

## Climate Partnership Meeting

### Notes and actions from last meeting (14/11/2024)

Items	Actions
Introduction	Welcomed members
<b>Tower Hamlets Wider Partnership strategic vision</b> – (Abidah Kamali, Strategy and Improvement Lead – Tower Hamlets Council)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have embarked on a new journey to create a strategic vision for 2035, which will sit at the top of the council. This will be built on the foundation of the current partnership plan: aim to work partners, align our goals etc. partnership consists of the executive group and anchor organisations.</li> <li>Workshop plan Qs:               <p><b><u>A lasting legacy:</u></b> What kind of TH do we want to see in 2035?</p> <p><b><u>Navigating the future:</u></b> What are the biggest obstacles that could hinder our progress towards a strategic vision &amp; how can we proactively address these challenges</p> <p><b><u>Building on success:</u></b> How can we leverage the strengths and achievement of the current PP (2023-2028) to create a more ambitious and impactful 2035 vision?</p> <p><b><u>Bridging the gap:</u></b> What are the critical areas where our current Partnership Plan falls short of addressing long-term needs and how can we fill these gaps?</p> </li> </ul> <p>Comments from Partnership Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transparency of how residents can affect policy. Also addressing food insecurity and affordable housing crisis.</li> <li>- How can new builds incorporate community cohesion, what is the scope of adding to this the building strategy, or use of unused land.</li> <li>- Working with borough partnerships and relationships- to break barriers.</li> <li>- Working with schools/youth service/community groups to change behaviours.</li> <li>- Climate crisis should be treated as an equity priority, to work with residents</li> <li>- To respond on challenges that residents have with homes</li> </ul>

	<p>- The climate crisis needs to be prioritised as a policy priority, with community-developed, participatory solutions across energy, housing, transport, waste and land system</p> <p>Partnership task and finish group has been established- currently in the phase of community engagement. There is also a partnership congress plan. Plan is to finalise and launch the 2035 strategic vision in February 2025.</p> <p>Strategic Vision 2035 <a href="#">Presentation</a></p>
<p><b>Matters arising from last meeting &amp; Subgroup Feedback -</b> (Subgroup Leaders)</p>	<p><b>Research Data and Intelligence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with members individually.</li> <li>• Discussed activities to support Green Job creation in the borough.</li> <li>• Identified networks to engage more organisations to participate in the group.</li> </ul> <p><b>Innovation and Leadership subgroup</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decided milestones and deliverables for the subgroup.</li> <li>• Discussed potential timeline for implementing a Climate Alliance.</li> <li>• Planned future stakeholder engagement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Greening Growing and Biodiversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed the consultation process for the Local Biodiversity Action Plan.</li> <li>• Created new action for further discussion at next meeting - Accessing land for Food Growing.</li> <li>• Biodiversity enquiries send to – Tower Habitats email <a href="mailto:Tower.Habitats@towerhamlets.gov.uk">Tower.Habitats@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Heart of the City training programme –</b> (Olivia Phillips, Associate Director - Sustainability Development &amp;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science based targets- provides a defined route of actions to become a net-zero business.</li> <li>• Current targets are 65% emissions reduction and the second is 60% Supplier Target Engagement.</li> <li>• Key actions taken: Upskilling and supporting our supply chain, identifying most carbon intensive suppliers.</li> <li>• Launched a SBTi Mentoring Scheme</li> </ul>

<p>Construction at Canary Wharf Group)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suppliers have created carbon reduction plans for their business.</li> <li>• Engagement process- tactically engaged with suppliers to say that we would like our supply chains to move forward with the company.</li> </ul> <p>Contact email is <a href="mailto:Olivia.Phillips@canarywharf.com">Olivia.Phillips@canarywharf.com</a>.  Andy is the contact from Heart of the City - <a href="mailto:andy@theheartofthecity.com">andy@theheartofthecity.com</a></p> <p>Heart of the City training programme <a href="#">Presentation</a></p>
<p><b>Food &amp; short supply chains –</b>  <i>MAD Leap project presentation, (Rokiah Yaman, LEAP Micro Anaerobic Digestion)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micro-anaerobic digestion- helps waste management, creates bioenergy and bio-fertiliser which can be reused to grow food.</li> <li>• 4 sites have been identified.</li> <li>• Pilot site on the Teviot estate has been established- growing mushrooms.</li> <li>• Plans to establish a replicable model, Support LA net zero carbon targets, create educational opportunities, green jobs and training opportunities, engage with residents.</li> <li>• This will help with behavioural change as the Gov is implementing food waste collection in 2025.</li> <li>• Manorfield Primary school has had incorporation of food growing, recycling etc.</li> <li>• Opportunities to collab: CSR training/away days/ involvement, accredited green skills training, monitoring and evaluation support, interest in replication, market research-user interviews.</li> <li>• Also looking at ways that this system can insulate buildings below</li> <li>• Looking for partners for projects – please contact <a href="mailto:info@madleap.co.uk">info@madleap.co.uk</a></li> </ul> <p>MAD Leap project <a href="#">Presentation</a></p>
<p><b>Additional updates</b></p>	<p>A reminder that anyone in health and care (including VCS) can access funded training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Environmental Sustainability Skills for the Workforce (ESSW) one day course</b>  The course covers the main environmental risks and opportunities facing organisations; the importance of resource efficiency; the impacts of pollution, prevention, control and legislation; the impact of transport; and knowing how employees can support environmental sustainability. You will complete a short test the next day and receive a professional development certificate from the Institute of Environmental Management</li> </ul>

	<p>and Assurance (IEMA) on passing the test. The course is being held on Wednesday 4 and 18 December, 9am – 5pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To book your place and ask any questions, please contact <a href="mailto:bhrut.sustainability@nhs.net">bhrut.sustainability@nhs.net</a></li> </ul> <p>Women's Environmental Network - Circularity and waste session: <a href="https://buytickets.at/womensenvironmentalnetwork/1470823">https://buytickets.at/womensenvironmentalnetwork/1470823</a></p> <p>There will be another sustainable newsletter sent to Climate Partnership members. If your organisation has any activities that you would like promoted please email <a href="mailto:climate@towerhamlets.gov.uk">climate@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a> or directly to Seth (<a href="mailto:seth.bondonno@towerhamlets.gov.uk">seth.bondonno@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>)</p>
<p><b>Forward planning, date of next meeting, and closing remarks</b> (Co-Chairs)</p>	<p>Next Climate Partnership meeting – Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> – 3-4:30pm (provisional date).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share presentations in the minutes to CP members.</li> <li>Include a discussion section for wider updates from Climate Partnership members on the two themes discussed previously: <i>Climate Funding Opportunities</i> and <i>Sustainable Supply Chains</i>.</li> <li>Organisations to send upcoming activities for next sustainability newsletter.</li> </ul>