

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2022

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change held on Wednesday, 14 December 2022. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Democratic Services.

4. ANNUAL CARBON EMISSIONS REPORT 2021/22

Resolved:

- i. That the City of York Council Corporate Emissions Report is approved and the Council's contribution to city-wide emissions is noted.

Reason: This report fulfils the commitment in the Council Plan to report on City of York Council's corporate emissions, using the standardised and transparent SCATTER methodology.

- ii. That the recommended actions listed in the report to reduce emissions are approved.

Reason: Progress towards City of York Council becoming net zero carbon by 2030.

5. YORK EMISSIONS INVENTORY REPORT 2022

Resolved: That the York Emissions Inventory Report is approved.

Reason: This report fulfils the commitment in the Council Plan to report on city-wide carbon emissions and monitor progress towards the net zero ambition.

6. WEED PILOT 2022 – FEEDBACK AND OPTIONS

Resolved:

- i. That the contents of the report and the recommendations are noted.
- ii. That the approach to the treatment of weeds in 2023 be agreed, including:
 - b) To offer wards the opportunity to opt out of a third spray in 2023 (i.e. not receiving spray 3 in September/October).
 - c) To offer wards the opportunity to opt out of a second spray in 2023 (i.e. not receiving spray 2 in June/July).
 - d) To cease spraying by Public Realm teams around trees within the highway verge.

Reason: The Executive Member is asked to consider the report and decide on the preferred options set out in the report for weed treatment in 2023.

7. YORK 5 YEAR FLOOD PLAN UPDATE

Resolved:

- i. That the updated report and the evidence presented by the Environment Agency in the session is noted and that feedback is provided.
- ii. That the progress of actions from the motion in Annex 2 is considered and endorsed, including the need to continue to work with all partners and to use any opportunity to develop further studies and projects to better improve river quality and the usage of our rivers. Further updates will be brought to the Executive Member on this item.

Reason: To support the delivery of flood resilience interventions in York and across the wider River Ouse catchment.