



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Briefing Paper

Subject: Working Groups update

If in attendance at the meeting on 19 September, 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 24 August and were taken through the draft Climate Action Plan.

The draft action plan had been due to be considered by O&S on 19 September, however following comments from the working group it will now be considered at the 24 October meeting. This will allow the working group to further discuss the draft with Jo Miskin, Climate Action Manager, and for further detail to be added to plan.

Arrangements are in progress for the next meeting, and details will be confirmed in due course.

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

The EDI group met on 6 September, and considered the council's activities to support young people, as well as receiving an EDI performance update.

Councillor Clarke was officially co-opted to the group, following his nomination to the Conservative vacancy.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 October.



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 8 August, and received updates on food vouchers, warm spaces and resourcing, as well as meeting Libby Knox, the recently appointed Food Projects Healthy Place Shaping Partner for CDC.

Since the meeting took place, discussions have been had with venues in Kidlington regarding warm spaces for 2023, and new venues in Banbury have been added to the list of people or organisations that can refer food vouchers.

Libby is working on an update of the food services leaflet, as well as remapping warm welcome venues and identifying gaps.

The group will meet again on 3 October.

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