

PART A - Initial Impact Assessment

Proposal Name: Committee Climate Statements

EIA ID: 2455

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Proposal Outline: Public facing composite of Committee Climate Statements to: 1. Respond to the Annual Climate Progress Report 2022/23 in a timely manner. 2. Restate the cross-party council commitment to taking what action we can to address the climate emergency, adapt our city and council for a changing climate and reduce emissions to achieve our ambition to be a net zero city and council by 2030. 3. Increase understanding of the impact climate change will have on committees, the opportunities that tackling climate change offers, and the contribution to climate and net zero action each committee is currently making and needs to make moving forward.

Proposal Type: Non-Budget

Year Of Proposal: 22/23

Lead Director for proposal: William Stewart

Service Area: Sustainability and Climate Change

EIA Start Date: 11/20/2023

Lead Equality Objective: Break the cycle and improve life chances

Equality Lead Officer:

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Decision Type

Committees:

Policy Committees

- Housing
- Adult Health & Social Care
- Communities, Parks & Leisure
- Economic Development & Skills
- Education, Children & Families
- Strategy & Resources
- Transport, Regeneration & Climate
- Waste & Street Scene

Portfolio

Primary Portfolio:

City Futures

EIA is cross portfolio:

Yes

All

EIA is joint with another organisation:

No

Overview of Impact

Overview Summary:

It is widely recognised that climate change will have a more negative effect on people with protected characteristics, particularly those with climate-sensitive health risks such as older people or those living with a disability or long-term health condition, and particularly for those already in poor health, as well as residents in poverty or at risk of poverty, especially older and disabled people, unpaid carers, and people from minoritised communities. Young people are also acutely impacted, both due to climate anxiety now, and by being more impacted by climate change throughout their lifetimes. We need to mitigate and adapt to the following risks for residents caused by climate change impacts such as heatwaves and flooding, poor air quality, food and water shortages and changes in ecology: - Rising costs, such as for energy, food and water will exacerbate existing poverty and push more citizens below the poverty line further increasing

inequalities in the City. Disabled and older residents, and residents from a minority community are disproportionately at risk. - Rising costs for energy, food and water also affect the ability of providers of care services and voluntary sector to meet these costs. This in turn risks destabilising our market and reducing the options for support for vulnerable residents. - Increased reliance on adult health and social care services, facilities and providers will lead to an increase in operational cost and the necessary resources to meet demand, which again would reduce the options for support for vulnerable residents. - Increase in frequency and severity of extreme weather events, as well as increased power outages from reduced energy security, will cause delays in response, disruption and reduced access to care and services which would impact care and support for vulnerable residents. The transition to a net zero society is happening independently of any decision of Sheffield City Council, but the local authority has an ambition to reach net zero by 2030, well ahead of the national target, and this creates additional challenges. The Council has a key role to play in ensuring that the transition happens in a way which ensures both climate justice and social justice. The statements also draw attention to the socioeconomic, health and wellbeing and other benefits to taking action on climate change, increase understanding that failing to act to address climate change will likely result in wider and greater inequality, and that activity taken to address climate change can also address social justice to deliver strong co-benefits. We are committed to ensuring that our action on the climate emergency is grounded in our values of promoting equality, diversity and inclusion for all. A full Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken alongside the creation of the 10 Point Plan for Climate Action in 2022, as well as initial assessment for the Our Council and The Way We Travel routemaps. An initial assessment has been undertaken on the Committee Climate Statements. As decisions are made on specific decisions, full Equality Impact Assessments will be prepared where appropriate for individual decision and actions and is not required on the statements.

Impacted characteristics:

- Cohesion
- Disability
- Health
- Poverty & Financial Inclusion
- Pregnancy/Maternity

Sex
Carers
Other
Age
Impacted local area(s): All

Consultation and other engagement

Cumulative Impact

Does the proposal have a cumulative impact: Yes

Impact areas: Year on Year, Geographical Area, Across a Community of Identity/Interest

Initial Sign-Off

Full impact assessment required: No

Review Date: 11/20/2023

Action Plan & Supporting Evidence

Outline of action plan:

Action plan evidence:

Changes made as a result of action plan:

Mitigation

Significant risk after mitigation measures:

Outline of impact and risks:

Review Date

Review Date:

11/20/2023

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