the Work Programme to be reviewed and, if necessary, amended according to current circumstances.

## **6. Equality, Diversity and Human Rights implications**

6.1 This report has no equality, diversity and human rights implications.

## **7. Strategic Plan References**

7.1 Environmental Sustainability is integral to the delivery of the Strategic Plan's priorities and direction for the Borough as set out under the four themes of growth, responsibility, opportunity and wellbeing.

## **8. Consultation**

8.1 There are no consultation considerations for this report.

## **9. Publicity Considerations**

9.1 There are no specific publicity considerations.

## **10. Financial implications**

10.1 There are no specific financial implications from this report.

## **11. Health, Wellbeing and Community Safety Implications**

11.1 With the actions provided in the updates, the Council is trying to improve health and wellbeing through the actions it is taking to improve environmental outcomes. The 'co-benefits' of environmental action are well documented. For example, improving the management of our green spaces for biodiversity can bring enjoyment and mental health benefits for residents, supporting residents to cycle more improves both their physical and mental health and increasing the energy efficiency of homes helps to improve thermal comfort and physical health.

11.2 There are no community safety implications from this report.

## **12. Health and Safety Implications**

12.1 There are no health and safety implications from this report.

## **13. Risk Management Implications**

13.1 There are no risk management implications from this report.

## **14. Environmental and Sustainability Implications**

14.1 There are no specific environmental and sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

## WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24

<b>Environment and Sustainability Panel</b>
<b>Meeting date / Agenda items -</b>
<b>Environment and Sustainability Panel - 22 June 2023</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Overview/Introduction of Climate Emergency Action Plan and key progress.</li><li>2. Climate Emergency Action Plan – progress update.</li></ol>
<b>Environment and Sustainability Panel – 20 July 2023</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Climate Emergency Action Plan – Progress Update</li></ol>
<b>Environment and Sustainability Panel – 21 September 2023</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ferry Marsh Nature Reserve Improvements</li><li>2. Woodland and Biodiversity update</li><li>3. Greenhouse gas report review</li><li>4. Climate Emergency Action Plan update</li></ol>
<b>Environment and Sustainability Panel – 06 December 2023</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Essex Climate Action Commission update</li><li>2. Domestic Energy Efficiency Funding and Support</li><li>3. Climate Change Scorecards</li><li>4. Climate Emergency Action Plan update</li></ol>

Environment and Sustainability Panel – **08 February 2024**

1. Housing and Sustainability
2. Review of fleet transition – moved from December 2023 meeting
3. Climate Emergency Action Plan update

Environment and Sustainability Panel – **21 March 2024**

1. Air Quality Projects update
2. Active and Sustainable Travel projects update
3. Draft Recycling and Waste Strategy – moved from December 2023 meeting
4. Ferry Marsh Update
5. Carbon Management Plan