

# Minutes



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## Climate Emergency Working Group – Meeting 4

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22 January 2020, 18:30-20:30  
Room 3, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Merton Civic Centre

**Present:** Working Group Chair  
(**TB**) Tobin Byers, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and the Environment

Working Group Secretariat  
(**DH**) Dominique Hill, LBM Climate Change Projects Officer  
(**KH**) Katie Halter, LBM Climate Change Officer

Working Group Members  
*Organisation or community group included when relevant*  
(**AR**) Alice Rayner  
(**DSH**) Daniel Holden, Conservatives  
(**FA**) Franki Appleton, Friends of the Earth Merton  
(**JG**) Jenifer Gould, Liberal Democrats  
(**KM**) Katie Meech  
(**KG**) Kelly Gunnell, Haydon's Road North Community Group  
(**LM**) Lily Marcel  
(**MN**) Mehmood Naqshbandi  
(**PM**) Pippa Maslin  
(**YR**) Rose, Young Resident  
(**TC**) Toby Costin, Crew Energy  
(**TW**) Tom Walsh, Sustainable Merton

Guests  
(**KK**) Katie King, Aether  
(**ND**) Nick Davis, observer

Apologies received from:  
Cecily Church  
Richard Hackforth-Jones  
Chris Lee, LBM Director of Environment and Regeneration  
Nick Golson, Deen City Farm

Item	Actions
<p><b>1. Welcome from Chris Lee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to ill health, Chris was unable to attend.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2. Introduction on format of the session and next steps in the process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>DH</b> updated the group on engagement with different sub-groups and Youth Parliament, the draft long list of actions being compiled and next steps.</li> <li>- The format of the meeting will be a presentation of recommendations by theme, with an opportunity for discussion.</li> <li>- Next steps are to pull together all suggested actions, including CEWG recommendations, into a <a href="#">“long list” of possible actions</a>. This will be used to inform discussions at a stakeholder workshop on 26<sup>th</sup> February to help prioritise and refine actions for the action plan.</li> <li>- <b>KH</b> provided an update on the <a href="#">analysis of the consultation responses</a>.</li> <li>- <b>PM</b> asked for more details of the workshop.</li> <li>- <b>TW</b> highlighted that quick wins need to be identified, and timings to be incorporated into the action plan.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CEWG members</b> to comment on the “long list” of actions once circulated.</p> <p><b>DH</b> to circulate a list of potential attendees.</p>
<p><b>3. Update from Aether</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>KK</b> presented the initial findings [see separate presentation] of the technical work commissioned by LBM to support the Climate Action Plan. This included a summary of the main sources of emissions, what is included in the scope of the greenhouse gas inventory, and how the modelling will set a pathway to meet net-zero carbon targets depending on the actions chosen.</li> <li>- <b>LM</b> highlighted the importance of estimating scope 3 (indirect emissions that result from activities or products from outside the borough). <b>KK</b> set out the challenges of acquiring accurate data, but thought it would be possible to estimate an order of magnitude for scope 3 emissions based on existing information.</li> <li>- <b>KM</b> asked whether the impacts of increased engagement were estimated as part of the low carbon pathways modelling. <b>KK</b> said that whilst engagement is important the effect is hard to</li> </ul>	<p><b>DH</b> to ensure that greenhouse gas emission estimates include a high level estimate of scope 3 emissions.</p>

<p>estimate and measure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>TC</b> asked whether the reduction in the greenhouse gas intensity of the electricity grid was being taken into consideration, and <b>KK</b> confirmed that BEIS projection were being used. <b>TC</b> asked if it was possible to test “what if” scenarios, and <b>KK</b> said the modelling was high level, but that it would be possible to switch actions on and off to test their impact.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Discussion: Run through and agree draft long list of actions by thematic area – opportunity to feedback for other groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For the thematic group on waste, <b>KM</b> presented a series of ideas on helping to increase reuse and recycling in the borough, based on themes of food waste reduction, clothes swaps, goods repair, nappy libraries, plastic free periods, support for the refill campaign, reducing coffee cups and fast food packaging, publicising teracycle schemes, providing better Council information.</li> <li>- For the thematic group on transport, <b>MN</b> presented a series of ideas, including recommendations from the Active Travel and Transport subgroup to the <a href="#">Sustainable Communities and Transport Partnership</a>. These ideas were mainly focused around prioritising the needs of pedestrians of all abilities (including those in wheelchairs), of cycling and of public transport over the use of the individual car user, and also included potential actions to support the roll out of electric vehicles.</li> <li>- For the thematic group on finance, <b>LM</b> set out the key themes of the recommendations on finance, with a view to green business though the provision of transparent data, through incentivising sustainable behaviour, through awards and corporate social responsibility. Ideas also included lobbying Government to increase business rates for high polluters, education and behaviour change, financing green investment by using a low borrowing rate and using RHI to help pay back, using community funds and crowd funding, raising revenues such as parking charges to pay for climate actions and ensuring the Council invests and procures responsibly.</li> </ul>	<p><b>CEWG members</b> to send recommended actions in writing to the secretariat.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For the thematic group on diets, <b>LM</b> set out suggestions including running healthy food campaigns with schools, strengthening planning policies for fast foods, providing more opportunities to grow food, having low carbon school catering with clear climate labelling and finding opportunities to collaborate with the public health team.</li> <li>- For the thematic group on buildings and energy <b>TC</b> set out a range of potential actions linked to the decarbonisation of Council buildings and housing providers by trialling low carbon technologies in Council buildings, and using a business model of using low borrowing to fund low carbon programmes, using RHI support to pay back. Promoting the benefits of reducing energy consumption, installing building management systems, expanding the programme of energy cafes, working with schools on projects such as micro-scale anaerobic digestion and introducing reduced council tax or business rates for people who improve the rating of their property.</li> <li>- The thematic groups for green spaces and were not discussed because recommendations had been discussed at a previous meeting.</li> <li>- The thematic group for engagement and behaviour change was not discussed because, following a workshop held on 7 Jan 2020 by <b>AR</b> for the CEWG members, groups will consider the engagement and behaviour once the actions are more fully formed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Discussion: Agree date for workshop in February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>DSH</b> suggested week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February, which was agreed by members.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DH</b> to send doodle poll for workshop date.</p>
<p><b>6. Discussion: Outreach to Community Groups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Due to the fact that the meeting had overrun, <b>PM</b> agreed to communicate by email.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PM</b> to email CEWG members</p>
<p><b>7. Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>KH</b> asked CEWG members to sign a declaration of interest. Questions were raised by group members about the relevance of the form.</li> </ul>	<p><b>KH</b> to check the declaration of interest form and resend if necessary.</p>

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