

Highlight report

Working group: ESDP Infrastructure and Climate sub-group

Do you have a completed Terms of Reference in the agenda pack?

NO

The Terms of Reference for the ESDP is in the process of being updated

Key highlights since the last JCAB:

- The refreshed sub-group, with climate change explicitly added to its remit, met for the first time on 2nd November. This session included a workshop to develop working group goals for the sector and suggestions of goals for the Community Climate Emergency Strategy.
- Based on initial suggestions in the workshop, we are now developing a work programme which we will discuss further at our next meeting.
- We are still searching for one or more business champions to co-lead on this work and represent the group at the JCAB going forward, but the ESDP chair Bob Collis is representing the group at the JCAB in the meantime.

Draft sector goals

1. Businesses to calculate their emissions and set targets for reduction
2. Businesses to provide/expand EV charging and biodiversity features on-site
3. Businesses to invest in renewable energy generation, and explore offsetting
4. Businesses to reduce travel, particularly flying, decarbonise their fleets, and support flexible working and sustainable commutes
5. Businesses to improve the fabric of their buildings and decarbonise heating
6. Businesses to move towards sustainable procurement
7. Engagement and co-operation among smaller businesses to be fostered
Businesses to improve drainage features on their sites to reduce run-off

Suggestions for borough goals

1. Expand EV charging and uptake
2. Support flexible working and sustainable travel
3. Improve insulation and decarbonise heating
4. Organisations and residents to consider sustainable options when making purchases
5. Improve drainage features to reduce run-off
6. Invest in renewable energy generation
7. Improve biodiversity features on sites around the borough and create corridors
8. Reduce water use in buildings