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| Committee/Date: | <b>Cabinet</b><br><b>13 October 2022</b>  |
| Report Title:   | <b>Climate Scrutiny Committee: Pre-decision scrutiny of the Climate Action Plan</b>   |
| Directorate:    | Finance and Governance  |
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| Wards affected: | All   |
| Public Access   | Open  |
| Appendices      | None  |

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The report outlines recommendations made by the Climate Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet. This follows consideration of a report on the Climate Action Plan, which came to the Climate Scrutiny Committee on 29 September 2022.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. The Climate Scrutiny Committee endorse the Climate action plan and recommend that:
  - 2.1.1. Services encourage Sixty Bricks to commit to a pledge for 100% of new homes built to be net zero carbon by 2030; and
  - 2.1.2. Services consider opening pop-up reuse shops across the borough to encourage the circular economy.

## 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The Climate Scrutiny Committee received the Climate Action Plan report and asked questions of witnesses.
- 3.2. Members heard about the research that has informed the Climate Action Plan and the four key sections which form the basis of the plan.
- 3.3. The Committee discussed energy efficiency in buildings and how the Council plans to encourage residents to adapt their own homes as well as how the Council will deliver energy efficient homes.
- 3.4. The Committee asked about the 'build like it's 2030 key disruption' and whether Sixty Bricks would be expected to uphold this standard. The

Committee recommended that Sixty Bricks should be encouraged to commit to a pledge that 100% of new homes built would be net zero carbon by 2030.

- 3.5. Members asked how private landlords can be incentivised to ensure their properties are energy efficient, and how this cannot currently be enforced. The Committee heard that landlords need to be encouraged that it is in their interest to make energy efficiency improvements.
- 3.6. Members discussed the library of things and the reuse shop facility at one of the Borough's recycling centres. The Committee heard how the first library of things will be trialled and if successful, the Council will look at expanding this. The Committee recommended that further pop-up reuse shops be opened across the Borough.
- 3.7. In accordance with paragraphs 6.1.1. and 7 of the Constitution, the Committee has asked for its views to be referred to the Cabinet.

#### **4. SERVICE RESPONSE**

- 4.1. The Climate Scrutiny recommendations and proposed Service Response are below:

**That services encourage Sixty Bricks to commit to a pledge for 100% of new homes built to be net zero carbon by 2030**

- 4.2. Sixty Bricks have already made a commitment to delivering zero carbon homes. This commitment is set out in the 60 Bricks 10-year business plan, Section 5 "Sixty Bricks Delivering Net Zero 2021 -2031". 60 Bricks also has a mission to be the net zero carbon developer of choice in Waltham Forest.

**That services consider opening pop-up reuse shops across the borough to encourage the circular economy.**

- 4.3. The Council will continue to work with residents to promote and champion traditional reuse opportunities provided by the established charity sector shops and emerging opportunities like the North London Waste Authority-Chingford Reuse Shop, social media (like Facebooks 'Walthamstow Sell & Swap'), and residents groups (like BARA Annual Yardsale). The Council will continue to emphasise the positive impact reuse can play towards supporting the circular economy and a positive impact on the climate.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION (as defined by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)**

No reports which require listing were used in the preparation of this reference.