

To: City Executive Board

Date: 10th. July 2013

Report of: The Scrutiny Committee

Title of Report: LOW EMISSIONS STRATEGY AND AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To report the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee on the Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan.

Key decision: No

Scrutiny Lead Member: Councillor Mills

Executive Lead member: Councillor Tanner

Policy Framework: Cleaner Greener Oxford

Recommendation(s): For the City Executive Board to say if it agrees or disagrees with the following recommendations.

Recommendation

To support the setting of the Low Emissions Strategy and ambitions but for the City Executive Board to require early reference of the document to the Carbon and Natural Resources Members Board so that gaps on data, resources and financing can be discussed and a robust action plan produced.

Introduction

1. The Scrutiny Committee considered the proposals for the Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan. They were supported in their debate by Jo Colwell, Roger Pitman and Councillor Tanner and the Committee would like to thank them for their time and advice.

Conclusions and Recommendations

2. The Committee was pleased to see such ambitious documents and thought the Air Quality Action Plan in particular presented clear actions and measures to support outcomes.
3. The Committee was less clear that the Low Emissions Strategy contained enough detail on data, resources and financing to give confidence that it would meet its overarching targets and further would have benefited from the advice and input of the Carbon and Natural Resources Members Board .

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Board Member and Director Comments

4. The Board Member's focus is to report on progress associated with the Low Emission Strategy. The Carbon and Natural Resources Members Board will be a useful forum to discuss this in. The Board Member has requested a re-formatting of diagrams and tables within the document to provide greater clarity.

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