

Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee

Update of implementation of recommendations from One Planet York Scrutiny Review

Recommendation	Implementation as of January 2018
<p>a) The Council fully utilises the opportunities presented by the One Planet York framework to drive organisational efficiency and effectiveness through the principles of a One Planet Council and further mobilise the wider city towards a more sustainable and resilient One Planet York future.</p>	<p>One Planet York</p> <p>Examples of actions taken to mobilise the wider city towards a more sustainable and resilient future include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and publish a One Planet York city scorecard: This provides a comprehensive assessment of city progress across the economic, social and environmental domains and enables comparison with 324 other local authority areas. York is currently within top quartile performance (see further comments below).• Publish a refreshed One Planet York Prospectus – showcasing 20 examples of practical action and leadership across the 10 One Planet principles.• Grow the One Planet York network: Around 70 organisations have publicly pledged to support the One Planet York vision and actively work towards it.

This includes most of York's major employers and a large number of innovative SMEs and third sector organisations.

- Organise a successful One Planet York conference and Expo' as part of York Festival of Ideas 2017: This was another sold-out event involving 200 delegates and 30+ organisations. Keynote address was the Mayor of Muenster – officially recognised as the world's most liveable city.
- Coordinate and develop the One Planet York City Leadership Group: The group has been meeting for over a year. It comprises organisations like City of York Council, University of York, First York, JRF, NHS Hospital Trust, York Bike Belles, Novalux LED, St Nicks, Edible York and York Racial Equality Network.
- Attend various Ward Committees to outline how the One Planet York framework can be utilised at local/area level to guide thinking about what makes good 'place'.
- Implement a One Planet York Communications Plan, including a regular bi-monthly newsletter and Face book and Twitter feeds to support city networking and news sharing.

- Identify and submit funding applications to support One Planet York objectives: A key focus for One Planet York in 2018 will be 'Sustainable Food' and 'Healthy City'. The network has given rise to two new groups working to promote a sustainable food economy, including tackling food waste and food poverty. Good Food York and York Food Poverty Alliance have recently secured a £10,000 national grant to further these objectives.

One Planet Council

Examples of actions taken to make City of York Council a more efficient and effective 'One Planet' organisation include:

- We are currently working with the procurement team to develop a One Planet Council Social Value Policy. The policy will set out our commitment to deliver additional social, environmental and local economic benefits through the goods and services we buy. This relates to the requirements set out in the Social Value Act (2013) and is being taken forward alongside partner local authorities within the LCR/WYCA. It builds on the work that procurement is already doing in relation to the Living Wage and Employment and Skills Plans, amongst other things.
- A further focus has been the development of a Draft

Carbon Management Plan, which sets out the Council's resource usage across its operations. The plan makes recommendations on the most effective future interventions, which will help us reduce our environmental impact and make financial savings. The plan is currently under review.

- We have also sought to integrate the One Planet York framework (10 principles) into key council projects, policies and strategies, by running a pilot of the Better Decision Making Tool. The tool has helped officers identify and balance the social, economic, environmental, and equalities implications of their decisions.
- Resource was also committed to ensuring that the policies in the emerging Local Plan align with the sustainability aims of One Planet Council. The Climate Change section of the Local Plan was revised to promote development that uses low and/or zero carbon energy sources and adopts sustainable design and construction principles.
- The Community Facilities section of the Local Plan was also significantly revised to have a much stronger focus on health and wellbeing, and was renamed accordingly. The policies contained within this section cover the protection and expansion of

	<p>community, sport, and healthcare facilities, as well as the promotion of physical activity, time spent outdoors, and community cohesion, through good design principles. These are fundamental components of creating happy, healthy and resilient communities—a central aspiration of One Planet Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are currently reviewing how One Planet Council can be more effectively mainstreamed into the council’s wider placemaking role.
<p>b) Communication of the One Planet York framework, vision and 10 principles are sustained across all media platforms and that widespread use of the One Planet York or One Planet Council logos is encouraged to demonstrate a united commitment in the One Planet York principles by City of York Council and our city partners.</p>	<p>One Planet York</p> <p>One Planet York has been widely promoted through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of Buzz articles • Bi-monthly One Planet York news updates to subscribers • Regular OPY mingles — social events which provide an informal networking and skills share opportunity • Presentations at a number of ward committees • The One Planet York Twitter feed and Facebook page.

- Discussion on the 2 Rivers community radio by the OPY chair

- The annual One Planet York Expo

Several organisations are now using the OPY logo (e.g. University of York's annual OP Week / St Nicks / York Environment Forum / Public Health).

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- A number of Buzz articles
- A display board, encouraging staff engagement
- A stall at the annual One Planet York Expo

We are currently reviewing how we mainstream One Planet Council into the council's operations and an essential part of this will be to make the One Planet Council vision central to the council's narrative. As part of this, the programme has moved into the centralised Corporate Strategy and City Partnerships team.

We are also looking at how to ensure that One Planet Council's social and economic sustainability aims receive the same prominence as its environmental aspirations.

<p>c) That progress towards the One Planet York vision is measured via a new city scorecard and that the One Planet Council objectives are measured via a new council scorecard.</p>	<p>One Planet York</p> <p>A One Planet York ‘city scorecard’ was developed by the OPY leadership group and was used as the basis of telling York’s story at the OPY annual event in June 2017. The city scorecard uses data from the Grant Thornton Index which in turn utilises data we collect/supply. The scorecard will be updated on a yearly basis, as and when Grant Thornton Index is updated.</p> <p>A OPY ‘city scorecard map’ has also been developed, mapping key city agendas and showing linkages and alignments.</p> <p>One Planet Council</p> <p>A One Planet Council scorecard has been developed, and currently focuses on a number of environmental key performance measures. We will be revising this to incorporate measures of social and economic sustainability and cover all ten One Planet Principles. Progress on these measures will be monitored and reported in the One Planet Council annual report.</p>
<p>d) As the city scorecard will be based on the Grant Thornton Vibrant Economy Index, which includes a basket of measures across a range of economic, social and environmental themes,</p>	<p>The Grant Thornton Index is updated every March. We will update the CSMC after this point, and present it at the anniversary of the scrutiny review (July 2018).</p>

<p>this scorecard is formally reported to CSMC on an annual basis to coincide with the Grant Thornton refresh in November each year.</p>	
<p>e) That the One Planet York Task Group is reconvened in 12 months' time 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.</p>	<p>The One Planet narrative will be incorporated into service plans over the coming months. Relevant KPIs will be reported in the One Planet Council annual report. Progress in relation to this will be reported back in time for the review which is due in July 2018.</p> <p>We are also in discussion with the Communities and Equalities team to see how the common outcome frameworks, which are currently being developed, may align with the One Planet principles.</p>
<p>f) City of York Council supports the full integration of the Better Decision Making Tool in the key decision making process.</p>	<p>The 6 month pilot of the Better Decision Making Tool has now ended. We are currently reviewing the tool's efficacy and making changes to it based on officer feedback and the quality of responses provided.</p> <p>During the pilot, the tool was used exclusively with reports going before Executive in the assigned six-month period. Following the review, the tool will be applied at an earlier stage in the decision-making process, in order to maximise the tool's impact. We are also looking to roll it out for a wider range of decisions. How this will be achieved will be set out in an upcoming CMT / Executive Member report.</p>

<p>g) Alongside the full integration of the BDMT, a plan is developed to support officers in the understanding and use of the tool to ensure its effectiveness.</p>	<p>Guidance has been developed and is included within the tool itself. Officers have been provided with support on a per proposal basis.</p>
<p>h) CSMC review progress on embedding and implementing the BDMT in 12 months' time.</p>	<p>See response to f) (due July 2018)</p>
<p>i) A specific heading relating to resilience and sustainability is added to the risks and implications section of CYC report templates.</p>	<p>A "One Planet Council / Equalities" heading is now included in Executive report templates. The same heading will be added to other report templates, when the tool is more widely rolled out.</p>
<p>j) The Council makes the BDMT available to partner organisations aligned to the One Planet York framework and explores whether a simplified version of the BDMT can be developed to assist ward committees when they consider the allocation of devolved budgets.</p>	<p>The Better Decision Making Tool will be made available to partner organisations, in order for them to tailor it to their own organisational processes. We are currently working with the Communities and Equalities Team to explore how the tool may usefully be adapted to assist ward committees when determining the projects they fund.</p>
<p>k) One Planet York notice boards, literature and static presentations are made available for ward committees interested in utilising the framework to further mobilise neighbourhoods / communities to get behind the OPY vision and to stimulate new neighbourhood conversations.</p>	<p>A variety of One Planet resources have been developed and are available for ward committees to utilise. We are currently in discussion with the Communities and Equalities Team and different officer groups across the council, to look at how best to promote the One Planet Framework within communities.</p>

<p>l) An elected member toolkit / resource pack is developed to assist ward committees, and is made available to community and voluntary groups to assist in making informed decisions within the One Planet York framework.</p>	<p>A practical OPY toolkit is currently available for individuals and for businesses and can be found on the OPY web pages. Ward committees will be directed towards this resource.</p>
<p>m) The Council arranges training for ward teams / committees to deliver One Planet York presentations to spread the One Planet message at local level.</p>	<p>We will provide materials and guidance to ward teams / committees, which may then be utilised at ward team and committee meetings. We are also exploring whether there is an interest in training.</p>
<p>n) That CSMC request a report on the Urban Living Pilot Project once this work has been completed.</p>	<p>The Urban Living Pilot is due to end in July 2018, at which point an update will be provided.</p>