

**RESPONSE TO ITEM 16. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC****16.1 M.Smyrnis, Doncaster****Q1 Can please [sic] explain why City of Manningham is a Member of ICLEI – International Council for Local Environment Initiatives? A foreign entity.**

ICLEI or the International Council for Local Environment Initiative is the leading global network representing more than 1,500 cities, towns and regions from all over the world, who are all committed to building an environmentally sustainable future.

ICLEI enables municipalities, like Manningham, to have a voice on a global stage. Council's ongoing membership means that we benefit from access to programs and the sharing of experiences through ICLEI's regional and worldwide networks. It helps us strive towards a safe climate, resilient communities and an environmentally sustainable economy into the future.

In Australia, the ICLEI Oceania office is hosted by Melbourne City Council. ICLEI receives its mandate from its Member local governments, like Manningham, and municipal organisations. ICLEI's governance is based on nine defined world regions and a three-year term of office for all bodies.

**FURTHER INFORMATION on ICLEI****Vision**

ICLEI envisions a world of sustainable cities that confront the realities of urbanization, adapt to economic and demographic trends and prepare for the impacts of climate change and other urban challenges. This is why ICLEI unites local and subnational governments in creating positive change through collective learning, exchange and capacity building.

**Assets and Achievements**

For the past 25 years, ICLEI has maintained that local action is at the centre of global change. Our multidisciplinary network continues to develop and apply practical strategies, tools and methodologies that bring about tangible local progress worldwide. The growing ICLEI Network works collaboratively in more than 100 countries, leveraging local assets to address pressing urban challenges and impact over 25 percent of the global urban population.

**Approach**

The ICLEI Network takes an integrated approach to sustainable development, striving to become sustainable, low-carbon, ecomobile, resilient, biodiverse, resource-efficient, healthy and happy, with a green economy and smart infrastructure.

Our 10 Urban Agendas are an expression of our integrated approach. ICLEI forges strategic partnerships with business and financial institutions to strengthen our results and bring about global change with a coalition of able partners. We also work to ensure that strong policy environments support local action through our national and global advocacy advancements.

**Impacts over the last 25 years**

ICLEI has achieved results that the planet notices.

- We have built a global sustainability network of more than 1,500 local and regions governments of all sizes in more than 100 countries.
- We work local and regional governments through a network of 17 offices and global centres on all continents.
- We have developed common methodologies and created innovative tools which are applied throughout the local government community worldwide.
- We have provided leadership in linking local governments to global policy processes and multilateral environmental agreements.
- We have created a global network of cities, towns and regions that have undertaken climate action planning and set voluntary targets for greenhouse gas emissions reduction.
- We have supported dozens of municipalities in the use of innovative sustainability management systems; and engaged dozens of global cities in biodiversity management.
- More than 50,000 local government staff have benefited from over 1,000 capacity building events organized by ICLEI.

Website - <http://www.iclei.org/about/governance.html>