

Skills Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission 22 February 2022 Item 4 - Decarbonising Hackney's Economy - Supporting SME's to Decarbonise	Item No 4
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Outline

This item is to review how the council can help support local SMEs to decarbonise their business model and operations. To help them align with the council's aims and ambitions to achieve net zero carbon by 2040.

Presentations to cover

- How much do small businesses understand what is required to shift to net zero?
- What is within their control? What do they need support with?
- How much of a challenge is it for small businesses to shift to net zero?
- What work has been done to assess the challenges facing them?
- What research has been done on how small businesses approach this challenge?
- What role do they think local authorities need to play to support SMEs to shift to practices, business models and procurement that are aligned to net Zero?
- Who else holds responsibility to support this shift - the government? trade bodies? support networks? What form should that support take?
- What support is being provided to small businesses? By whom? in what form?

From this session the scrutiny commission aims to make recommendations about how to support local SMEs to decarbonise their business model and operations; to help them align with the council's aims and ambitions to achieve net zero carbon by 2040.

Report in the agenda:

To support this discussion the following presentations and papers are included for background information.

- Presentation from GLA
- Presentation from London Borough of Hackney
- Background paper on Decarbonising the economy.

Guests in Attendance

GLA

- Philip Graham, Executive Director Good Growth
- Pete Daw, Head of Climate Change

London Borough of Hackney

- Suzanne Johnson, Head of Area Regeneration
- Jasmine Ceccarelli Drewry, Regeneration Officer

Action

The commission is asked to note the presentations and ask questions.