
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment
Date	1 August 2016
Present	Councillor Waller

1. **Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests he may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

2. **Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Environment Decision Session held on 9 May 2016 be approved and then signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

3. **Public Participation**

It was reported that there were no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

4. **OnePlanetCouncil Delivery Framework and new Carbon and Resource Smart Management Plan**

The Executive Member considered a report that proposed a OnePlanetCouncil (OPC) delivery framework and demonstrated how the council would deliver on its recent commitment to be a OPC and provide city leadership amongst the emerging OnePlanetYork (OPY)network.

Officers gave an update and confirmed that on 17 March 2016 Executive approved the OnePlanetYork programme that included two elements, a city facing partnership approach and a council approach. They explained the paper focussed on the OnePlanetCouncil strand and discussed how the council could work towards becoming a sustainable organisation.

This included the introduction of a new:

1. OPC Policy (to establish clear principles to work towards);
2. OPC Action Plan (to deliver coordinated action across the council – including Phase 1 which would incorporate the council's Carbon and Resource Smart Management Plan 2015 - 2019);
3. Integrated Impact Assessment Tool (to embed OPC principles into all new projects, programmes and policies); and
4. OPC communication campaign (to ensure all staff were engaged and empowered to take action).

It was noted that the overall aim was to reduce economic, social and environmental impacts through a balanced approach using the clear principles (based on the international One Planet principles) for all council departments to work towards:

- Zero Carbon
- Zero Waste
- Sustainable Transport
- Sustainable Materials
- Local and Sustainable Food
- Sustainable Water
- Land Use & Wildlife
- Culture & Heritage
- Equality & Local Economy
- Health & Happiness

The Executive Member thanked officers for their detailed report and update. He felt this was a positive step forward that would build on successes already made over the last two decades and work towards putting sustainability at the forefront. He also welcomed the increase in applications for renewable power and agreed generating energy close to where it was being utilised was the most efficient way.

After further discussion, officers noted the Executive Member's comments and agreed to:

- report all results annually ensuring record keeping demonstrated performance without becoming an overburden bureaucracy.

- make arrangements for residents to comment on the draft policies.
- engage with all parts of the council and coordinate an employee suggestion scheme on energy and water savings.
- include further details in the OPC Embedding Matrix and Self Assessment Tool.
- use existing channels and engage with partners when developing the Communications Plan.
- maximise goals where possible to achieve the best efficiency results.

Resolved:

- (i) That the overall proposed framework be agreed and the OnePlanetCouncil commitment be delivered.
- (ii) That the OnePlanetCouncil Policy (Draft) and OnePlanetCouncil Action Plan – Phase 1 (Draft) be noted and arrangements be made for further consultation on these documents.
- (iii) That the final OnePlanetCouncil Policy and OnePlanetCouncil Action Plan – Phase 1 be considered by the Executive Member for Environment at his Decision Session on 28 November 2016.
- (iv) That the Carbon and Resource Smart Management Plan be approved.
- (v) That the Integrated Impact Assessment Tool be noted.
- (vi) That the ongoing renewable energy work be noted.
- (vii) That offices note and action the above comments made by the Executive Member.

Reason: To agree a coordinated approach and commence delivery against the OnePlanetCouncil commitments. It will also help the council act as a city leader in this area, supporting the development of the emerging OnePlanetYork network.

Councillor Waller, Executive Member
 [The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.53 pm].