
Climate Change Policy and Scrutiny Committee

10 September 2019

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal & Governance

Approach – Ways of Working

Summary

1. This report outlines some methods by which this committee can approach its work and highlights ways of working that have been suggested by the Chair and Vice-Chair for the committee's consideration.

Background

2. The Climate Change Policy and Scrutiny Committee will need to approach its work in a different manner to other committees. Whilst the committee will still challenge and review the work of the Council, it will need to work with partners and officers to discover the information that we do and do not have, before recommending actions to Executive to address identified issues.

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3. Baseline Data and Research – Due to the nature of this committee's remit and objectives, it will be necessary for Council officers and Members to request and research data relating to topics. It will be important for this committee to understand what information the Council already has and what information the committee needs in order to evaluate the current situation and create actions and recommendations.
4. Backcasting – Backcasting is an important strategical tool to help us identify the steps we must take to achieve our goal of a zero carbon York by 2030. Having gathered together the baseline data to establish where the city is now on all issues relating to climate change, the Climate Committee will consider adopting the approach known as backcasting, working backwards from our goal to establish what we must have achieve year by year in order to meet our declared objective. Co-

production will be essential in this particular aspect of the committee's work, as will research. It is important that the committee identify in early meetings, should this particular way of working be agreed, how success will be conceptualised and agreed with partners, Members and officers.

5. Themed Meetings – The Chair, in consultation with the Vice-Chair, Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee and the Head of Democratic Services, have suggested that themed meetings may be beneficial to this committee. This will help to manage the workload of the committee and allow for detailed discussion on topics.
6. Co-Production and Co-opting – As highlighted in the Terms of Reference, it is necessary for this Committee to work with partners and officers to fully understand the topics and issues that will be presented. In doing so, it may be important for this committee to co-opt external organisations or officers into certain themed meetings to add value and aid discussion.
7. Action Plans and Recommendations to Executive – The Terms of Reference also highlight that this committee will need to recommend actions to the Executive as it will not be able to make decisions itself. With this in mind, it is suggested that an action / recommendation log is kept by the Scrutiny Officer to ensure that recommendations are followed up and can be reviewed by the committee on a recurring basis.

Consultation

- 3 Consultation between the Chair and Vice-Chair, Chair of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee and Head of Democratic Services was necessary in the production of this report.

Options

- 4 Members can:
 - a. Agree to the proposed ways of working included in this report; or
 - b. Suggest amendments or additions that will further enhance the committee's approach

Council Plan

- 5 N/A

Implications

- 6 There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ICT or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Risk Management

- 7 In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

- 8 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and decide whether further amendments are needed to the committee's approach.

Reason: To ensure that the committee is approaching this topic with the most appropriate methods and tools at its disposal.

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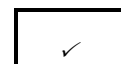
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Wards Affected:

All



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