

Guidance

- Your report should be 1000 words or fewer. You should write in all three sections, but it is up to you to decide how much weight to give each section.
- Your report should be submitted one week before the date of each Scrutiny Panel. Completed reports should be emailed to r.nadeem@guild.bham.ac.uk or l.gill@guild.bham.ac.uk
- You will have two minutes at the beginning of each Scrutiny Panel meeting to supplement your report with a verbal update.

Officer:	Matthew Griffin
Date of panel:	4/11/20

Written Statement action plan

This section is for you to track your progress on your written statement priorities, as outlined in your action plan. The “context” section of the document can remain the same for each panel.

Written Statement Item #1	
'Climate Emergency Campaign'	
Context:	This campaign is one of my main focuses and aims for the year- to lobby the university into declaring a climate Emergency. This is crucial given the climate crisis and the campaign will also aim to encourage greater transparency and action at the University, and educate staff and students about the crisis.
Progress:	I am in the process of planning the elements and content of the campaign. It is scheduled to run in February.

Written Statement Item #2	
'Plastic free zero waste shop'	

Context:	This is one of my main projects that represents an exciting opportunity for students and staff to shop more sustainably
Progress:	Worked in collaboration with local business (Clean Kilo- https://www.thecleankilo.co.uk/) and the university. Long term plan of having a permeant place on campus remain likely, but the short term plan is to use a milk float to allow student's to order goods online and then collect them at one of the drop off points (Vale/Selly Oak/ Pritchatts Park)

Written Statement Item #3	
Organise a collaborative Sustainability Working Group	
Context:	I pledged on my manifesto to encourage collaboration between the different Sustainability/climate action groups on campus.
Progress:	The working group has now met twice- attendees included: Plastic Free, Vegsoc, BUCV, XR, BES, Amnesty, EmbracetheWaste, LGBT+. The meetings have encouraged collaborative work and has helped me to support the groups. Working on making the group a more publicised entity, and inviting the University Sustainability Manager to the next meeting.

Role and responsibilities

This section is for you to write about any projects you have been working on or meetings you have been to that you think are of particular importance to your remit.

Meeting / project	Outcome for students
Go Green Week	I have begun the planning of the week (scheduled for February) and due to deliver my most recent plans to the E&E Committee on the 29/10/20
Sustainability Steering Group (SSG)	I have attended this meeting twice (every time it has met since I have been in my position). I have loudly voiced student concerns and ideas to this meeting- most

	notably on divestment, new travel policies and catering
Sustainability Task Group (STG)	I have attended this meeting twice (every time it has met since I have been in my position). I have expressed student concerns and ideas to this meeting- most notably concerns over wasteful (but still important) Covid-19 measures on campus, such as the single-use sanitiser wipes

Ideas and policy

This section is for you to report on progress made to ideas and Guild policy that you have been mandated to work on. You only need to update your actions taken. You can also add ideas or policy as they are passed through the year.

Idea / policy	Action taken since last Panel
Installation of Ecosia at the Guild and University	In collaboration with 'UoB on Ecosia', we have submitted the suggestion through the Guild's suggestion process. Also due to raise the idea at the E&E Committee on the 29/10/20

Other student issues, meetings or projects to note:

- I have already begun planning the next online webinar with 'Sustainable Water Use Birmingham', due to be held at the end of November. I have aspirations of holding a webinar or a similar event every month, but this will depend on availability of speakers.
- **Reducing Guild Plastic Use-** In discussion with the Guild and the society 'Plastic Free UoB' to phase in reusable cups at sports night and fab events. I have planned the approach and this will be raised at the E&E Committee on the 29/10/20.
- **Student Composting-** Working to find a solution for student's to compost food waste. Planning a campaign with BUCV to encourage student's to use the community garden composting facilities. Also planning a long term, council start up scheme for better composting facilities in Selly Oak.
- **Catering plans- Carbon footprint labelling and Palm Oil Commitment-** Working with James Johnson, who is undertaking a review of catering at University of Birmingham, we have discussed my ideas. The next step is to consider implementation. Planning to push these ideas into Guild policy post-January.

- **Encouraging more Sustainable commuting-** Raised this issue at an SSG meeting when discussing new travel plans. Have also ran a successful webinar in collaboration with Sustrans (sustainable travel charity) on air pollution in Birmingham. Planning to introduce better signposting and cycle lanes to connect campus with the cities 'Superhighway'
- **Addressing Fast Fashion-** Planning to make this an element of GO Green Week. Also have the plan to hold a clothes swap in collaboration with Sorcha, Em and Alex. Planning to create a location for easy student donations, as well as continuing to work with 'Hazaar' to promote their sustainable clothes (and other items) swapping app.