

## PLACE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS SCRUTINY PANEL

**Day:** Tuesday  
**Date:** 8 June 2021  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Place:** Dukinfield Town Hall

Item No.	AGENDA	Page No
1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
2.	<b>MINUTES</b>  To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the proceedings of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel held on 9 March 2021.	1 - 4
3.	<b>CLIMATE CHANGE AND IMPROVING THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT</b>  The Panel to meet Councillor Allison Gwynne, Executive Member, Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment; Paul Smith, Assistant Director; and Alison Lloyd-Walsh, Head of Facilities, Climate and Energy Management, to receive an update and overview of the Council's future vision, strategic priorities and commitments to climate change and improving the local environment.	5-22
4.	<b>ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME</b>  The Panel to discuss and agree work priorities for 2021/22.	23-24
5.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  To note that the next meeting of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel will take place on Tuesday 27 July 2021.	
6.	<b>URGENT ITEMS</b>  To consider any additional items the Chair is of the opinion shall be dealt with as a matter of urgency.	

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## Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel

9 March 2021

**Commenced:** 6.00pm

**Terminated:** 7.20pm

**Present:** Councillors Glover (Chair), Mills (Deputy Chair), Billington, Bowden, Bowerman, Chadwick, Choksi, J Fitzpatrick, P Fitzpatrick, A Holland, Hollinshead, Jones, Naylor, Pearce, Sharif, Sweeton.

### 35. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel held on 26 January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

### 36. UPDATE OF HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY (HMIC) INSPECTION OF GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE (GMP)

The Panel welcomed Rachael Harrison, Chief Superintendent for Tameside and Oldham; Superintendent Rob Cousen, Divisional Commander for Tameside; Councillor Allison Gwynne, Executive Member, Neighbourhood Services; and Ian Saxon, Director of Neighbourhood Services, to receive an update and response to the HMIC inspection of GMP.

The inspection of Greater Manchester Police took place from April to June 2020, with a Victim Service Assessment (VSA) to review call responses, outcomes, crime recording, investigations, GMP leadership and governance. The aim of the inspection was to review the overall service provided to victims of crime in Greater Manchester.

Findings highlight a number of areas of concern with regard to non-emergency calls unanswered, crime recording and assessing the needs and vulnerability of victims. Mr Cousen advised members that GMP fully accept all findings identified in the HMIC report. With the report showing that one in five calls had gone unanswered, it is important to note that a proportion had redirected to the online reporting system.

There are areas the force has made improvements and in which it provides the service victims deserve and have a right to expect in areas such as:

- responding to calls for service by allocating the appropriate resource correctly
- making appropriate use of appointments to provide a service to victims
- sustained good crime recording standards for sexual offences

The Panel heard that the publicised figure of 80,000 missed crimes is from a specific area that includes domestic abuse and anti-social behaviour, covering a significant number of crime types. GMP were seen to be dealing with vulnerability and safeguarding but not always recording the initial and associated crimes correctly. This can relate to additional reporting linked to a substantive crime and outcome. This includes missed opportunities to advise victims how to secure evidence at a scene.

Increased efforts continue to ensure GMP provides the best possible service to victims of crime, with additional resource in monitoring outcomes against the required standards. Think Victim is the new ethos driving improvement forward. Putting victims at the centre to ensure GMP are delivering the best service to the public. Training has accompanied this to provide staff with the knowledge and tools to undertake their role effectively. As a result the

number of crimes recorded each day has increased with a robust quality assurance framework in place.

Ms Harrison informed members that there is a clear action plan in place to address the range of improvement areas. At a district level, the improvement plan is monitored on a weekly basis. It is encouraging that excellent multi-agency partnerships are in place across Tameside and GMP welcome proposals put forward for a Tameside Neighbourhood Strategy that will aim to listen and engage directly with communities.

With a range of historic challenges associated with workforce pressures and culture, GMP is confident that a planned future audit will highlight some of the achievements to date and show a much better position.

Ms Harrison and Mr Cousen responded to a number of questions from the Panel on:

- Retaining staff at a local level.
- A need to ensure divisional and local priorities align to meet bespoke needs of communities in Tameside.
- A renewed focus on neighbourhood meetings to harness local intelligence and community partnerships to inform priorities.
- Greater partnership working and engagement to develop trust and confidence with communities.
- Methods to improve GMP communication within communities.
- Future pressures and sustainability of improvements.
- Data, systems and intelligence available to GMP aimed to inform future strategy and interventions.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Gwynne and officers be thanked for attending the meeting.

### **37. RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

The Chair presented a formal response letter of the Panel, submitted to the Council's Community Safety Strategy consultation on 21 February 2021.

### **38. GREATER MANCHESTER SCRUTINY**

The Chair provided a verbal update on activity of the Housing, Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting that took place on 4 February 2021.

### **39. CHAIR'S UPDATE**

The Chair thanked all members for their participation and contribution for the 2020/21 municipal year. Scrutiny has adapted well, all meetings undertaken remotely with efforts made to ensure the work programme, activity and reporting has continued. Next step will be inform the work programme for June onwards to update priority issues and topics.

A report presented at the joint meeting of Cabinet and Overview Panel on 10 February included a summary of the Scrutiny Panel's activity during the year. Work undertaken on:

- Feedback and learning from communities on Covid-19
- Impact of Covid and lockdown on the local economy
- Response to Inclusive Growth Strategy consultation
- Walking and Cycling
- Response to Safe Streets consultation
- Community Safety Strategy

- Housing Strategy
- Ombudsman complaints monitoring
- Strategic Transport
- Budget updates

#### **40. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel will take place on 8 June 2021.

#### **41. URGENT ITEMS**

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

**CHAIR**

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# Tameside Council's Future Vision, Strategic Priorities and Commitments to Climate Change and Improving the Local Environment

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# Local Impacts

## More Saddleworth-style fires likely as climate changes, scientists warn

Saddleworth fires will also exacerbate problems as the UK's peatlands store huge amounts of carbon that they will release



▲ Firefighters tackle the wildfire on Saddleworth Moor. Photograph: Danny Lawson/PA

## Deaths rose 650 above average during UK heatwave - with older people most at risk

Exclusive: data shows spike in deaths coinciding with high temperatures, with frail, older people with kidney or heart problems most vulnerable

## Whaley Bridge Dam Collapse Is 'Wake Up Call' on Britain's Need to Prepare for Climate Change Impact

Flash flooding has been causing havoc in the UK — leading to concern about climate preparedness.



## Air pollution killing more people than smoking in UK



# The Policy Position

- International
- National
- Regional
- Local
- Organisational



# United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

- With 197 Parties, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement. The main aim of the Paris Agreement is to keep a global average temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius and to drive efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. The UNFCCC is also the parent treaty of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. The ultimate objective of all agreements under the UNFCCC is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that will prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system, in a time frame which allows ecosystems to adapt naturally and enables sustainable development.

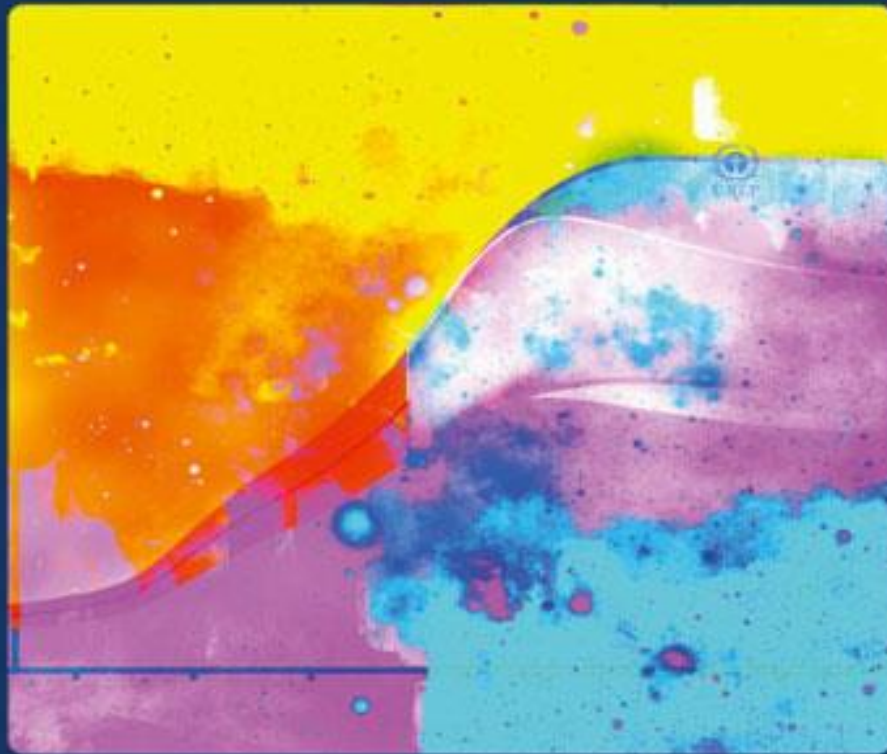


# International : The Paris Climate Agreement :2016



The [Paris Climate Agreement](#) (also known as the Paris Accord) is an international treaty on the climate crisis aiming to radically **reduce the world's carbon emissions and prevent a catastrophic rise in the Earth's temperature over 2°C**. It was introduced to rally the world's nations together against our common deadly threat – the climate crisis.

# IPCC Report : October 2018



ipcc  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change



## Global Warming of 1.5 °C

An IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.

# National; UK Climate Change Act 2008

## Original Goal:

80% reduction from 1990 levels by 2050

## Revised Goal:

Net zero carbon by 2050



We reach net zero when the amount of carbon dioxide we add is no more than the amount taken away. These goals guide us to significantly reduce our absolute emissions and find ways to sequester any residual carbon emissions - so there's no net increase in CO<sub>2</sub>.

# United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

- **UN Climate Change News, 31 May 2021** – Against the backdrop of a new international warning that the world is dangerously close to exceeding the [Paris Agreement](#) goal of limiting global temperature rise at 1.5C, governments today began three weeks (May 31 to June 17, 2021) of virtual discussions designed to pave the way for a successful UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) this November in Glasgow.
- The need for urgent progress was underlined by a [new assessment](#), published by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) last week, indicating there is now about a 40% chance that the annual average global temperature will reach the 1.5C mark in at least one of the next five years. Exceeding this goal will likely impact food security and lead to more frequent and severe climate impacts such as heat waves, storms and sea level increases.





# Regional Policy: GMCA 5-year Environment Plan

- Carbon Neutral Greater Manchester by 2038.  
**Carbon neutral** means that any CO<sub>2</sub> released into the atmosphere from activities is balanced by an equivalent amount being removed.
- The plan details the actions that will have THE MOST impact on putting us on track over the next 5 years
- The plan aims to mobilise all residents, businesses and other stakeholders to take action on climate change.



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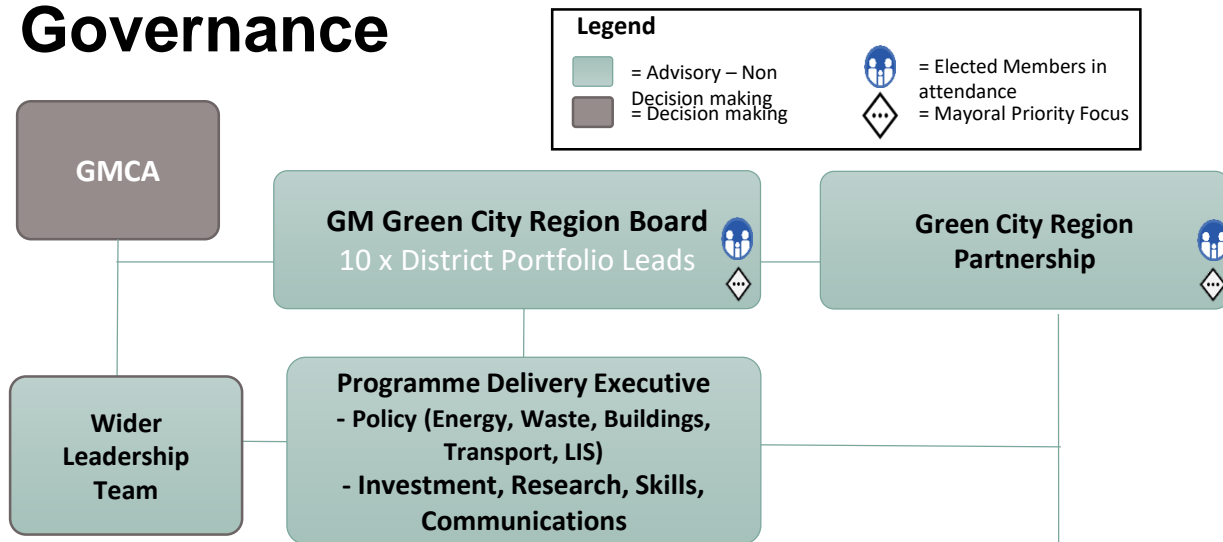
## AIMS :

- **Mitigation of Climate Change** : For our City Region to be carbon neutral by 2038 and meet carbon budgets that comply with international commitments
- **Aim for Air Quality** : To improve our air quality, meeting World Health Organisation guidelines on air quality by 2030 and supporting the UK government in meeting and maintaining all thresholds for key air pollutants at the earliest date.
- **Aim for Sustainable Consumption and Production** : To put us on the path to become a circular economy , recycling 65% of our municipal waste by 2035 and reducing the amount of waste we produce.
- **Aim for our Natural Environment**: To protect, maintain and enhance our natural environment for all our benefit, taking steps to implement and achieve environmental net gain
- **Aim for Resilience and adaptation to Climate Change** : to be prepared for the impact of climate change and already be adapting to the future changes for any increase in climate shocks and stresses .



# Green City Region - Integrated Governance

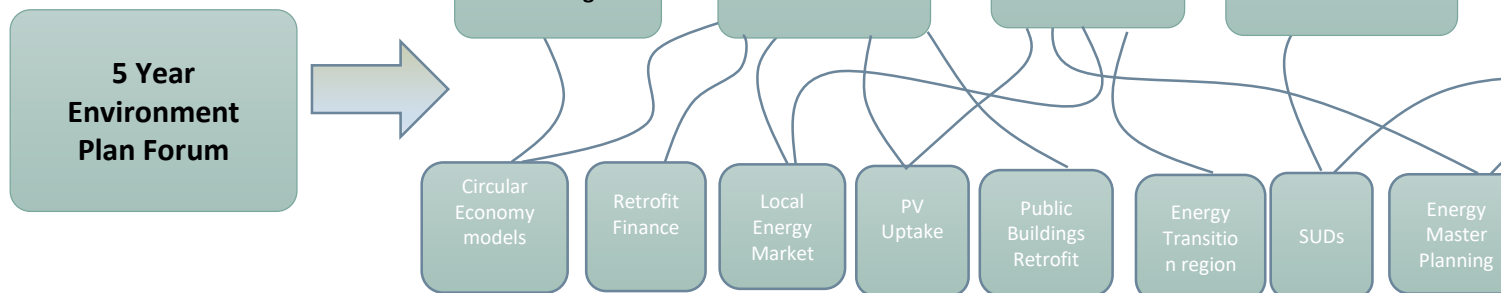
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## Mission Based Approach

### Challenge Groups (Quarterly)

- Target driven, Outcome focused
- Topic based Task Leads



### Open Forum (Bi-Monthly?)

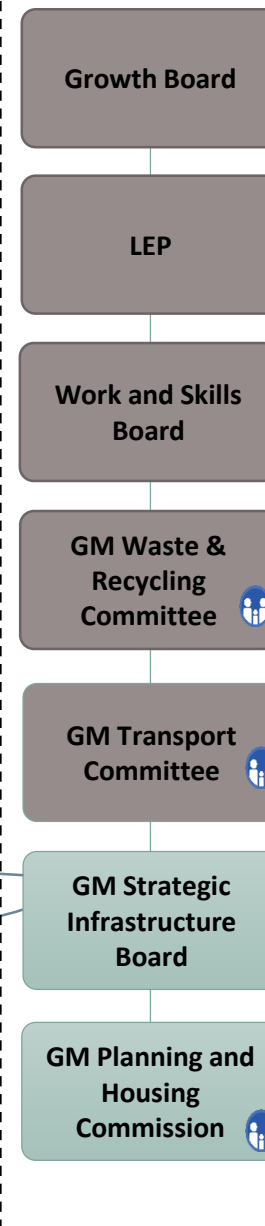
- Comms, Engagement, Cross working
- Task Leads & wider NGO, Public, Private

### Task & Finish Groups (selected examples - as needed)

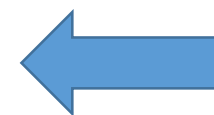
- Problem solving, task delivery



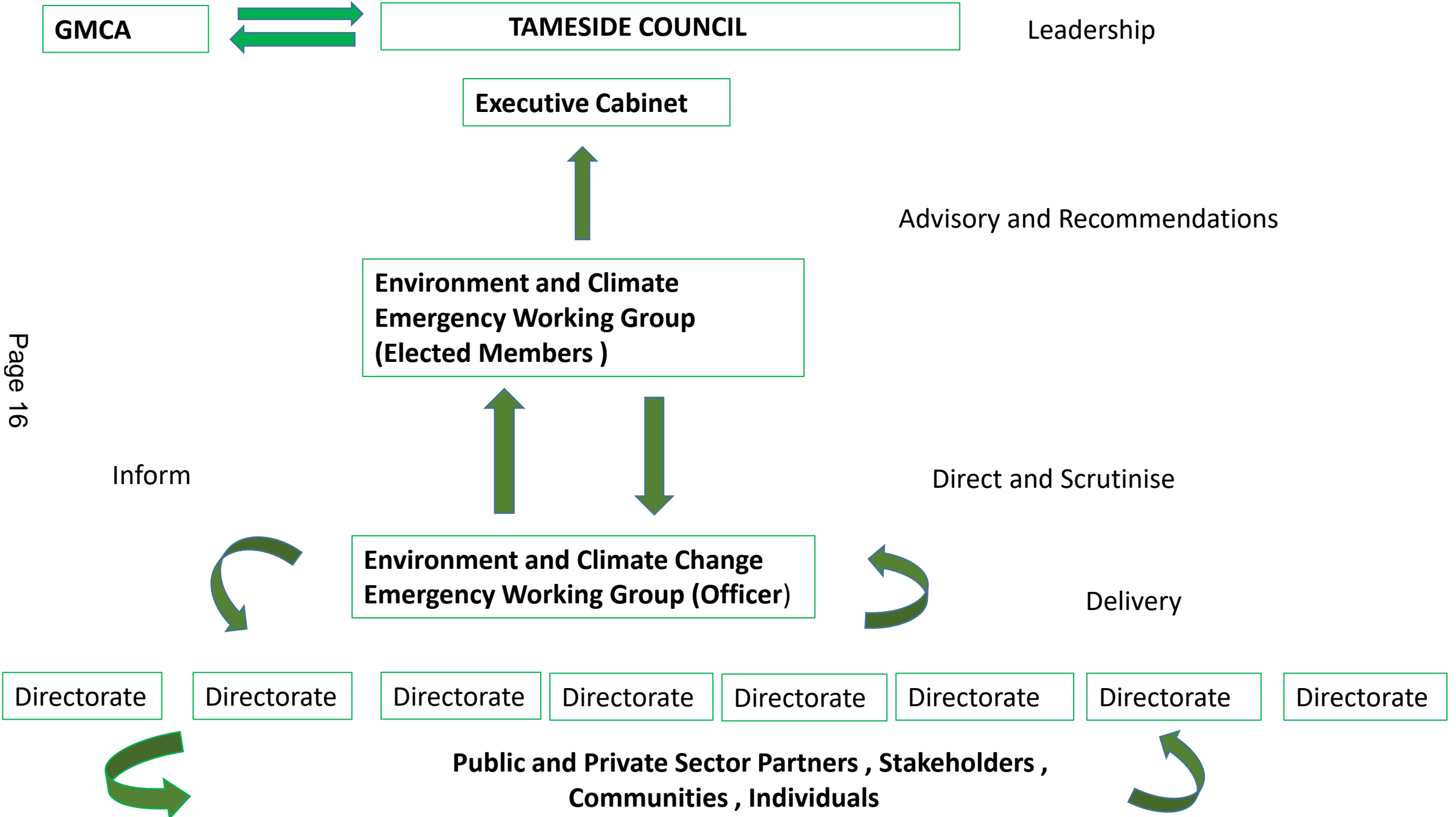
## Key Influences



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I N P U T



GMCA

TAMESIDE COUNCIL

Leadership

Executive Cabinet

Advisory and Recommendations

Environment and Climate  
Emergency Working Group  
(Elected Members)

Inform

Direct and Scrutinise

Environment and Climate Change  
Emergency Working Group (Officer)

Delivery

Directorate

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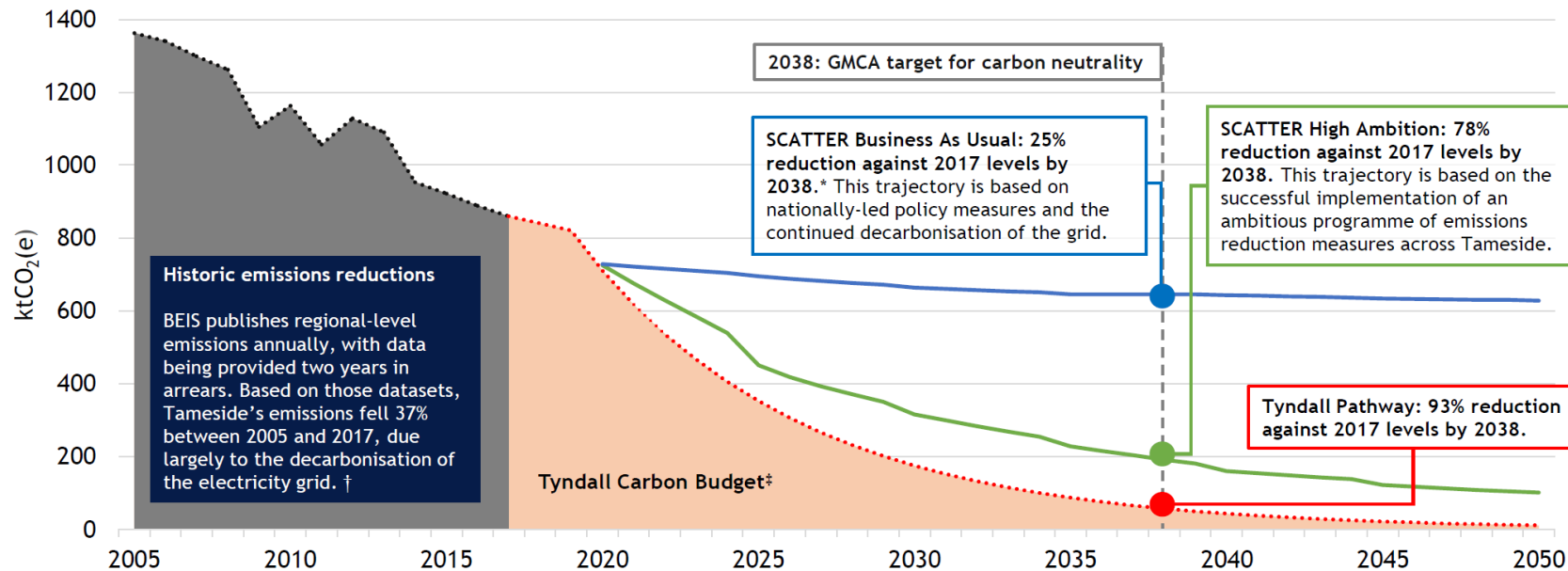
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Public and Private Sector Partners, Stakeholders,  
Communities, Individuals

# Carbon Reduction Pathway Tameside

## SCATTER PATHWAYS SUMMARY

† BEIS (and the Tyndall Centre) uses a different methodology to SCATTER for many of its emissions, meaning direct comparisons may not always be appropriate.  
 \* See <https://carbonbudget.manchester.ac.uk/reports/E08000008/>  
 \*in relation to 2017 BEIS data.



# Tameside Council Climate Emergency

**In February 2020 Tameside Council declared a Climate Emergency, committing the Council to make our operations net-zero carbon in line with the GM commitment to do so by 2038 and to support and work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon within the same timescale.**



# Putting Climate Change at the Heart of Everything We Do

- Formation of a cross council officer group to better support coordination of activity
- Potential increase in resource available to support response
- Production of draft Tameside action plan (with set targets) for agreement with involvement from panel members. Consideration to be given to building back better / green recovery.
- Formalisation of the agreed action plan and supporting information through the Council's governance process
- Require panel members to take a leading role in the monitoring and reporting processes of the agreed action plan
- Member and officers carbon literacy training
- Tameside elected member to sit on the GM Green City Region Board

# Putting Climate Change at the Heart of Everything We Do

- First draft of Strategy and accompanying Action Plan is almost complete
  - Action plan has been discussed with key officers from the Council
  - Further work required to understand how we can track and measure success / costings

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## Initial Consultation Exercise Undertaken

- 372 responses from the online survey
- Attended Tameside Partnership Engagement Network to Discuss the Plan
- Tameside Youth Council were consulted

# Consultation Summary

Online consultation available between 15 December 2020 and 29 January 2021

Survey included 22 multiple choice and open questions.

## Results

- 93% of respondents either live or work in Tameside
- 90% of respondents either strongly agree or agree that they are worried about climate change.
- 92% of respondents either strongly agree or agree that they are willing to take personal action to reduce the impact of climate change.
- 77% of respondents either strongly agree or agree that climate actions are the most important thing we can do.
- 86% of respondents either strongly agree or agree that they support the Council taking action on climate change and the wider environment.
- 67% of respondents were NOT aware that the Council has declared a climate emergency.

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## **SCRUTINY ACTIVITY AND WORK PROGRAMME – 2021/22 & 2022/23**

### **PLACE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS SCRUTINY PANEL**

Tameside Scrutiny Panels are required to publish an Annual Work Programme of planned activity. The programme of work will cover a two year rolling period that is to be reviewed, updated and agreed on an annual basis.

The annual work programme will aim to reflect priority issues across the Council, Strategic Commission and external partners. Work will continue to improve the flexibility, responsiveness and reporting methods of all scrutiny activity undertaken.

Each year a range of emerging topics and issues may require the attention of Scrutiny. It is therefore important to ensure efforts are best placed to support and influence effective decision-making, with the added focus on improving outcomes for residents and communities.

### **Scrutiny activity in Tameside**

Work has been undertaken to develop a list of topics for consideration. The Annual Work Programme is to be reviewed and signed off at the next meeting of Overview Panel on 26 July 2021.

There is a range of options available to each Scrutiny Panel as to how activity is planned and undertaken, with a further need to consider timescales and future reporting. The Chair will work closely with panel members in order to determine the best approach for how activity will be undertaken.

Scrutiny activity will continue to adopt a combination of approaches to review service and performance updates, respond to formal consultations, focus reports of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and areas in need of more in-depth review. This includes a responsibility for:

- Research and insight on a particular issue, including desktop reviews
- Review of decisions and recommendations
- Follow-up (from previous review / municipal year)
- Engagement and consultation – to provide responses to pre-decision activity
- Consideration of decisions and reports from the Ombudsman
- Receive updates on key issues as they arise
- Active monitoring of national and regional policy and substantive variation to service change

Plans remain in place to keep scrutiny members informed on the range of engagement and consultation activity taking place both within the Council and across partners. Where deemed appropriate, the wider development of scrutiny may include project support and service development work undertaken at the request of the Executive as a critical friend.

<b>Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel</b>
• Economic impact of Covid-19 – local response (immediate and medium term).
• Cultural Offer – museums, galleries, arts, events and heritage.
• Environment / climate change
• Major investments, asset management, emerging developments and regeneration
• Homelessness and temporary accommodation
• Digital offer and delivery
• Waste and recycling – next steps
• Next steps for town centres
• Local Procurement / STAR
• The Panel to receive regular updates during the year regarding new and emerging areas

<b>Follow-up on past activity</b>
• Private rented sector / GM Good Landlord Scheme
• Community Safety Strategy / HMIC report on GMP
• Inclusive Growth projects
• Active Travel

<b>Cross Panel</b>
• Continued monitoring of Covid-19 recovery
• Poverty and welfare support
• Budget updates – annual and mid-year
• Feedback and learning from complaints (LGSCO)
• Performance monitoring against corporate priorities