

QUESTION TO THE ECS PDS CHAIRMAN FOR ORAL REPLY

From Sam Gee, St Olave's Grammar School

In this Committee's Policy Development & Scrutiny annual report, there was no mention of climate change. As the greatest environmental, social and economic challenge of the century, what were this committee's reasons behind its omission?

Reply

The Chairman acknowledged that the PDS Annual Report made no specific reference to challenges posed by climate change and that there should be.

However, he also suggested that the role of the annual PDS report was to provide a short write-up of the work of the Committee and that the larger Environment Portfolio Plan provided greater coverage of the full work of the Committee.

This includes (but is not limited to), our Flood Risk Management Strategy, our Biodiversity plan, our Cycling Strategy, Local Implementation Plan, Aborigicultural Strategy and our Carbon Management Programme all of which are playing a role.

The meeting was also being conducted without paper with Members viewing documents electronically and reports projected to screen.

Supplementary Question

In his supplementary question Mr Gee referred to carbon management reports, asking how the Council can act on these. Mr Gee also asked how it would be possible to get hold of the reports.

Reply

The Chairman indicated that some documents and strategies have been seen by the Committee; however, not all documents prepared within the Environment and Community Services Department are covered by the Environment and Community Services (ECS) Portfolio. The Chairman offered to try and provide links to reports which are publically available for the ECS portfolio. It was also intended to consider the latest draft ECS Portfolio Plan at the Committee's next meeting (on 18th June 2019). The email to Mr Gee with links to relevant reports would also include a link to the current ECS Portfolio Plan.

(Democratic Services Note: Carbon Management information can be found in the following location on the Council website

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200105/sustainability>)
