

By email

## MANCHESTER CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD

Gavin Elliott  
Chair, Manchester Climate Change Board

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Sir Richard

### **RE: Draft Manchester Zero Carbon Framework 2020-38**

When I last wrote to you in October 2018 it was to present the *Playing Our Full Part* document, which set out a proposal for Manchester to adopt a new set of science-based climate change targets, aligned with the Paris Agreement, and based on independent analysis by the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research at the University of Manchester.

My fellow Board members and I were extremely pleased to see that the proposal was welcomed by Manchester City Council and that the targets were adopted on behalf of the city at the Council's Executive Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018. This commitment is an excellent demonstration of the bold political leadership we require from politicians around the world, if we are to collectively respond to the urgent challenge of global climate change.

Alongside the adoption of the targets the Executive also committed the City Council '*to develop[ing] a draft action plan by March 2019 and a final detailed plan by March 2020 setting out how the city will ensure that it stays within the proposed carbon budget*'. In line with Manchester Climate Change Board's role to help drive forward this agenda, we have been working with partners to start to develop an approach that can assist with the production of the citywide action plan.

I am therefore pleased to enclose with this letter a copy of the Draft Manchester Zero Carbon Framework 2020-38. The document has been produced by the 60 organisations represented by the Manchester Climate Change Board members and the Manchester Climate Change Agency, with additional expert input from the Tyndall Centre and Anthesis Consulting.

The Board members represent organisations and sectors responsible for approximately 20% of the city's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. We believe the Board provides an important vehicle for engaging and mobilising the city to act on climate change and has made good progress since its establishment in February 2018, working with support from Manchester Climate Change Agency.

However, our work to date has raised several important issues that need to be urgently addressed: how to engage and mobilise the residents and businesses that are responsible for the remaining 80% of the city's emissions, including through an exponential increase in the support available to help them to act; the need for a new programme with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and UK Government to secure the funding and powers that the city and city-region need to meet our objectives under the Paris Agreement and the Government's Clean Growth Strategy; the need to ensure that growth and new development in Manchester and Greater Manchester is clean, zero carbon growth that doesn't add to our existing emissions; the need to actively contribute to a national and international strategy for addressing UK and global aviation emissions; and many others.

As for all cities in the world, the challenge in front of us is pressingly urgent. But so is the opportunity.

On behalf of the Manchester Climate Change Board I would therefore like to invite you and Manchester City Council colleagues to consider the enclosed documents during March 2019 and to:

1. Endorse the draft Manchester Zero Carbon Framework as the city's overarching approach to meeting its science-based climate change targets over the period 2020-38, as part of the wider Our Manchester policy framework
2. Commit to work with partners to develop the final Framework and Action Plan for 2020-22 by March 2020, at the latest
3. Commit to implement the City Council's actions for 2019/20, as set out in Appendix 4 of the draft Framework
4. Commit to produce a detailed action plan for the City Council's climate change work during 2020-22, in terms of both direct, organisational emissions, and the influencing and enabling role that the City Council can play through its planning, procurement, regulatory, and other powers,
5. Commit to work with partners to secure the resources the city requires to commence full implementation of the Framework 2020-38 and Action Plan 2020-22, from April 2020
6. Sign the 'Zero Carbon Manchester Commitment to Act'

Yours sincerely

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Gavin Elliott  
Chair, Manchester Climate Change Board

Enclosed:  
Draft Zero Carbon Manchester Framework 2020-38  
Zero Carbon Manchester Commitment to Act Template

## Zero Carbon Manchester 2038 Our Commitment to Act

Manchester has committed to play its full part in limiting the impacts of climate change. According to the latest expert analysis that means emitting a maximum of 15 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> between 2018 and 2100 (our 'carbon budget'), reducing our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 13% year-on-year, and becoming a zero carbon city by 2038.

Meeting these targets will make Manchester one of the world's leading cities for action on climate change, bringing us full circle from the industrial revolution to a new zero carbon revolution. It will also mean creating a dynamic and resilient economy where our businesses can thrive and where our residents will have access to good, secure jobs and the highest quality of life. Manchester Climate Change Board wants all organisations in the city to help realise this vision.

### Our Commitment to Act

[Sector/organisation] believes that Manchester should stay within a science-based carbon budget that is aligned with the Paris Agreement and set 2038 as the target date to become a zero carbon city.

[Sector/organisation] believes that all organisations and residents in Manchester need to be part of a collective effort to meet our targets and commits to contribute by:

- Acting now, including accelerating our existing decarbonisation activities, wherever possible,
- Taking responsibility for the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from our business activities and working to reduce them to zero by 2038,
- Supporting and influencing our customers, residents, suppliers and other stakeholders to take action,
- Defining the support we need and proactively asking for it, including asking politicians for policy changes wherever relevant.

Signed:

Date:

Position:

Organisation:



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