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Subject: SCAN 2026/27 Autumn-term meeting – follow-up

Dear All,

Thank you for joining yesterday's Schools Climate Action Network (SCAN) meeting, and particular thanks to everyone who presented and contributed to the discussion. Please find below a summary of the main updates and opportunities, together with the key next steps.

Council and school decarbonisation updates

The Council's latest emissions review shows that we remain on track against our 2030 carbon-neutrality commitment for Scope 1 and 2 emissions, with buildings continuing to be a major focus for decarbonisation.

The Zero Carbon Accelerator assessments for 15 schools are now available to view. Solar PV installations at four schools supported by this work are complete and operational, and we are starting to collect generation and carbon-saving data. We are also progressing an LED lighting pilot at Enfield County Upper and Lower and the community energy solar pilot with Power Up North London.

TfL Travel for Life

More than 60 Enfield schools are now engaged and accredited through Travel for Life, with a record 50 schools achieving Gold. Road Safety Week is coming up on 15–21 November, and Bikeability training and Dr Bike sessions remain available to participating schools, subject to funding and capacity. Please contact Alex Kidd if your school would like to get involved alex.kidd@enfield.gov.uk

Our Planet Needs You (OPNY)

Caty Keen introduced Our Planet Needs You, which supports schools to turn Climate Action Plans into practical activity through nine themed challenges, curriculum-linked resources and measurable behaviour change. The programme also includes a **standardised Climate Action Planning portal**, which could help schools identify actions and allow progress to be compared more consistently across the borough.

OPNY say, 10 or more Enfield schools would be ideal to participate, but a programme could potentially proceed with only five. Schools can register interest and undertake their baseline work before any wider behaviour-change programme begins. Please see the slides here and register your interest here: https://app.ourplanetneedsyou.com/register-interest

The Felix Project and sustainable food

Damien Conrad gave a very interesting overview of the scale of surplus food redistribution in Enfield and the opportunity to develop a more resilient local food system. The Felix Project currently works with 35 Enfield schools and redistributed around 1.25 million kg of food across Enfield in the year to September 2026, including approximately 273 tonnes to schools.

The discussion highlighted longer-term opportunities around food hubs, shorter supply chains, direct purchasing from farms and links with school catering.

We will update on The Food Purchasing Commitment at our next meeting so that we can explore how these areas might connect.

Climate Action Plans

Thank you to everyone who completed the poll during the meeting. We are trying to build a clearer picture of where schools are with their Climate Action Plans and, importantly, what further support would be most useful. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/T9aCPf137q

The Council's Climate Action Plan template and existing support remain available for schools that are still developing their plans.

National Emergency Briefing

We raised the possibility of schools hosting a National Emergency Briefing screening for parents, governors and, where appropriate, sixth-form students. There have been 5,837 screenings registered across the UK, to raise awareness and understand the severity of the climate crisis from top scientists, experts in their field**.**

Some schools expressed initial interest, subject to SLT and governor approval. If other schools would also be interested in hosting a screening, please let me know.

Climate Ambassadors programme and workshop

The UCL Climate Ambassadors Programme provides free, bespoke support to schools on climate action and sustainability. Climate Ambassadors can work directly with school leaders to help develop or strengthen Climate Action Plans and provide more in-depth support in areas where schools may need additional expertise, including climate adaptation and resilience and sustainable procurement. The programme is also working alongside Our Planet Needs You so that schools can benefit from complementary practical and strategic support.

Lochlann Atack from UCL confirmed that the in-person Climate Ambassadors workshop

postponed due to the heat wave in July needs a new Enfield venue. Ideally this would take place at the end of November (26th), or in early January. The session is already designed and some budget is available for light catering. If your school could host, please contact Lochlann at l.atack@ucl.ac.uk

Next SCAN meeting: 9 February 2027

At the next meeting we will pick up the Food Purchasing Commitment, catch up with our Community Energy partner and continue the discussion around practical support for delivering schools' Climate Action Plans.

Please see the attached presentations from this meeting.

Thank you again for your time and for continuing to support climate action across Enfield schools.

Best Wishes,

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