

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Climate Change and Ecology Policy and Accountability Committee

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Subject: Circular economy and sustainable procurement.

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SUMMARY

This is a covering report for a presentation on H&F's progress highlighting key achievements and opportunities to deliver circular economy principles and sustainable procurement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the Committee to note and comment on the presentation.
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Wards Affected: All

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Corporate Plan and the H&F Values
Doing things with local residents, not to them	There are many co-benefits of a circular economy such as supporting residents with the cost-of-living crisis through healthier and affordable lifestyles that reduce consumption and strengthen community ties as well as supporting local people by promoting green skills and jobs in repair and resource management which stimulates innovation and creates employment.
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	While the most significant sources of emissions per person in H&F remain from heating and powering homes (2.7 tonnes CO2e) and transport use (3 tonnes), the things we buy and use as organisations and individuals, including food (0.9 tonnes), recreational equipment such as phones and

	computers (0.3 tonnes), home furnishings (0.3 tonnes), and clothing (0.2 tonnes), are some of the many products that add to this total.
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Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. The committee is invited to discuss and comment on the progress to-date in delivering circular economy initiatives through projects, procurement and processes across the Council.

Circular economy and sustainable procurement

2. The 'circular economy' refers to a range of approaches to move away from an unsustainable model of consumption in society in which materials are extracted, used, and then wasted. Circular economy approaches aim to keep materials in use including through improved product design, repair, reuse, sharing and recycling, to reduce our reliance on extraction of new materials.
3. Hammersmith & Fulham Council has been delivering a number of policy and project initiatives to scale-up what we are already delivering to create conditions for low-carbon living in the borough and improve the way we lead our own procurement, purchasing and resource use.
4. Hammersmith & Fulham Council will be joined by Western Riverside Waste Authority (WRWA) and ReLondon. These organisations are strategic service and project delivery partners that support the Council's commitment to reduce waste and improve circularity.
5. Our action plans embed circular economy principles across the borough and Council such as sharing, reuse and repair. The accompanying presentation outlines this in more detail.

LIST OF APPENDICES

1. 'H&F circular economy and sustainable procurement' (PowerPoint presentation)