

9.16 THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Composition

9.16.1 Membership

The Climate Change Committee is composed of 12 Members.
The Climate Change Committee is subject to the rules of political balance in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

9.16.2 Term of Office

It is important that members of the Committee are able to build up expertise and so there should be continuity of membership for a whole council term in so far as is possible.

9.16.3 Quorum

A meeting of the Climate Change Committee shall only be quorate when at least one third of the committee's members are attending the meeting.

9.16.4 Chairing the Committee

9.16.4.1 The Full Council will appoint the Chair of the Climate Change Committee at the Annual Meeting. The Climate Change Committee will elect its own vice chair.

9.16.4.2 The Chair and Vice Chair will serve from the first meeting after the Annual Meeting of Council (or the first meeting at which they were elected if later) until the end of the municipal year or until the member ceases to be a member of the committee or ceases to be a councillor (for whatever reason).

9.16.5 Role and Function

The primary objectives of the Climate Change Committee are to:

9.16.5.1 assist and advise the Council on how to become a net zero carbon emitter by December 2030 by overseeing the delivery of the Climate Change strategy and action plan;

9.16.5.2 consult with, and raise awareness amongst, the public, business and suppliers on steps that can be taken to reduce carbon emissions;

9.16.5.3 work to achieve collective cross-portfolio responsibility on climate change, including advising and assisting other committees across the Council;

9.16.5.4 To consider the economic, environmental and social challenges/risks arising from climate change for businesses, residents, suppliers and the Council;

It will have the following roles and functions to help the Council achieve those objectives:

9.16.5.5 To gather information on and model annual Council greenhouse gas emissions;

~~9.16.5.4 To consider the economic, environmental and social challenges/risks arising from climate change for businesses, residents, suppliers and the Council;~~

9.16.5.6 Reviewing, leading on and commenting on the Council Plan's Green Theme priorities and complementary priorities within other themes of the Council Plan;

9.16.5.7 To continue to develop, for approval by the Cabinet, the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan with the aim of reducing the Council's net greenhouse gas emissions, the implementation of which it will continue to oversee;

9.16.5.8 To promote and support the use of renewable energy opportunities across the Council's estate and wider communities;

9.16.5.9 To support and promote Welsh Government's strategy to create a sustainable, circular economy in Flintshire;

9.16.5.10 To encourage local businesses in their efforts to reduce their carbon footprint and become more resource efficient.

9.16.5.11 To advise the Cabinet on:

9.16.5.12 steps it can take to limit the impact of the Council's services on the natural environment and supporting the wider communities of Flintshire to reduce their own carbon footprint;

9.16.5.13 the use, good management and protection of the Council's green spaces to deliver multiple benefits to the environment and its residents and visitors;

9.16.5.14 how to reduce the environmental impact of the Council's fleet by maximising the use of sustainable forms of transport;

9.16.5.15 how to ensure that the Council's retained housing stock meets the Welsh Housing Quality Standard developing plans for the de-carbonisation of council homes;

9.16.5.16 how to ensure that the Council's non-residential buildings and land supports and contributes to the Council's net zero carbon agenda and supports the aims and objectives within the Council's Climate Change Strategy

9.16.5.17 To review and make recommendations on procurement policy and practice to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from our suppliers;

9.16.5.18 To recommend to Council a policy for sustainable and long term energy usage in its capital projects;

9.16.5.19 To advise any other Committee on matters within the remit which might affect achievement of the aims within the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

9.16.6 Scope and Resources

9.16.6.1 The Climate Change Committee cannot make decisions which affect the Council's Budget or Policy Framework, but it may make recommendations to Cabinet for investment as part of the cycle for preparing the Medium Term Financial Strategy and/or Capital Programme

9.16.7 Work Programme

9.16.7.1 The Committee will prepare a forward work programme which will be reviewed and approved at each Committee meeting.

9.16.8 Rules of Procedure and Debate

9.16.8.1 The Council Procedure Rules at Section 4.10 of the Model Welsh Constitution will apply to the meetings of the Climate Change Committee Members.