



Climate Partnership Meeting

Thursday 15th of May 2025, 3:00 – 4:30

Attendees:

Chairs: Councillor Shafi Ahmed (Tower Hamlets Council)

Apologies from: Fiona Peskett (NHS)

Abdul Khan (LBTH), Seth Bondonno (LBTH), Naima Jumannah (LBTH), Nathalie Sylvia Bienfait (Green Councillor LBTH), Rashal Ali (Bromley by Bow Centre), Yohannah Caussyram (Canary Wharf Group), Vince Glover (New City College), Chloe Johnston (Polar HARCA), Max Dickter (Rich Mix), Zarreen Mokaddam (Telehouse), Fliss Scott (Polar HARCA), Hayley Mullin (LBTH), Rebecca Waters (NHS Northeast London), Martin Clarke (Barts Health NHS Trust), Jenna-Marie Smallwood (Queen Mary University), Zoe Sturgess (Queen Mary University)

Agenda Item	Notes/Actions
Monitoring Climate Partnership - (Co-Chairs)	How can we capture the different impacts of the CP? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do we have some sort of metrics that we are using? - we have suggested an annual reporting tracking our success.• Cllr suggest benchmarking against other councils to track progress and how they track their own progress• Suggestion: to have documentation/framework, that can be reflected on. Which also aligns with organisational/Council/boroughwide targets.• Paul Roper shared a link that shares the progress of Lee Valley's environment action plan.• Suggestions to have the actions plan report broken down into themes.• Victoria Holmes follows the UN sustainability goals• Annual reporting suggested date is around January or early February
Matters arising from last meeting & Subgroup Feedback - (Seth Bondonno)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovation and Leadership<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community engagement, collaboration and leadership- Shared good case studies and securing grant- Research Data and Intelligence subgroup will be merged with this group to increase engagement and reduce duplication.• Greening Growing and Biodiversity



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting took place, 29th of April - Food growing discussion - Looking to recruit for the Council Biodiversity role within the next 2-3 months. Candidates have been shortlisted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen Mary's Climate Action Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15 different events across 10 different departments in the university as well as with community groups - Students were very involved with putting together a task group, looking to have community engagement at the next one.
Climate Alliance – objectives, purpose, comms plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TH Climate Alliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measurable climate action, increase business resilience, collaborative leadership. - Criteria: Delivery of Climate Actions, Organisational Engagement, Community impact, Carbon Emissions Reduction, Staff Climate Training, Employee volunteering participation. - Benefits: Network opportunities, Accreditation, Features in TH reports, Cost-saving insights, Specialist support - Commitments: Sign the TH climate pledge, Promote Climate Campaigns, Staff Training, Adoption of Net Zero Target, Attend Annual Celebration Event. • Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resourcing- how can we help organisations to increase environmental engagement. What resourcing does the council have? - Training- good to understand what sort of training would be helpful and at what level - Young TH running a volunteering programme- Green Youth Leader, tackling environmental issues within youth centres, launching in September as a pilot. Will collaborate in this area. - Opportunity for Living Labs - Include the Young Mayor Environment Lead in the volunteer programme - Training- education and training foundation. Course to get specialist status in sustainable development. - The Greater London in process of creating free climate literacy training. August/September - Language- avoid greenwashing • Logo Ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1&5 are the strongest options - Option 4- with the River Thames



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capital letters to be used - Something to show collaboration
Home Energy Advice Programme – Bromley by Bow Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate alliance Launch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop on the 25th of June at Town Hall- hybrid meeting 2-3pm • Completed the first year of the programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funded by Tower Hamlets Council, to deliver home energy advice to households who are in fuel poverty or at risk of being in fuel poverty. The programme is designed to support households and vulnerable residents with reducing energy usage at home, and financial expenditure towards energy bills. - Strands of Delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy workshops to frontline workers Energy champions Debt Relief Support Free Phone and Home Services • Achievements from year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 37 Energy champions have been trained and certified - 600 households had 1:1 appointment - 8 workshops delivered to frontline employees- 102 attendees - Through Shines engagement residents have saved an average of 3,897KW of energy £491 in savings and 24,967 litres of water. - Maximised income by £15,000, through benefit applications and discount schemes - hosted 6 events attended by 402 households who were all provided with energy leaflets and energy advice - Debt relief fund: 25 households were supported with accessing financial support of at least £500 towards reducing debts Total of £2500 debt was reduced/written off • Next Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Energy champions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We aim to recruit another 50 energy champions across year 2 of which aim to register at least 38 champions on the course - We hope that we can have at least 30 ECs cascade information to at least 400 households



	<p><u>Frontline workshops</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We aim to deliver 112 frontline workshops with an average of 10 attendees per workshop. <p><u>Shine telephone and home visits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shine will aim to conduct 153 triage calls to residents providing them energy efficiency information. Of those 153 Shine will conduct 53 home visits for follow up support. From these engagement we aim to achieve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Average energy savings of 3,388KW per household - Average financial savings of £493 per household - Average Water savings of 6,300 liters of water per household <p>Actions: Rashal to send around leaflet and info regarding the Home Energy Advice Programme</p>
<p>Case study for Carbon Reduction Community Grant - Rich Mix</p>	<p>Rich Mix is committed to minimising its environmental impact and promoting sustainable practices.</p> <p>Key commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising awareness • Reducing waste • Saving energy <p>Awarded the community carbon reduction grant by TH with which they are incorporating sustainable food practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Created a composting system, using their food waste to create compost - Engaged community in the delivery of the project. <p>For more information and insights into future collaboration contact - "Max Dickter" <max.dickter@richmix.org.uk></p>



Forward Planning

Meeting	Agenda	Time
May 15 th	Climate Partnership Meeting	Thursday 3:00pm – 4:30pm
June 12 th	Green Week Planning Meeting	Thursday 3:30-4:30pm
June 25 th	Climate Alliance Workshop – Whitechapel Town Hall (hybrid)	Wednesday 2:00pm-3:00pm
July 15 th	Climate Partnership Meeting	Tuesday 1:00pm -2:30pm
August / September	Subgroup Meetings	
October 27 th – 31 st	Tower Hamlets Green Week	Monday-Friday
November 7 th	Green Week Celebration Event & Climate Alliance Launch	Friday 09:00am – 3:00pm
November 13 th	Climate Partnership Meeting	Thursday - 3pm-4:30pm

Actions

- Seth to showcase updated designs at the next Climate Alliance planning meeting on June 25th (location Whitechapel Town Hall)
- Organisations to participate in Tower Hamlets Green Week – invitation to be sent for Green Week planning meeting on June 12th
- There will be an annual Climate Partnership report delivered in January. Draft to be created and presented at an upcoming partnership meeting July/November.

