



Report to Policy Committee

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Subject: **TRC Policy Committee - 2024/25 The Year Ahead**

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Purpose of Report:

In 2023/24, the Council made significant progress, working with communities and partners to agree long-term City Goals for Sheffield and a four-year Council Plan aligned to our Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

This work is being further developed with the Growth Framework (agreed March 2024) and Growth Plan (due autumn 2024) being led by City Futures.

This paper outlines a forward agenda for the Transport, Regeneration & Climate Policy committee in 2024/25 year, setting out the key steps we need to take to build on the progress made last year to deliver our responsibilities under the Council Plan and retain delivery of quality statutory services.

Recommendations:

That Transport, Regeneration & Climate (TRC) Policy Committee:

1. Note the progress made in 2023/24, recognising the work of Members, officers and partners to establish strong strategic foundations for the organisation and the TRC committee's role in delivering these.
2. Consider the key issues identified in section 3 of the report as part of our forward agenda for 2024/25.
3. Agree to work in collaboration with other Policy Committees to ensure the opportunities and issues identified as Council Plan priorities are taken forward in 2024/25.

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed.	Finance: Jonny McQuillin, Finance Business Partner
		Legal: Nadine Wynter, Legal Service Manager
		Equalities & Consultation: Ed Sexton, Senior Equalities and Engagement Officer
		Climate: William Stewart, Director of Investment, Climate Change & Planning
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>		
2	SLB member who approved submission:	Kate Martin, Executive Director City Futures
3	Committee Chair consulted:	Cllr. Ben Miskell, Chair of Transport, Regeneration & Climate Policy Committee
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Committee by the SLB member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
	Lead Officer Name: William Stewart	Job Title: Director of Investment, Climate Change & Planning
	Date: 24 July 2024	

Together we get things done

TRC Policy committee forward agenda for 2024/25

1. **Forward agenda for 2024/25**
- 1.1 This paper sets out a forward agenda for the TRC Policy Committee for the 2024/25 municipal year. We made significant progress as an organisation and as a city in the last 12 months, creating positive and collaborative foundations with partners and communities upon which to build a successful, prosperous future for Sheffield. This outlines how TRC's work will contribute in 2024/25.
- 1.2 The local elections have resulted in no one party having overall control. As such, working through our Committee System, a cross-party administration of the Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green groups has been formed to lead the work of the TRC Policy Committee
- 1.3 With the City Goals and Council Plan now firmly in place, we have clear strategic direction for the medium-to-long term. Developing the City Goals with communities and partners and agreeing a Council Plan that was unanimously endorsed on a cross-party basis demonstrates the collective sense of shared purpose and commitment to ensure that our amazing city can achieve its potential.
- 1.4 However, we have significant steps to take if we are to deliver our Council Plan strategic outcomes for the city and contribute to the city achieving its Goals.
- 1.5 This paper sets out some of the key issues that the Committee will need to consider over the coming year and beyond. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all the issues facing the Committee or all the things that will need to be done over the coming years, but it provides a high-level overview of progress we need to make to deliver for the city within TRC remit.

2. Progress in 2023/24

A city on the up: we have created the strategic foundations for long-term prosperity and success

2.1






We now have a long-term vision for Sheffield. Working alongside communities in Sheffield and partner organisations, we have agreed a shared set of City Goals. The Goals are designed to reflect the shared hopes and ambitions people have for Sheffield, articulating a set of a set of ambitions that we can all stand so that we know and can describe the sort of city we want to be over the coming decades. The City Goals provide a long-term shared direction for the city so that partners and communities can work together with purpose to unlock opportunities, leverage funding, make the most of our shared expertise and resources and build a more collaborative approach to decision making.

2.2 Within the remit of the TRC specifically, new key strategies which will guide our work include the Transport Vision; our Growth Framework; our draft Housing Growth Delivery Plan.

New climate routemaps published in 2023 help set a path, and the climate statements adopted by each policy committee further embed the importance of climate being at the heart of decision making.

2.3 With the Council Plan as our strategic guide, we demonstrated how we are focused on delivering better outcomes for the city:

 <p>People</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2023/4 provided one off additional funding for local accessibility improvements which Local Area Committees were able to directly influence to ensure local priorities were heard
 <p>Prosperity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published our new Transport Vision to transform travel across the city • Agreed a new draft Local Plan for Sheffield, setting out our plan for how we will grow with 35,000 new homes and 43,000 new jobs by 2039, while protecting our natural environment.
 <p>Planet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the air that we breathe through the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) which has led to a two-thirds reduction of non-compliant vehicle traffic in its first year of operation • Continued to develop our decarbonisation route maps to deliver our net zero 2030 commitment • Launched four electric Sheffield Connect buses to help people get around the city centre • Completed the first phase of the Upper Don Valley Flood Alleviation scheme to protect homes and businesses from flooding.

3. Forward agenda for 2024/25 – embedding and delivering our Council Plan priorities – Transport Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee remit and enabling function

3.1 The section below sets out some of the key issues that the Committee will focus on in the year ahead and provides the context of how we will work across other areas to support delivery. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list and the committee workplan will be actively reviewed throughout the year to ensure activity is aligned to Council Plan outcomes.

3.2 TRC Policy Committee has a unique role in our committee system, ensuring place-based regeneration is a driver to improving the lives of residents and prosperity of businesses. Where decision making rests with other committees, we seek to actively bring our expertise to their projects and decisions to aid their success. The breadth of our remit covers:

- Regeneration and Development, including
 - o Heart of the City 2
 - o City Centre and Central Area major developments
 - o Development and Regeneration Partnerships

- o Housing Growth
- o Strategic Development
- Investment, Climate Change and Sustainable City
- Planning policy
- Flood protection
- Building Standards and Public Safety
- Strategic Transport Sustainability and Infrastructure (now City Transport)

3.3 Alongside noting how we will deliver Council Plan priorities, we must also maintain awareness of statutory responsibilities and challenges which form part our operating context.

In 2024/2025, these include:

- Uplift of planning fees in line with legislation and associated risks / opportunities
- Delivery of responsibilities related to the Environment Act 2021, including Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) working with Parks & Countryside colleagues and committee, and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy with SYMCA
- Potentially becoming the sustainable drainage (SuDs) advisory board (SAB) for mandatory SuDs being integrated into new planning developments as part of Schedule 3 legislation
- The financial pressure of the Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) Levy sitting within TRC's budget
- Ensuring the TRC committee is aligned into decision making with South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority where appropriate e.g. transport schemes

The key area where TRC Policy committee will lead on decision making is ‘A city on the move – growing, connected and sustainable’. However, in the spirit of Together We Get Things Done, we have also sought to highlight areas of work across all committees where the services which fall under TRC’s remit will be vital to delivery. This identifies the importance of cross-committee working and also raises associated resource needs attached to council wide delivery of priorities.

Transport Regeneration and Climate Policy Remit

A city on the move – growing, connected and sustainable

	Activity / Area of Focus	Lead Policy Committee	Timescale
1.	<p>Delivering on city sustainability goals The Energy Generation and Storage Decarbonisation Routemap was agreed in March 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewable Energy Scoping Study and begin delivery on council-owned buildings Advanced Zoning Pilot (Heat Networks) Outline Business Case and progression of heat network expansion, potentially including a public-private partnership with an energy company Net Zero Routemaps including: Our Land; What We Eat, Consume & Throw Away; Business; Housing Local Area Energy Plan (by end of 2025) Revised Flood Risk Action Plan (by end of 2025) Clean Air Strategy Creating an investment pipeline and associated funding/finance plan to dramatically upscale green finance to support rapid decarbonisation 	TRC	March 2025
2.	<p>Local Plan – continuing to support the draft Plan through inspectorate phase. Stage 1 hearings have taken place over the last week of June and first week of July 24 and will continue through to October 2024.</p>	S&R TRC	Final version expected early 2025.

	Activity / Area of Focus	Lead Policy Committee	Timescale
3.	<p>Delivering our Transport Vision – leading the delivery of our Transport Vision which will include developing the City Centre Access and Movement Strategy, Parking Delivery Plan and new active travel infrastructure.</p> <p>We will also work closely with SYMCA to develop our strategic infrastructure ambitions, including Tram Vision (summer 2024), Rail Strategy and Bus Service Improvement Plan, Bus Franchising Assessment, Key Routes.</p>	TRC	2024/25

A creative and prosperous city full of culture, learning, and innovation

	Activity / Area of Focus	Lead Policy Committee	Timescale
1.	<p>Continue to lead the transformation of our city centre and economic prosperity – including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completing Heart of the City 2 and West Bar Phase 1 developments; • developing ambitious business cases for our catalyst sites (eg. Moorfoot, Furnace Hill & Neepsend); • transforming the historic Castlegate area of the city; • agreeing a strategic outline business case for the Station Quarter; • continuing the development of the Innovation Spine; • Working with SYMCA and partners on our Investment Zone to leverage £1.2bn of investment and support 8,000 jobs by 2030; • International Strategy – articulating our strategic international relations ambitions. 	<p>S&R</p> <p>TRC</p> <p>EDS</p>	2024/25

Making it happen – how we deliver for Sheffield

	Activity / Area of Focus	Lead Policy Committee	Timescale
1.	Developing a balanced, priority-based budget – continue our rigorous approach to managing the Council’s budget. We are likely to face significant budget pressure in 2025/26 which will bring challenging decisions. To maximise the use of our resources, we will develop a priority-based approach to our budget in 2025/26, firmly aligning our resources to the outcomes in the Council Plan. The transformation programme (Future Sheffield) will directly contribute to delivery of planned savings in line with priorities.	Finance (All Policy Committees)	Work underway ready for 2025/26 budget

City leadership

	Activity / Area of Focus	Lead Policy Committee	Timescale
1.	Delivering the Equality Action Plan – delivering against our new Equality Framework, including supporting the development of the Race Equality Partnership for Sheffield and the actions agreed in our Race Equality Commission response. The TRC Policy Committee’s remit would be expected to contribute to increasing equality of opportunity in some fundamental areas – for example, travel initiatives that support accessibility, health and wellbeing and public safety, or which are age-relevant.	All	2024/25
2.	Strategic positioning for Sheffield – ensuring Sheffield has a strong, positive voice and influence in the Government post-General Election, making ambitious policy propositions which support the achievement of our city’s priorities.	S&R / All	2024/25

	We will play a leading role in our key strategic networks including – Core Cities; collaboration with South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and playing role of core city in South Yorkshire; demonstrating our ambitions to new Government		
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Together We Get Things Done: Transport Regeneration and Climate Policy enabling role

Where decision making sits outside of the TRC committee, the cross-cutting nature of our strategic and place-based work will contribute to priorities across the council plan. We are committed to working together with our colleagues in all parts of the council to achieve these outcomes. Some examples of this work include:

- ensuring all new homes are compliant with the Building Regulations. The Regulations help ensure that new homes and renovations are safe, healthy, accessible and high performing.
- We will also help co-create a housing decarbonization routemap to ensure new housing developments contribute to reaching our Net Zero target.
- Contributing Planning expertise in identifying and assessing suitable sites, and allocating housing sites in the Local Plan
- Transport expertise in modelling these including active travel provision
- sustainability expertise in design or leveraging funding
- ensuring all new housing is safe and resilient to flooding for the duration of the development
- developing a Net Zero neighbourhood at Gleadless Valley
- contributing planning, property and regeneration expertise to the delivery of the Housing Growth Delivery Plan
- Officers and members will work together to develop active travel schemes to the benefit of neighbourhoods
- Use the Clean Air Fund to support place-based interventions
- Protect homes and businesses from flooding

4. How does this decision contribute?

4.1 This paper sets out some of the key issues that the TRC Committee will focus on in the year ahead. Aligned to our Council Plan outcomes, it is not an intended to be an exhaustive list but sets out the most immediate issues and seeks to reflect the scale and significance of the work we will undertake over the coming 12 months.

5. Has there been any consultation?

5.1 The forward agenda is framed by the City Goals and our Council Plan which were both informed and shaped by the views of the people of Sheffield and our partners. In addition, work on the Growth Framework and Growth Plan continues to help us hear from stakeholders across the city and we look to embed new ways of working such as the partnership boards being adopted for major regeneration schemes such as Castlegate and Parkwood Springs.

5.2 As emphasised in our Council Plan, putting people at the heart of what we do is one the Council's three policy drivers and developing our approach to community engagement within TRC and our focus on customers will be considered within each project as part of our work programme for the year ahead.

6. Risk analysis and implications of the decision

6.1 Equality Implications

6.1.1 The Council has legal requirements under the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty. This requires that public authorities must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- (1) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is connected to protected characteristics and prohibited by or under this Act;
- (2) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not;
- (3) foster good relations between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not.

6.1.2 In addition to the examples of equality impact notes above, TRC priorities to improve air quality are strongly consistent the Council's duties to reduce inequality.

Each of the schemes / projects / policies brought forward will include an Equality Impact Assessment to inform TRC Policy Committee's decision making.

6.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

6.2.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. There will be financial implications associated with some of the actions which will be considered at the appropriate time as they progress.

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Legal implications for the delivery of the matters outlined in this report will be addressed at the appropriate time as they progress.

6.4 Climate Implications

6.4.1 Climate implications will be considered specifically for each scheme / project / policy brought forward via this Committee. TRC Policy Committee will also play a pivotal role in advancing the council's response to the climate emergency as the committee with lead responsibility in this area.

7. **Alternative options considered**

7.1 **Not set out a forward agenda for 2024/25** – this was rejected because having agreed a new Council Plan, we need to set out for citizens the things we want to achieve in 2024/25

8. **Reasons for recommendations**

8.1 The recommendations will enable TRC Policy Committee to continue to have positive impact and benefit in delivering on the themes of people, prosperity and planet. It will enable us to effectively prioritise resource in the delivery of our Council Plan by agreeing the key issues that we need to address in the 2024/25 year.

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