

Energy and carbon masterplan – Update on city-wide energy consumption and carbon emissions noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability.

4 With reference to the minutes of the Executive Committee of 2nd April 2015 (Print 1, page 11) approving the Energy and Carbon Masterplan for the city, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability providing an update on energy consumption and carbon emissions in Glasgow since the baseline year of 2006 and analysing the city's progress towards the 30% carbon dioxide (CO₂) reduction by 2020 target, advising

- (1) that the Masterplan retained the commitment to achieve a 30% reduction in Glasgow's carbon emissions on a 2006 baseline and identified 33 key actions aimed at reducing carbon emissions in the 3 main sectors of transport, domestic and industrial/commercial sectors, that would ensure that Glasgow would continue to successfully reduce CO₂ emissions by 2020;
- (2) that the Energy and Carbon Masterplan had 2 main submissions, namely to this Council on an annual basis and to the Covenant of Mayors, due every 2 years from the resubmission date of February 2014;
- (3) that the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) released data on energy consumption and carbon emissions for local authorities annually, 2 years in arrears;
- (4) that the information used in the Energy and Carbon Masterplan was based on 2014 Department for Energy and Climate Change datasets;
- (5) of the carbon emissions and energy consumption figures for Glasgow based on the most recent BEIS data together with an analysis of those figures;
- (6) of the serious issue with regard to the application of non-domestic rates on district heating networks as district heating was not classified in the rates system as a utility and was valued based on its construction cost, which resulted in district heating networks, especially in low density areas, having high rates costs and diminished competitiveness against conventional utilities; and
- (7) of the significant projects included in the Masterplan.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report and supported the work of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability in reducing Glasgow's CO₂ emissions and environmental impact, including the associated financial burden; and
 - (ii) that the City Convener for Neighbourhoods and Sustainability would write to the Scottish Government regarding the challenges raised by

how the non-domestic rates system categorised district heating and would circulate the correspondence to members of the committee, with an update being provided to members at the next meeting; and

- (b) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability to provide a further update in 12 months on the city's progress towards the 30% carbon dioxide reduction target.