

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE
25 JUNE 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Change Committee of Flintshire County Council held as a remote meeting on Tuesday, 25 June 2024

PRESENT: Councillor Alasdair Ibbotson (Chairman)

Councillors: Mike Allport, Mared Eastwood, Chrissy Gee, Fran Lister, Roz Mansell, and Allan Marshall

APOLOGIES: Councillor Steve Copple

SUBSTITUTIONS:

Councillor Teresa Carberry for Councillor Ron Davies, Councillor Gina Maddison for Councillor Mel Buckley, and Councillor Ryan McKeown for Councillor Simon Jones

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy, Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy), Climate Change Programme Manager, Democratic Services Manager, and Democratic Services Officer

01. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Allan Marshall was nominated as Vice-Chair of the Committee. As there were no further nominations the proposal was put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Allan Marshall be appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee for the municipal year.

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

03. MINUTES ([link to recording](#))

RESOLVED:

That the [minutes](#) be approved as a correct record.

04. ACTION TRACKING REPORT ([link to recording](#))

The Democratic Services Manager introduced the [report](#). He provided background information and explained that any outstanding actions would continue to be reported back to the next meeting until completed.

The recommendation in the report was carried.

RESOLVED

That the Committee notes the progress which has been made.

05. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – FINDINGS AND ACTIONS ([link to recording](#))

The Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy) introduced a [report](#) to acknowledge the outcome of the recent internal audit of ‘Climate change, environmental sustainability and Environmental Social & Governance’ and approve the actions to address the audit findings. The Climate Change Programme Manger presented the main considerations as detailed in the report.

The Chair proposed that recommendation 2 in the report be amended as follows: “That the Committee recommends that a full review of the Terms of Reference for the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Climate Change Committee be undertaken in respect of the climate change and carbon reduction strategy and to ensure that the risks identified within Member oversight and challenge of the programme are addressed”. The amendment was supported.

Recommendations 1 and 3 in the report were carried without amendment.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Members note the outcome of the Internal Audit report and support the actions to be taken to address the report findings;
- (b) That the Committee recommends that a full review of the Terms of Reference for the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Climate Change Committee be undertaken in respect of the climate change and carbon reduction strategy and to ensure the risks identified within Member oversight and challenge of the programme are addressed; and
- (c) In further addressing the risk identified within Member oversight and challenge of programme progress, that a standing item ‘Programme update’ be added to the Climate Change Committee agenda.

06. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY REVIEW PLAN ([link to recording](#))

The Climate Change Programme Manager presented the proposed [Plan](#) to review the Climate Change Strategy during 2024-25. She provided background information and explained that any feedback from the Committee on the level of engagement in the Plan or areas for improvement would be welcomed.

Members were encouraged to attend the All-Member workshop on 11 July 2024.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approve the plan for the review of the Climate Change Strategy during 2024-25.

07. DRAFT FLINTSHIRE COUNTY LOCAL AREA ENERGY PLAN ([link to recording](#))

The Chair introduced the item to review and provide feedback on the draft Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) [Plan](#) for Flintshire County, developed by ARUP and Carbon Trust

The Climate Change Programme Manager asked if she could have any feedback on the draft LAEP by 5 July 2024.

08. CLIMATE CHANGE INQUIRIES ([link to recording](#))

The Chair introduced the item to provide an update on the Committee's Flood and Pensions Inquiries and to discuss the next steps. He provided background information and advised that both Inquiries had received written evidence from interested parties and the public and said he would circulate the submissions to the new Members of the Committee.

The Chair advised that the oral hearing for the Flood Inquiry would be held on 26 July 2024 and gave an overview of the process.

The Chair suggested that the Committee might wish to hold an informal consultation event with residents prior to the Flood Inquiry hearing. This was agreed by the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Chair arranges an informal consultation event with residents prior to the Flood Inquiry hearing.

09. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME ([link to recording](#))

The Chair referred to the [Forward Work Programme](#) which listed the items for consideration at meetings from 6 September 2024 to 24 June 2025.

It was agreed that the following items would be added to the Programme for the next meeting to be held on 6 September 2024:

- extreme heat
- review of the terms of reference for the Climate Change Committee with reference to the terms of reference to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

That subject to the above amendments the Forward Work Programme be agreed.

10. ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no members of the press or public in attendance.

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.14 pm

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Chairman