

# Community Stakeholder Panel

## Meeting note

**Agenda: Tuesday 30 April: 6.00pm - 7.30pm.**

Location: Southwark Council Office, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH (with hybrid option)

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Climate Action Plan
3. Climate resilience and adaptation strategy update
4. Southwark Climate Day
5. Forward plan
6. AOB

### Attendees

| Organisation/Group                   | Role               |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Southwark Council – Cllr James McAsh | Chair              |
| Southwark Council – Tom Sharland     | Panel member       |
| Southwark Law Centre                 | Panel member       |
| Living Streets                       | Panel member       |
| SDA Independent Living               | Panel member       |
| Southwark TUC                        | Panel member       |
| Southwark Diocese                    | Panel member       |
| Southwark Council – James Senior     | Supporting officer |
| Southwark Council – Tom Buttrick     | Guest              |

### Apologies/Not in attendance

- SGTO
- Southwark TUC

- Southwark Cyclists
- Extinction Rebellion
- London LGBTQ Centre
- SDCAS

## Notes

### 1. Welcome and introductions

- Welcome from Cllr James McAsh, chair of the meeting.
- Introductions from panel members present.

### 2. Climate Action Plan – annual update

Item status: Live project

Desired outcome: Seek input from the panel on planned updates to the climate action plan (July 2024)

- Presentation on climate action plan update delivered by Tom Buttrick (Southwark Council)
- Noted by panel member that until it is brought into planning policy, there is only so much it can do. It was suggested that there should be something in planning policy that the community can point towards.
  - Noted in response to this that there is a climate Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) coming forwards this year which will go to public consultation and is an opportunity to bring key elements of the climate action plan into planning policy..
  - There is also a specific action in the resilience and adaptation strategy about incorporating this into the SPD.
  - Noted that the council has an updated energy policy in development to strengthen this further and there is also a review of Southwark Plan as a whole.
  - Noted by panel member that retrofit first is London planning policy but it rarely leads to anything.
  - **Action:** council to request colleagues in planning policy to come to the panel and present on these items.
- Noted by panel member that a question which comes up a lot with communities is ‘why are we even bothering when you look at China (and the amount of carbon they produce) etc?’. This can mean it is difficult to get the public to do anything.
  - Noted by the council that there is an opportunity to reduce emissions alongside a range of co-benefits like cheaper bills, better air quality, improved health etc. that can have wide benefits in the community.

- Suggested, in reference to climate action plan action F1.4, to contact disability cycling training groups like wheels for wellbeing.
- Suggestion from panel member to consider supporting behaviour change around giving each village or town centre its 'thing' that people care about and can focus on.
- Suggestion from panel member to look at pilot projects for listed buildings retrofit – such as in Sutherland Square.
  - Noted by the council that we have just launched the retrofit learning network which will hopefully help explore these sorts of ideas.
- Noted that the council have a fleet strategy and is now starting to challenge the number of vehicles different teams have, rather than just a simple like for like replacement.
- Panel member asked about proactive work happening to upskill workforces in green jobs and expressed concerns around what is classified as a 'green job' in the action plan.
- Suggestion from panel member that the council should focus on making sure these are meaningful green jobs.
- Noted that the council is recognising that impacts of climate change are going to be unequal and will have a focus on vulnerabilities to direct resources to areas that are most vulnerable.
- Panel member noted that there has been a lack of clarity on what level of repairs are being done during the hiatus on housing work.

### 3. Climate resilience and adaptation strategy update

Item status: Approved strategy

Desired outcome: Provide an update on finalised strategy and seek input into delivery

- Presentation on Climate Resilience and Adaptation Strategy delivered by Tom Buttrick (Southwark Council)
- Panel member questioned the percentage for blue-green infrastructure. It was suggested this could be higher and used to get more greening in to the public realm. It was noted that some recent works have been disappointing on the amount of green space they have added.
- Noted by panel members that people are already struggling with impacts of climate change, particularly in relation to housing.
- It was noted that there is a joint unions heatwave protocol.
- Suggestion from panel member that it would be good to hear what has been done from this perspective in the council.
- Suggestion from panel member that there should be clear leadership on climate change resilience from the council, particularly heatwave protocols and their importance.

### 4. Southwark Climate Day

Item status: Live project

Desired outcome: Provide an update on the draft programme for Southwark Climate Day and seek further opportunities for shared promotion and collaboration.

- Presentation on Southwark Climate Day delivered by James Senior (Southwark Council)
- Recommended to promote the free tea and coffee and to involve further educational institutions
- Recommended to promote the event with older young people and schools to learn about green skills
- **Action:** share flyers and jpgs as soon as possible with the group to share.

## 5. Forward plan

Desired outcome: Review future items on forward plan and seek ideas which panel members may wish to see on future agenda items.

- Request from panel for a future item from planning policy.
- Suggested to bring transport related items back to the panel following previous Streets for People update.
- Suggested to bring an item on community engagement and engaging with diverse groups.
- Noted by the panel that it is helpful to be clear on what is being agreed and what is there for discussion and to share things as early as possible.

## 6. AOB

- No comments.