

## Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Themed Review: Climate Emergency Response

### Proposed Response

Recommendation	Accept, Amend or Reject the recommendation	Organisation	Comments
<b>Recommendation 1:</b> That the Council aims to improve the Climate Emergency skills and knowledge of Councillors; that, to achieve this, Carbon Literacy is integrated into the Councillor induction process	Accept	Council	We absolutely agree that we need to improve the Climate Emergency skills and knowledge of Councillors. We have offered all Climate scrutiny members the full accredited Climate Literacy course. We are also adapting the day long accredited course to a two-hour virtual course for all Members.
<b>Recommendation 2:</b> That, as part of its forthcoming behaviour change strategy, the Council makes full use of the unique connections Councillors have within their communities to further influence residents on their attitudes and behaviours towards the Climate Emergency	Accept	Council	A behaviour change strategy will be a crucial part of our Climate Emergency response. We have been working with a specialist behaviour change consultancy to support our approach. But a strategy is not just about public communications - we will need to make use of the unique connections Councillors have to achieve the shifts in behaviour required to meet our ambitious climate goals.
<b>Recommendation 3:</b> That the Council leads by example in enabling active travel to its staff; that they also engage its health and care partners to do the same for their employees	Accept	Council	Officers will continue to ensure that staff are aware of sustainable transport options such as the Cycle to Work Scheme, Community Cycle Loan scheme, pool cars and Liftshare and feel inspired and empowered to use them. We will also identify new opportunities for staff to trial active travel modes and initiatives.  Officers will also work with health and care partners to provide information on initiatives such as the Community Cycle Loan scheme and 'Try Before You Bike' which are

			available to their staff, and provide opportunities for them to trial sustainable travel modes to carry out their work.
<b>Recommendation 4:</b> That the Council explores the parameters used to decide when a School Street can be implemented	Accept	Council	We are committed to continuing the roll out of our School Streets Programme and are engaging with other schools in the borough to identify new locations for 2022/23.  Officers acknowledge that schools in the north of the borough have road safety, congestion and parking concerns, and welcome them coming forward to work on resolving these.  Officers are now working towards trialling a joint School Streets and CPZ consultation at a school in the north of the borough in autumn 2022.
<b>Recommendation 5:</b> The Committee commends the Council's Eco Show Home initiative and endorses its fabric first approach to retrofitting its own stock	Accept	Council	The Eco Show Home has been a great success. The Climate Action Plan will outline how we plan to build on this success to support wide scale carbon emission reductions from homes in the borough.
<b>Recommendation 6:</b> That the Council continues to provide private homeowners with support and guidance on retrofitting their homes and reducing their household carbon emissions	Accept	Council	Retrofitting a home is a complex task and the Council will continue to provide homeowners with support and guidance. But, moreover, we are exploring whether we can improve the guidance and support offered as part of our Climate Action Plan.
<b>Recommendation 7:</b> The Committee supports the Council's ambition to lead by example through Sixty Bricks by delivering its first zero carbon development in 2024; that details	Accept	Council	Sixty Bricks have an ambitious target for their carbon impact of their future developments. We would welcome presenting further details of how this will be achieved, alongside staff from Sixty Bricks at a future committee meeting.

of out how this will be achieved is presented to the committee in 2022/23			
<b>Recommendation 8:</b> That the Council explores the option of bringing in a dedicated specialist ecologist to provide strategic oversight and maximise effectiveness of biodiversity programmes	Accept	Council	Along with Climate Change, Biosphere Integrity is one of the nine planetary boundaries within which humanity can continue to develop and thrive for generations to come. As part of the work on the Climate Action Plan, we are developing our plans for biodiversity. This will include exploring the option of bring in a dedicated specialist ecologist.
<b>Recommendation 9:</b> That an item on green jobs is added to the 2022/23 forward plan; that a relevant witness working in the industry is invited to attend	Accept	Council	The Climate Emergency present many challenges, but also some opportunities, not least the creation of many green jobs. There are estimated to be 234,300 green jobs in London (London Councils, 2020), with the largest sectors being power (83,000), buildings (58,200), and finance (50,700). We are exploring how we can support green jobs in the borough and would welcome adding a green jobs item to the committee forward plan and including a relevant witness.