

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY MEMBER WORKING GROUP (ESWG)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The ESWG has been established by the Environment Committee as a Task and Finish Group to oversee the delivery of the Council's Climate Change ambitions.

Role of Group

1. To monitor and review actions of the Council to deliver the climate change priorities set out in the Annual Plan.
2. To help to identify the key climate change priorities to feed into the Annual Plan.
3. To identify initial key performance indicators and targets to enable the Council to track progress over time.
4. To consider the actions that the Council can take to influence the behaviour and actions of local residents, businesses and partners that can impact positively on the carbon footprint of the Borough.
5. To identify the sources of and likely availability of funding to enable the costed proposals to be taken forward.

Decision Making/Reporting

Proposals raised by the Working Group will need to be presented through the committee process to the Environment Committee and potentially the Strategy and Resources Committee where financial authority is required. The Working Group will operate by consensus: no voting and quorum are required.

Membership

The membership will comprise the members as agreed by the Environment Committee and as set out below and no substitutions will be allowed. Officers will provide support as required. Stakeholders will be consulted and then invited to attend meetings, if appropriate.

The ESWG should consist of five Members:

- The Vice Chair of the Environment Committee (Chair of the Working Group)
- 2 Resident Association Members of the Environment Committee (TBC)
- 2 Opposition Members of the Environment Committee (TBC)

Frequency and Timing of Meetings

Agreed that the frequency of meetings will be one per quarter (total of four per annum), with the working group due to expire at the end of the municipal year 2026/27.

Budget

There is no budget for this Working Group. Any additional funding would need to be requested through the Strategy and Resources Committee or projects within the capital programme.