



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Briefing Paper

Subject: Working Groups update

If in attendance at the meeting on 24 October, the chair or an alternative representative from each group will be invited to give additional verbal updates.

Climate Action

Isabel Creed - Chair
John Broad
Patrick Clarke
Ian Middleton
Rebecca Biegel
John Donaldson
Simon Holland
Sean Woodcock
Andrew McHugh – as Portfolio Holder, Cleaner and Greener Communities

The Climate Action group met on 4 October and were taken through the revised draft Climate Action Plan, considered on this agenda at item 8.

As detailed under the earlier item, the action plan will be submitted to Executive for consideration at their 6 November meeting.

A motion on [retrofitting for council-owned housing](#) has been submitted to the full Council meeting taking place on 16 October, which includes reference to the proposed work being included in the remit of the Climate Action Group. As full Council is taking place after agenda publication for the 24 October Overview and Scrutiny, officers will verbally update the Committee on the outcome of the motion and whether any amendment is required to the agreed Terms of Reference for the review.

The next meeting has not yet been scheduled but is likely to be in November, after Executive have considered the Climate Action Plan.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) – joint group with Personnel Committee

Gemma Coton – Chair, and Personnel nominated member
Patrick Clarke
Lynne Parsons
Rob Pattenden
Chukwudi Okeke – Personnel nominated member
Chris Pruden – Personnel nominated member
Sandy Dallimore – as Portfolio Holder, Corporate Services

The EDI group met on 10 October, and considered the council's activities to support refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants, as well as receiving an EDI action plan update.



The next meeting is scheduled for 7 November, with the proposed focus on outreach to community groups.

Food Insecurity

Rebecca Biegel – Chair

Patrick Clarke

Isabel Creed

Chukwudi Okeke

Bryn Williams

Dorothy Walker

Phil Chapman – as Portfolio Holder, Healthy and Safe Communities

The Food Insecurity group met on 3 October, and received updates on food vouchers, warm spaces and resourcing.

The group were also updated regarding the [Cost of Living Action Plan](#), that had been presented to and approved by Executive on 2 October. The report detailed an investment in winter activities, and proposed the development of an evaluation framework that would form the basis of detailed updates to Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2023 and January 2024.

The group will meet again on 14 November.

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