

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Thursday 9th June 2022

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Note

At the meeting a total of 30 minutes is available for public questions and comments. The questioner may ask one supplementary question at the meeting which will be answered without discussion. The supplementary question must be relevant to the original question put to the Chairman.

Agenda Item No	Question	Response
Agenda Item 7 Sustainability Strategy Update	Mr Levy Will the initiative be promoted with prominent reference to energy/fuel saving, as that will help engage the widest range of people, especially considering topical issues?	
Agenda Item 7 Sustainability Strategy Update / Item 10 Air Quality Action Plan	Ms Lorraine Ryan Thomas The recent E.On/LGN study shows only 47% of councils have confidence they will achieve their Net Zero targets. Barnet has modest ambitions in its Sustainability Strategy so what quick wins are you expecting as you refine and implement the Strategy, and what specific steps will you take to discourage car journeys and encourage green travel options across Borough and so reduce congestion and improve air quality? To deliver this, how will you engage TfL to secure strengthened public transport particularly in the face of	

	proposed cuts to bus routes in the south and west of the Borough?	
Agenda Item 9 Parks and Open Spaces update	Ms Lorraine Ryan Thomas As the new administration have declared a Climate Emergency, what practical actions are now being taken to ensure Barnet minimises use of environmentally harmful concrete, tarmac and plastic in the existing and developing public realm, and to particularly reject the use of artificial grass in all Barnet Metropolitan Open spaces, but specifically the Clitterhouse and Hendon playing fields'	
Agenda Item 10 Air Quality Action Plan	Mr Levy Will the council consider holding a public engagement evening to help gather ideas for, and refine, the Air Quality Action Plan, similar to such an event conducted by Camden Council a few years ago?	