

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Review Scoping Document

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Review Topic: Environment & Climate Change

Relevant Links/Decisions/Forward Plan Reference (where appropriate)	-
Terms of Reference for the Review	To investigate the effectiveness and sufficiency of the CA's actions to reduce carbon (and equivalent) emissions across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.
Lead O&S Member	Cllr Michael Atkins
Review Type (T&F Group/Full Committee etc.)	Rapporteur
Key Officer(s)	Eileen Milner, Chief Executive Other TBA (as advised)
Combined Authority Portfolio Holder(s)/Executive Committee Chair	Cllr Bridget Smith
Rationale for the Review	The Independent Commission on Climate Change recently issued its final report to the CA, with a total of 60 recommendations for the CA to mitigate environmental damage and encourage environmental gains. It will form a substantial body of work for the CA, and is also an identified priority of the Mayor, and is therefore worthy of scrutiny.
Timescales and Milestones	October 2021: Final Report of ICC; action plan for first 31 recommendations agreed by CA Board January 2022: Expected action plan for all recommendations to CA Board. An initial term of 18 months (so to March 2023) would enable scrutiny of the agreed and proposed action plan, and to track progress particularly into the next municipal year when budget spending is due to kick in.

Scope of the Review (reference what is inside and outside the scope of the review)	The scope is potentially very wide ranging. I would suggest that a particular focus on the CA's Climate Action Plan would be appropriate, whilst maintaining a roving brief on other activity that the Council engages in where this might have a significant environmental impact.
<p>Lines of Enquiry:</p> <p>What primary/new evidence is needed for the scrutiny review? (Identify what information is required to take the review forward, and what information is not already available)</p> <p>What secondary/existing information will be needed? (Identify background information, performance indicators, complaints, existing reports, legislation, central government information and reports etc.)</p>	<p>Final action plan to all recommendations CA budget for 2022-23 and future years</p> <p>Full ICCC report and further publications, there may also be working papers that would be useful Environment Bill (2021)</p>
What briefings and site visits will be relevant for the review?	Will depend on final action plan. Site visits may be required if the CA identifies sites for particular investment, otherwise remote meetings will be sufficient.
Which witnesses should be invited to provide evidence for the review?	<p>Officers and lead member identified above.</p> <p>Representatives of ICCC.</p> <p>Lead environment members from constituent Councils.</p> <p>Environment leads from other Mayoral authorities.</p>
<p>Implications of reviewing this topic. Have the following been taken into consideration in the planning for this review?</p> <p>Legal implications</p> <p>Financial implications</p> <p>Equality and Diversity</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
What resources are required for the review?	Access to information from officers.
<p>Indicators of success:</p> <p>What overview and scrutiny role are the committee performing in this case?</p>	This is a substantial new body of work for the CA with significant budgets attached. The CA board would benefit from scrutiny of this work to ensure that the CA is 'on track' to meet recommendations, and that good value for money is achieved.

<p>What factors would tell you what a good review should look like in this case?</p>	<p>Actionable recommendations. Clear steer on progress achieved and likely to be achieved.</p>
<p>What are the potential outcomes of the review e.g., service improvements, policy review/change, etc?</p>	<p>Reports to O&S Committee and subsequently CA Board, likely in early 2022 and November 2022, which may lead to policy changes and/or budget re-allocations.</p>
<p>What value is being added by undertaking the review?</p>	<p>The assurance provided by this review will have significant value to the Combined Authority as it initiates and develops this work and will help achieve value for money.</p>