

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 |
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| 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 | | | |
| The date of this meeting is subject to change. | | | |

Suggested issues for inclusion in the work programme

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| 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 and energy efficiency in the housing stock | To examine the carbon reduction and green policies within housing and how the Council's housing stock can be made more energy efficient (joint consideration with Housing Sub Committee?) | | |
| Soft Plastic Recycling | To examine what facilities are available in North 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 with food waste | 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 | | |
| Littering | To examine what can be done to reduce littering in the borough. There are examples of good practice in other areas of the country which could be considered for use in North Tyneside. To examine the steps that can be taken to educate residents/children to the problems caused by littering. | | |
| Dog fouling | To examine examples of innovative campaigns to address the problems of 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. | | |
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