



Report to Policy Committee

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Report of: *Wil Stewart*

Report to: *Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee*

Date of Decision: *Monday 11th December 2023*

Subject: *Annual Climate Progress Report 2022/3*

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Purpose of Report:

This first annual report will provide an update on progress and activity during 2022/23 to inform the Committee and public of the current situation. It aims to increase transparency and to stimulate further action.

Recommendations:

The Committee is recommended to consider and make comments on the content of the report.

Background Papers:

(Insert details of any background papers used in the compilation of the report.)

[10 Point Plan on Climate Action](#)

[Our Council and The Way We Travel Decarbonisation Routemap](#)

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: <i>Adrian Hart</i>
		Legal: <i>Louise Bate</i>
		Equalities & Consultation: <i>Ed Sexton</i>
		Climate: <i>Victoria Penman</i>
	<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:	<i>Kate Martin</i>
3	Committee Chair consulted:	<i>Cllr Ben Miskell</i>
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: <i>Victoria Penman</i>	Job Title: <i>Sustainability Programme Officer</i>
	Date: 29th November 2023	

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of Sheffield's first Annual Climate Change Report for 2022/3 which is based on the latest emissions data released by the UK Government's Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) and energy use data collated by Sheffield City Council.
- 1.2 We believe that it is important that we are transparent about the progress that we are making as a city and a local authority towards our climate change targets. In addition, the local authority is a member of the UK100 group of local authorities ambitious to make progress on tackling the climate emergency. One of the requirements of membership is annual reporting on progress.
- 1.3 This first annual report enables Sheffield to track its progress against its zero carbon date of 2030 and carbon budget. The report shows that the city has achieved a total 12% reduction in emissions since the 2017 baseline. Emissions increased by 4% in 2021 from 2020 (the most recent data from DESNZ), but are still 9% lower than 2019. Data from both 2020 and 2021 has been substantially driven by reduced activity during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns.
- 1.4 The report shows that the council itself has achieved a total 3% reduction in emissions since the organisation's 2019 baseline, and 1% in 2022 (the most recent data available).
- 1.5 It is clear from the report that to achieve our 2030 target, and to stay within the city's carbon budget, urgent action is needed at a scale not seen before. Sheffield is not unusual amongst local authorities in the position in which we find ourselves, and we are working closely with other leading local authorities to both seek to influence government to make the policy changes needed to escalate our activity, and to explore options for seeking investment.
- 1.6 Finally, the report provides a high-level summary of activity that has been carried out by the council (often in partnership with other local, regional and national organisations) in support of the 10 Point Plan for Climate Action and the thematic areas. Activity is reported across all the seven thematic areas, with particularly high levels of funding being drawn into the city and activity taking place in relation to transport and housing.
- 1.7 The report also draws attention to the socioeconomic, health and wellbeing and other benefits to taking action on climate change. The vast majority of the action that is required to tackle climate change will have benefits beyond reducing carbon emissions, and we are proud that our first net zero in operation homes, currently being built, are part of a scheme for homes for people who have experienced homelessness.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

- 2.1 This report is for information only, but will support action within the local authority and city to make progress towards net zero and to adapt to climate change.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 3.1 This report is for information only. No consultation is required.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality Implications

- 4.1.1 A just transition is vitally important as we work towards net zero and to adapt to climate change. This year's report indicates where activity helps to make progress towards achieving social justice.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

- 4.2.1 There are no financial and commercial implications arising directly from this report, however there are financial implications of net zero by 2030 and climate change.

Any proposals that have financial implications for the Council will be brought to a future committee.

4.3 Legal Implications

- 4.3.1 The Climate Change Act 2008 is the basis for the UK's approach to tackling and responding to climate change. It requires that emissions of carbon dioxide and other listed greenhouse gases are reduced and that climate change risks are adapted to. The Act commits the Government to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 100% of 1990 levels by 2050.

Sheffield's 10 Point Plan on Climate Action sets out the approach the Council will take to support the City's transition to net zero, which will support the Government to achieve the national target.

This report provides an update on progress, and as such there are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

4.4 Climate Implications

- 4.4.1 The report outlines the progress being made and the intention is to stimulate further action to work towards net zero and to adapt to climate change.

4.5 Other Implications

4.5.1 There are no other implications.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Not providing an annual report, or providing a much shorter report, was considered due to the resource required to provide a report with the detail included here.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It was felt that it was important both to be open and transparent, to outline the extent of progress and activity which is underway and the challenges which the local authority faces in making progress.

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