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Outline

It was recognised that to reach the UK's net zero ambitions will require all tiers of government, businesses, institutions and communities to work closely together.

The Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and has been building its vision to transition to net zero since. Hackney, and the UK generally, has made good progress in reducing emissions over the last decade, but it is recognised that faster and coordinated action will be needed to protect communities and the environment from the effects of climate change.

The Net Zero Review was established by the Scrutiny Panel in October 2021. It was set up to look at what is needed to meet national and local net zero targets, set by Government and the Council. This review also looked at how the Council planned to meet its ambitions in a manner that was affordable, efficient and fair.

The review was an amalgamation of work by the overarching Scrutiny Panel and the thematic Scrutiny Commissions: Health in Hackney, Living in Hackney and Skills, Economy and Growth during the municipal year 2021/2022.

The draft report and recommendations were finalised and agreed by Scrutiny Panel in April 2023 and the Executive response was agreed by Cabinet in October 2023.

Reports attached for this item

- Net Zero Overarching Scrutiny Panel Review draft report
- Cabinet Response to report and recommendations

Action

The Commission is asked to note the Executive response.