



Recommendations from other committees to Cabinet on 19 September 2024

Joint Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 15 July 2024 to discuss the draft joint Waste Resources and Street Cleansing strategy and made comments before a final strategy is presented to Cabinet for decision.

The committee welcomed the report and recommended the following for consideration by Cabinet:

1. Make sure the font is clear on a readable background colour
2. Prepare people for change – education, preparation and communication
3. Suggestion of making an acronym glossary (from page 15 of the report)
4. Should we keep recycling figures or focus on reusing figures? Overall waste reduction targets were deemed more important than recycling rate.
5. Working across council teams – can we include our targets within licensing for events, planning, procurement etc?

Climate and Ecological Emergencies Advisory Committee

The committee met on 22 July 2024 and considered a report on the review of the 2025 operation net zero target.

Members showed support for the recommendations but added some further suggestions.

Recommendation(s)

Recommendation (a)

That CEEAC recognises the significant progress made in reducing our operational carbon emissions by 50 per cent since 2009/10.

- Members asked that, based on the discussion had in the meeting, that this recommendation includes the progress the council had made since 2019. Members wanted to show recognition of the challenges faced by the council, considering the national context.

Recommendation (b)

CEEAC recommends that Cabinet adopts a revised overall operational net zero target of 2030.

- Members supported the overall target but ask Cabinet to consider having segmented and nuanced targets. Cabinet was asked to consider ways in which this data could be measured and communicated by service area.

At its meeting on the 22 July 2024 the committee also considered a report on the review of the District net zero carbon target.

Members agreed the following recommendations to Cabinet:

Recommendation(s)

(a) That CEEAC formally recognises that the aspirational target of being a net zero carbon district by 2030 cannot be met.

(b) That CEEAC recommends that Cabinet commits to a new but still ambitious target of 2045 for reaching net zero carbon for the district.

Committee requested that additional wording is added to recommendation b, to reflect that the district will work as hard as it can to get to net zero. We acknowledge that the target was not fully in our control and partnership work was crucial as part of working within our sphere of influence. For example, countywide activities such as PAZCO.

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