

Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	01 March 2023
Title of Report:	Climate Emergency Action Plan 2022 and Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan 2022 – In Year Monitoring Reports
Lead Member:	Councillor James Stoneman (Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Governance)
Lead Strategic Director:	Anthony Payne (Strategic Director for Place)
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Your Reference:	CEAPCCRP – 2022 – Year End
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report provides the outturn position in relation to the Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) 2022 and Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan (CCRP) 2022. There is a detailed commentary on every action set out in the Appendices to the report.

In relation to the CEAP, during 2022, 70 of 114 actions (61%) were 'achieved', 40 (35%) 'achieved in part', and 4 (4%) 'not achieved'.

In relation to the CCRP, during 2022, 22 of 35 actions (63%) were 'achieved', 9 (26%) 'achieved in part', and 4 (11%) 'not achieved'.

Some of those 'achieved in part' experienced slippage as a result of COVID-19 and its knock-on effects, and others were delayed by funding and resourcing issues. The reasons for non-achievement are a combination of resourcing issues, being superseded by new arrangements, and waiting for strategic decisions, as summarised in the Appendices.

Many of the actions which were 'achieved in part' or 'not achieved' are proposed to be carried forward into the City Council's Net Zero Action Plan 2023-26, which is being considered elsewhere on the agenda of this meeting.

Recommendations and Reasons

That the Growth and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- I. Note the Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) 2022 Outturn Report, details of which are set out in Appendix A.

Reason: To acknowledge the progress made in delivering the climate actions agreed by the City Council on 24 January 2022 (Minute 25 refers).

- Note the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan (CCRP) 2022 Outturn Report, details of which are set out in Appendix B.

Reason: To acknowledge the progress made in delivering the climate actions agreed by the City Council on 24 January 2022 (Minute 26 refers).

Alternative options considered and rejected

Previous options have been considered and this process has been agreed by the City Council and (at the time) the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview Scrutiny Committee.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The actions in CEAP are consistent with the outcomes in the Plymouth Plan, which has been reviewed to reflect the climate emergency declaration. The actions in CCRP are also consistent with the themes and values of the Corporate Plan 2018-2022.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

The Climate Emergency Action Plan and the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan both set out the strategic direction and necessary focus for the City Council, partners and the wider city in relation to climate change issues for the 11 years to which the climate emergency declaration relates. As both the documents are strategic in nature the precise finance and resourcing implications will be assessed against each individual action as they are progressed. Any future revisions to the Corporate Plan will need to consider the financial implications arising from the commitments set out in future action plans. Budgets will need to be reassessed and capacity released to enable delivery against the stated ambition of net zero by 2030.

Financial Risks

As outturn updates, there are no financial risks arising from the report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

The Climate Emergency Action Plan and the Corporate Carbon Reduction Plan will drive the efforts to ensure Plymouth is playing its part in meeting net zero carbon by 2030 and will therefore have a very positive environmental outcome.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

The City Council promotes a fairer, more equal Plymouth by investing in communities, putting citizens at the heart of decision making, promoting independence and reducing health and social inequality. By embedding this commitment within the Corporate Plan the City Council is acknowledging the importance of ensuring all communities have an opportunity to thrive in a zero carbon world.

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	CCRP 2022 outturn							

B	CEAP 2022 outturn							
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Background papers:

*Add rows as required to box below

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Anthony Payne

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 16/02/2023

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor James Stoneman, approved by email

Date approved: 15/02/2023