

Subject: Mayoral Carbon Targets

Report to: Environment Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 30 January 2014

This report will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 This paper provides an update to the previously-agreed investigation outline for the Greater London Authority's (GLA) delivery of Mayoral carbon reduction targets. The investigation will now take place in February and March. The Committee will meet with Mayoral Advisors and GLA officers in the environment and the property portfolios, as well as external guests from the energy sector, local government and other external stakeholders to discuss targets to improve energy efficiency in homes, targets to increase decentralised and low-carbon energy supply, and general carbon reduction targets and strategy.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees the updated outline for an investigation into achievement against Mayoral targets in the area of carbon reduction.**

3 Background

- 3.1 The Mayor's Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy, published in October 2011, contained several specific targets, including those for years 2011 and 2012. Towards the overall 2025 target, there was a series of annual carbon emissions targets, with breakdowns by source.
- 3.2 Specific targets were in areas including:
- Energy efficiency in homes and workplaces - particularly under
 - RE:NEW (a support team to help social housing providers and local authorities to enable domestic retrofit projects to be delivered faster, bigger and with better value for money)
 - RE:FIT (a building retrofitting scheme to support public sector organisations to reduce their carbon footprint and subsequent energy bills)
 - non-GLA work such as the Green Deal (a Government initiative that is designed to help businesses and home owners to employ more green technologies in their properties);
 - Low-carbon transport;
 - Low-carbon energy generation;
 - Tackling fuel poverty;
 - Reducing carbon emissions in the GLA group;

- Measuring London's carbon emissions; and
- Funding routes, business models and skills opportunities in the low-carbon economy.

3.3 As well as contributing towards national and international efforts to mitigate climate change, London leadership on carbon reduction helps to position London to benefit economically from emerging low-carbon technologies and markets.

4 Proposed work

Performance analysis

4.1 Officers are collating the targets in the Mayor's Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Strategy (CCMES), and gathering information on performance against those targets. Further analysis will also be conducted to relate the targets for specific programmes to the higher-level targets for carbon emissions. It is hoped that the investigation will be informed in March by the results of a GLA review of the outcomes of the CCMES.

Meeting Mayoral advisors and other guests

4.2 The relevant Mayoral advisers will attend the Committee. Richard Blakeway, the Deputy Mayor for Housing, Land and Property, is to attend on 6 February to discuss the delivery of RE:NEW and related energy efficiency programmes. Matthew Pencharz, the Mayor's Senior Adviser – Environment and Energy, is then to attend on 26 March to discuss the overall goals and the other specific programmes, particularly around decentralised energy generation. The Mayoral appointees will be supported by colleagues from the relevant GLA departments.

4.3 Other guests are also to attend, including Emma Strain, Senior Manager (Services Commissioning and Retrofit), GLA; Jo Gill, Chair, London HECA Forum and Energy Efficiency Coordinator, London Borough of Hillingdon; Andy Deacon, Director of Local Delivery, Energy Savings Trust; and a representative of EDF Energy.

Output

4.4 This work could inform a letter or report directed at the Mayor and potentially other stakeholders, such as Government, seeking to influence future implementation plans for carbon reduction strategies. One possible format would be a 'report card' on the progress towards key CCMES goals.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

6 Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications to the Greater London Authority arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None

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List of Background Papers: None

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