

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT CITY COUNCIL – 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

UPDATE ON BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

ROUTE TO ZERO INTERIM REPORT

RESOLVED:-

1. Council welcomes the progress made since declaring a climate emergency and notes the Council's ambition to achieve a net zero carbon outcome as soon as possible for both its own operations and the City.
2. Approves that the target date for achieving net-zero carbon is set at 2030 for the city council's own operations, with further work to be done on housing and procured goods and services to understand the costs and consequences in these areas.
3. Notes the challenge of achieving the 2030 net zero carbon date for the City as a whole but commits the Council to working with partners and neighbouring local authorities to become the first City Region to become Carbon neutral. The Council's ambition remains to achieve a net zero carbon outcome as soon as possible and a revised date will not be set until these discussions have taken place.
4. Approves that an advisory group to Cabinet is established to oversee the City Council's own progress on achieving net zero carbon.
5. Approves that the City Council endorse the Recommendations for reducing the City Council's own emissions as set out in Table 2 of this report.
6. Notes the content of the Anthesis report and commits the City Council to work with partners to pursue the recommendations where practical and feasible, developing appropriate Action Plans for future Cabinet approval.
7. However, this cannot be achieved without significant additional resources, powers, and flexibilities from Government.
8. The impending Local Recovery and English Devolution White Paper and Comprehensive Spending Review provide the opportunity for Government to get serious on Climate and facilitate action across all spheres of government.

9. With our neighbouring authorities and partners, we need to reach a collective understanding and make a shared commitment to working together to become the first City Region to reach net zero carbon.
10. Working from the bottom up with Birmingham's residents and businesses, the council will need to develop, and deliver in partnership, solutions that are just and relevant to people's and businesses' lived experiences.
11. Council welcomes the Executive's commitment for achieving carbon neutral for the Council's operations by 2030 whilst carrying out further work in the coming weeks to determine the contribution the housing and procured goods and services can and must make.
12. The Council therefore commits to:
 - i. Draw upon the recommendations set out within the Anthesis Report and work through the implications for all our key areas of operation, building upon the recommendations for reducing the City Council's own emissions.
 - ii. Facilitate the production of a fully costed action plan to be considered by Council in December 2020 which includes a comprehensive list of resources required from regional and national government to deliver the actions;
 - iii. Bring forward a plan and process for facilitating community and business participation in the determining of policy and priority for work in this area;
 - iv. Join with communities across the city in calling upon the Government to act now and provide the upfront investment and resources required to drive a just transition.
 - v. Require the Executive to introduce as soon as is practically possible a binding policy that all future decision reports shall incorporate a consideration of the impact of that decision on the Council's carbon reduction goals.
13. Notes that an annual report will be taken to Full Council to update on progress on reducing carbon emissions.

HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT INQUIRY

RESOLVED:-

That the Executive provide an assessment of progress against the outcomes set out above, and the key areas listed in Section 7 in this report, to the Education & Children's Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee in March 2021.

That the Chief Executive at Birmingham City Council:

- a.) Take steps to ensure that immediate changes will be made to the most pressing issues within the Travel Assist service, including [but not limited

to] safeguarding of children, cancelled routes, guide changes, bus lateness, and telephone lines going unanswered;

- b.) Commission an external and independent inquiry into the Full Travel Assist Service that fully addresses the concerns laid out by Parents, Carers, Schools and other users of the service as listed in section 7 and listed in paragraph number a.) above, by providing clear recommendations, lines of accountability together with an open and transparent timetable for sustainable improvement;
- c.) Commission an external and independent investigation into the assurances that have been given to Members about the safety of the service and the status of improvements at meetings of Overview and Scrutiny, City Council and Audit Committee since January 2020

The investigations referred to in paragraphs b.) & c.) will report by 1 November 2020.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL 201920

RESOLVED:-

The Recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel on page 4 of its Annual Report be accepted and implemented with effect from 19 May 2020."