Environment Sub Committee Work Programme 2022/23

Chair: Councillor D Drummond Deputy Chair: Councillor M Murphy DSO: Dave Parkin

Agenda Item	Purpose	Lead Officer	Outcome/Issues	
12 July 2022				
Work programme 2022/23	To formulate/approve the sub-committee's work programme.	Dave Parkin		
Environment Directorate	To receive an overview of the work of the Environment Directorate	Sam Dand		
Carbon Net Zero	To examine the key areas of the draft Carbon Net Zero Action Plan	Paul Nelson		
6 September 2022				
Biodiversity Action Plan	To give consideration to the draft updated Biodiversity Action Plan, the Environment Bill and the annual report on the BAP Delivery plan for 2020/21. To also consider biodiversity net gain and the local nature recovery strategy.	Jackie Hunter		
8 November 2022				
January 2023				
14 March 2023	<u> </u>			
The date of this meeting is subject to change.				

Suggested issues for inclusion in the work programme

Biodiversity To examine whether there a consistency in the delivery of services to improve biodiversity across the borough. It is suggested that the standard and frequency of grass cutting differs across the borough. Can more seeds/bulbs be planted to improve areas? This would be of interest to the public and volunteers could help to improve areas. Carbon Reduction To examine the carbon reduction and green policies and energy within housing and how the Council's housing stock can be made more energy efficient (joint consideration with housing stock Soft Plastic To examine what facilities are available in North Recycling Tyneside to enable residents to recycle soft plastics such as bread wrappers and to examine what can be done by the Authority to improve recycling of soft plastics. Facilities for dealing To examine the case for the provision of community facilities for the composting of household food waste. To examine how the authority can roll out the collection of food waste from homes in the borough. To examine the authority can roll out the collection of food waste from homes in the borough. Littering Do g fouling To examine examples of good practice in other areas of the country which could be considered for use in to educate residents/children to the problems caused by littering. Dog fouling To examine to dog fouling in the area and to examine the roll of enforcement in reducing instances of a failure of dog owners to clear up their dog's fouling.			
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Electric Car Charging Points	To examine the case for the provision of on-street electric vehicle charging points.	
Update on the measures in place to prevent flooding	To examine whether the measures put in place following the Thunder Thursday event in 2012 are still in place and adequate to deal with potential flooding events.	
Disposable Nappies	To examine what can be done to reduce the amount of disposable nappies that are sent to landfill and to encourage the use of cloth nappies. To examine whether the provision of, for example, a loan to purchase cloth nappies might encourage their take up.	
Community Composting Facilities	To examine the case for the provision of community facilities for the disposal of compostable/biodegradable materials which would otherwise go to landfill or incineration. This would be particularly helpful in those areas without access to gardens i.e. terrace housing.	

Sub group