

## **CARBON AND WASTE REDUCTION PANEL**

**28 June 2018**

**Commenced:** 10.00 am

**Terminated:** 11.50 am

**Present:** Councillors Fowler (Chair), Buglass, Cooper, Mills, Pearce, Taylor and Whitehead

**In Attendance:**

Alan Jackson	Head of Highways and Transport
Alison Lloyd-Walsh	Head of Environmental Development
Alan Jackson	Head of Highways and Transport
Garry Parker	Head of Waste Management
Danielle Bamford	Project Support Officer
Christina Morton	Environmental Development Officer

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Peet and Patrick

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel held on 15 March 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### **3. AIMS OF THE PANEL AND FUTURE PLANS**

The Head of Environmental Development provided a brief overview of the aims and objectives of the Panel for the benefit of the new Members.

The Panel had been in place for 7 years and was responsible for overseeing a wide range of activity connected to the low carbon and sustainability agendas. The Panel could make recommendations to the relevant Executive Member and the minutes were sent to Executive Cabinet.

Tameside, as a borough, worked very closely with the central Greater Manchester Combined Authority team and other districts and the local objectives were directed by the Greater Manchester Climate Change and Low Emission Strategy and Implementation Plan.

During its lifetime the Panel had considered a variety of projects ranging from bin swap through to district heat networks and had supported very successful initiatives focussed on domestic retrofit and supplier switching.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the information provided be noted.**

#### **4. LOCAL GREEN SUMMIT**

The Head of Environmental Development provided an update on the Local Green Summit.

She began by outlining the global action that had been taken to tackle climate change, including:-

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (1992)
- The Kyoto Protocol (2009-2012 and 2013-2020)
- Paris Agreement (2016-2020)

This had led to the UK adopting the Climate Change Act (2008), a 25 Year Environment Plan and Clean Growth Strategy. At a local level, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority had introduced a Climate Change and Low Emissions Strategy (2016-2020) which aimed to cut carbon emissions by 48% by 2020, grow a low carbon economy, embed low carbon behaviours and achieve air quality standards. The priority areas of the strategy were highlighted and included buildings, energy, transport, climate resilience, natural capital, sustainable consumption and production and sector and skills.

The Environmental Development Officer gave an update on the Greater Manchester Green Summit, which was held on 21 March 2018 at Manchester Central Convention Centre. The Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, had announced plans to make the city region one of the greenest in Europe and the Green Summit was used to discuss how to accelerate the ambition and bring forward the date for Greater Manchester to achieve carbon neutrality to 2038. A further Greater Manchester Green Summit was planned for March 2019.

Tameside had hosted a Green Summit Listening Event on 22 February 2018 for residents in order to obtain local views. A springboard report would now be produced, which set out the aspirations and process for delivering a more sustainable and carbon neutral city region. Officer meetings had been held and an information gathering exercise was underway to map current sustainability projects and generate ideas for improvements. Members of the Panel were asked to provide their views.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the information provided be noted.**

#### **5. REFILL SCHEME**

The Head of Operations and Neighbourhoods (Waste Management) gave a presentation on the Refill Scheme, which aimed to reduce single-use plastic bottle pollution and promote healthy lifestyles by improving access to free drinking water in towns and cities across the UK.

The scheme worked by promoting free tap water refill points in cafes, shops, businesses and transport hubs by displaying a sticker and posters. It utilised a map showing the refill points, which was updated and monitored by participants of the scheme, and an app was currently under development, which would incentivise, promote and reward users of the scheme. The scheme would also support the local economy by increasing footfall in town centres.

The next step was to encourage businesses to sign-up to the scheme and to market the scheme through the press and social media.

Members suggested that officers approach Active Tameside and it would be beneficial to pilot the scheme in a town before rolling it out across the borough. A discussion ensued around a motion to be submitted to full Council on single use plastics.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the content of the presentation be noted.**

## 6. WALKING / CYCLING UPDATE

The Head of Highways and Transport provided an update on walking and cycling initiatives.

The Panel were informed that in March 2018 approval was granted for the Transforming Cities Fund, also known as the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund, with £160 million to be allocated to walking and cycling infrastructure over a four year period across Greater Manchester.

Tameside had bid for nine schemes, including a bid to enhance Public Realm works in Ashton and Stalybridge, and additional funding had been requested for 'Bikeability' training for primary school pupils. The nine schemes were listed and included Ashton, Audenshaw, Denton, Droylsden, Hattersley and Stalybridge and were focused on something a 12 year old would choose to use. They included provision of dedicated or upgraded cycle crossings and providing cycle lanes that were separated from the main carriageway. The schemes would benefit pedestrians as well as cyclists.

Updates were also given on Tameside Network Planning Session and the Tameside Asset Management Plan – Improvement Programme. In relation to Tameside Network Planning Session, meetings had been held with officers from partner organisations with a focus on identifying physical barriers to cycling and mapping routes / crossing points.

With regards to the Tameside Asset Management Plan – Improvement Programme, the Panel were told that a budget of £20 million had been secured to make improvements to roads and footways between 2017 and 2021, which equated to approximately 500 schemes. Each scheme was assessed for the potential of adding or improving existing cycle facilities. To date, additional cycle facilities had been installed at King Street, Dukinfield, Stockport Road, Denton and Roe Cross Road, Mottram.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the information provided be noted.**

## 7. WASTE UPDATE

The Head of Operations and Neighbourhoods (Waste Management) provided an update on waste services.

The Panel were provided with waste statistics for May 2018, as follows:-

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| • Co-mingled Waste      | = | 1090 tonnes |
| • Paper and Card        | = | 666 tonnes  |
| • Food and Garden Waste | = | 2601 tonnes |
| • Household Waste       | = | 2620 tonnes |

This equated to a recycling rate of 62.4%. The Panel were informed that there were seasonal fluctuations therefore the team were anticipating an annual recycling rate of 58%, which was above the national target of 50%. 10.8 tonnes of waste had been fly tipped across the borough during May 2018.

With regard to the Waste PFI, six of eleven companies had successfully progressed through the first part of the tendering exercise and had been separated into three lots.

Current issues were discussed with the Panel including single use plastics, waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle), the need for engagement with retailers and supermarkets to reduce or remove plastic packaging, resident education and the contamination of recycling bins. With regards to the waste hierarchy Members suggested that the first action should be to refuse plastic packaging and

to put pressure on shops be leaving excess plastic packaging at the store for them to dispose of. In relation to this point Members were notified that Morrison's supermarket had re-introduced paper bags for their loose fruit and vegetables and customers could utilise their own Tupperware for fresh meat and fish and be rewarded with loyalty points.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the information provided be noted.**

**8. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

**CHAIR**