

**Initial Information Base and Suggested Work Plan topics for 2023/24 –
For Green Sub-Committee’s Consideration**

As set out in **Appendix B**, link Cabinet Members and lead Senior Leadership Team (SLT) officers have been identified to support the work of each Scrutiny Committee.

The link Cabinet Members for the Green Sub-Committee (the Cabinet Member responsible for the Environment and the Cabinet Member responsible for the Climate Emergency) and lead SLT officer (the Director of Environment) have met with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the sub-committee and discussed potential policy areas which the Committee may wish to consider including in its programme of work for 2023/24.

It is suggested that the work programme should be considered by the Sub-Committee as a standing agenda item at each meeting in order that this is up to date and able to respond to emerging themes during the year.

Policy topics which the Sub-Committee might wish to consider as an evidence and information base when deciding its programme of work for 2023/24 are set out below.

Green Sub-Committee – Potential Menu of Work Plan Items for 2023/24

1. [Waste Strategy Review](#) – (review could include food waste collections and developing a strategy to encourage circular economy / re-use shop; recycling of soft plastics, producer responsibility, deposit return schemes)
2. [Tree Planting Strategy Review](#)
3. [Biodiversity Action Plan review](#) / development of Local Nature Recovery Strategy
4. New housing and biodiversity
5. [Carbon Net Zero Plan](#)
Key areas of policy work around the carbon plan, such as;
 - A plan for heat decarbonisation

- Decentralised power, including power generation and battery storage

6. High Level Transport Strategies, Regional North East Transport Plan

7. Cycling Strategy

8. Parking Strategy

9. Air Quality Strategy / Zero Emissions Strategy

10. EV Charging

11. Active Travel