

Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 8th November 2021 Item 4 – Climate Change and Buildings	Item No 4
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Outline

Many councils in London have made climate emergency declarations. The perceptions around the importance of effective, thorough local authority strategies have changed in recent years, with greater emphasis being placed on having clear environmental strategies at local and regional level.

Hackney Council is making strides in its production of a Climate Action Plan (CAP) and putting in place governance structures that will help to ensure this work is embedded across all council services and activities. It is recognised that climate emergency is an ongoing and increasing priority and that sustainability is an organisation wide agenda encompassing economic, environmental, and social objectives, thus needing a diverse range of contributors and leadership at all levels. The Council is working towards publishing its Climate Action Plan in 2022.

The Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission has received information from the Council about the following:

The [Council's Energy Strategy](#). This was discussed at the LiH meeting on 26th October 2021. This covers the management of the Council's assets that aligns with the climate emergency declaration made by the council. It identifies the key carbon footprints resulting from the Council activities and influence.

The Council's planning Services outlined how Hackney's local planning policies can support the work towards net zero carbon target. Planning Services outlined at our [meeting on 26th October 2021](#) how **Hackney Council's Local Plan (LP33)** aims to directly shape the built environment and influence development through the planning process. It was made clear that existing buildings that do not require planning permission are not subject to these policies.

London Council's commissioned data modelling revealed homes are responsible for around one third of London's greenhouse gas emissions. By committing to upgrade all housing stock to an average energy performance rating of EPC B by 2030, boroughs will drive a dramatic decarbonisation of

London property and make vital progress on the capital's path towards net zero.¹

Discussion

To continue our work on climate change and net zero carbon. This meeting will focus on climate change and buildings looking at Hackney's council housing, new build homes, regeneration developments and corporate property.

The planned session will cover:

1. Council Housing - Retrofitting council homes to achieve net zero carbon target
2. Private Sector housing - what the private sector needs to do to achieve the net zero carbon target
3. New Homes Delivery - how new build home and regeneration developments will achieve / deliver the net zero carbon target
4. Council Strategic Property - How the council's maintenance programme aims to retro fit and deliver net zero carbon for all non-residential council property.

Report in the agenda

To support this discussion the following reports are included for background information.

- Retrofit London Housing Action Plan – London Councils
- Delivering net zero carbon in social housing: will it happen in time, and at what cost? - RPS article
- UK housing: Fit for the future? - Committee on Climate Change February 2019
- Social Housing: Leading the Way to Net Zero – Sustainable Energy Association
- The Role of Data In Delivering Net Zero Social Housing Retrofit (March 2021) - Housing Innovation Programme) Connected Places Catapult

Invited Attendees

London Borough of Hackney

- Cllr Guy Nicholson Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for housing supply, planning, culture and inclusive economy
- Cllr Mete Coban Cabinet Member for Energy, waste, transport and public realm
- Cllr Clayeon McKenzie, Cabinet Member for Housing
- Cllr Sem Moema, Mayoral Advisor, Private Rented Sector and Affordability
- Aled Richards, Strategic Director, Sustainability and Public Realm
- Steve Waddington, Strategic Director, Housing Services

¹ [2] London Councils commissioned data modelling from environmental analysts Parity Projects to provide an evidence base for the action plan. This research shows that the only 2.5% of London homes are currently at EPC A or B, with the rest in lower energy performance bands. 95% are at EPC C, D, or E.

- Chris Trowell, Interim Director, Regeneration
- James Goddard, Interim Director, Regeneration
- Chris Pritchard, Director Strategic Property

Other stakeholders being invited to attend the session

- Resident Liaison Group

Action

Members are asked to consider the reports, presentations and ask questions.