
**Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny
Management Committee**

22 January 2018

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal & Governance

**Update of Implementation of Recommendations from One Planet York
Scrutiny Review**

Summary

1. This report provides the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) with its first update of the recommendations arising from the previously completed One Planet York Scrutiny Review and asks Members to sign off those recommendations considered to be fully implemented.

Background

2. In early May 2016 the former Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee considered a Council motion on a proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) which had been referred to that Committee for further consideration. The Committee agreed that parts of the motion be referred back to Council but that more local implications included in the TTIP should be considered for cross-party scrutiny.
3. In June 2016 this was considered as a potential topic for review and Members discussed elements of the TTIP motion to support the work of One Planet York (OPY). It was agreed that rather than focus solely on one aspect of One Planet York the review should look at a framework to help achieve the objectives of the strategy.
4. In early September 2016 the committee considered a scoping report on One Planet York and Members agreed there would be value in undertaking a scrutiny review to support this work and appointed a Task Group to carry out this work on its behalf.
5. The committee agreed the review should focus on specific topic areas suggested in the scoping report, namely:

- Ensuring a balance between economic, social and environmental needs that is right for York and delivery reflects best practice;
- Ensuring key decisions and strategic plans take account of economic, social and environmental factors;
- Ensuring decisions and strategic plans are informed by both short term priorities and anticipated longer term impacts.

6. To help formulate the topic areas above CSMC agreed that the Task Group should:

- i. Review what leading sustainable cities and those similar to York are doing in seeking to balance economic, social and environmental needs
- ii. Explore potential of the One Planet York framework to:
 - Enable benchmarking with other cities through a new One Planet York 'city scorecard' (basket of measures)
 - Increase understanding and wider awareness about what makes cities sustainable and resilient
- iii. Review statutory and local decision making tools, engagement and collaboration methods to help cities best balance economic, social and environmental needs
- iv. Explore how the city's Urban Living Pilot project – 'York City Environment Observatory' – could bring new knowledge and insight regarding economic, social and environmental interdependencies.

7. The former Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee endorsed the review recommendations at a meeting in May 2017 and the Executive agreed to approve the recommendations at a meeting in late June 2017.

8. The Committee needs to be mindful that recommendation (e) in Annex A involves reconvening the Task Group to review the impact of the Council's emerging service plans within the One Planet Council framework; how Key Performance Indicators align to the One Planet

principles and to gauge the efficiency and effectiveness of internal communications. However, two original Task Group members are no longer available to undertake this work as one has resigned from the Council and another is now an interim Executive Member. Rather than finding two replacements for the Task Group with the time to commit to understanding the original brief and carry out this further work, a better option might be to consider the implementation of this recommendation via an update report to the full committee.

Options

9. In light of the update information provided in Annex A (column 2) and at this meeting, members may chose to:
 - a. Sign off those recommendations which have been fully implemented;
 - b. As some recommendations cannot be signed off until July 2018, request a further update on any outstanding recommendations, and the attendance of relevant officers, at the same time.
 - c. Consider recommendation (e) in Annex A as part of this update report to the full committee.

Council Plan

10. The OPY Scrutiny Review links to the focus on frontline services, a council that listens to residents and a prosperous city for all elements of the Council Plan 2015-19. The OPY programme directly supports the Council Plan's aims to embed sustainability into everything we do and work towards 'One Planet' living. It has direct links to ambitions to enhance York's economy, improve health and wellbeing, protect York's green spaces, increase the percentage of waste recycled, cut carbon emissions, improve air quality, focus on cost and efficiency and make the most of commercial opportunities.

Implications

11. There are no financial, human resources, equalities, legal, crime and disorder, information technology or property implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Risk management

12. There are no risks attached to the recommendations in this report. However, a failure to press the One Planet York message may lead to missed opportunities to build value into new work across the council and city, to reduce the city's carbon footprint and generate financial savings.

Recommendations

13. Members are recommended to:
- i. Note the implementation update information detailed in Annex A
 - ii. Sign off any recommendations that have been fully implemented.
 - iii. Reconsider any outstanding recommendations by way of an update report to the full committee as suggested at paragraph 8 of the report in order to progress this work effectively without requiring replacements to and a reconvening of the Task Group.

Reason: To conclude this review in line with scrutiny procedures and protocols

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Wards Affected:

All ☒

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Annexes

Annex A – Update on One Planet York Scrutiny Review recommendations