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Dear Sir Richard

RE: Draft Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25

When the members of the Partnership last wrote to you in February 2019 it was to present the Draft Manchester Zero Carbon Framework 2020-38 and to ask the City Council to *'endorse the document 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'*. The Partnership was very pleased to see that this proposal was agreed at the March 2019 meeting of the Council's Executive Committee. We are also pleased to see that the five additional actions that were included in our letter have also since been taken forward. Thank you.

Since February 2019 the Partnership and its members have also been busy taking forward our own commitments. Delivering carbon reduction and climate adaptation projects and putting in place new plans to contribute to the city's climate change targets.

The last year has also seen a tangible increase in the level of concern about climate change and action by Manchester residents and organisations. We are now seeing growing levels of action in our communities, homes, schools, colleges, universities, and workplaces; a powerful force that is to be recognised, celebrated and encouraged in every corner of the city.

It is against this backdrop that we are pleased to present the 'Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25' for consideration by yourself and City Council colleagues. The document has been developed on behalf of the Partnership by the Manchester Climate Change Agency.

In your considerations we would ask that you take into account four key developments since the City Council endorsed the Draft Manchester Zero Carbon Framework 2020-38 in March 2019:

1. Further development of the carbon reduction objective

The Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research has completed a review of the targets the City Council adopted in November 2018. As a result, the Partnership are proposing a broadening of the scope of this objective from direct CO₂ emissions to: direct CO₂ emissions, aviation CO₂ emissions, and indirect /

consumption-based CO₂ emissions. We believe this is the correct scope for a city committed to make its full contribution to the Paris Agreement and will help to set the standard for other cities to follow.

2. Addition of a climate adaptation and resilience objective

In recognition of the fact that that Manchester's climate is changing and that action is needed, alongside our efforts to rapidly decarbonise the city.

3. Timescales

We have chosen to shorten the Framework's timescales from 2020-38 to 2020-25, to help refocus the city's efforts on urgent action over the next five years, rather than a zero carbon end-date in the medium-term.

4. Suite of action plans versus a single implementation plan

Rather than a single implementation plan for 2020-22, as was originally envisaged, the Partnership believes a suite of action plans, ultimately one for every home, community, school, college and workplace is the most effective way to build the citywide movement we need to meet our targets.

With these considerations in mind the Partnership are presenting this document with three specific proposals to Manchester City Council:

1. On behalf of the city, Manchester City Council formally adopts the Framework's aim, vision, objectives and targets as the definition of what Manchester needs to achieve in order to 'play our full part in limiting the impacts of climate change'
2. On behalf of the city, Manchester City Council formally endorses the Framework as Manchester's high-level strategy for achieving the aim, vision, objectives and targets
3. To contribute towards the successful implementation of the Framework, Manchester City Council delivers its own climate change action plan for the period 2020-25

Yours sincerely

Manchester Climate Change Partnership

Enclosed:

Manchester Climate Change Framework 2020-25
The Framework and appendices are available from
www.manchesterclimate.com/framework-2020-25