

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

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To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Environment

Question (to be no longer than 50 words):

The United Nations set up SDTI - the Scientifically Determined Target Initiative - to help organisations, businesses, etc., ensure their low/net zero plans are reliably and independently verified. Does/will PCC subject its plans to this procedure and so set an example to its suppliers and the wider community?

Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question?

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) provides companies with a pathway to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions in line with the Paris Agreement goals. Plymouth City Council is pleased to see that over 6,000 businesses around the world are working on this initiative. However, the initiative is not intended to be used by local authorities. And note that the United Nations does not have a “Scientifically Determined Target Initiative”.

Plymouth City Council has commissioned the University of Exeter’s ‘Centre for Energy and the Environment’ to provide annual reviews of Plymouth’s greenhouse gas emissions. Their ‘Plymouth Greenhouse Gas Reporting and Monitoring’ report is available on Plymouth’s Climate Connections’ website.

In addition, the City Council monitors and publishes its corporate carbon emissions each year in the Net Zero Action Plan.