



25 August 2020

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A remote meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on **THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2020** at **7.00pm.**

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

This is a remote meeting in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Venue

This meeting will be conducted using Zoom and a separate invitation with the link to access the meeting will be sent to Members, relevant officers and members of the public who have submitted a question.

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Recording of Proceedings

A recording of the meeting will be published onto the Council's website (www.stroud.gov.uk). The whole of the meeting will be recorded except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of press and public.

AGENDA

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest.
- 3 **MINUTES**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2020.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair of the Committee will answer questions from members of the public, submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS

Noon on Friday, 28 August 2020

Questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and can be sent by email to democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk

5 EXTENSION OF PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS RELATED TO CONTROL OF DOGS

To set out the position regarding the extension of Public Spaces Protection Orders for a further 3-year period following formal consultation.

6 MEMBER REPORTS

- a) Planning Review Panel
- b) Stroud Regeneration Committee
- c) Performance Monitoring

7 WORK PROGRAMME

To consider the work programme.

8 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 4 for deadline for submission.

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

A Motion is proposed by Councillor Brine and seconded by Councillor Pickering.

Stroud District Council fully supports the re-opening of the railway station at Stonehouse and notes that a number of measures are in place such as holding the land at Bristol Road Stonehouse as a potential location for a new station on the Bristol-Birmingham line. However, this committee resolves to formally indicate its support for the reopening of the station to allow residents of the Stroud area easier access to the Birmingham line and that the reopened station should be referred to as Stroudwater Station. The Council will actively work with all partners such as Department for Transport, Gloucestershire County Council, the local Economic Partnership and local interested parties to try to make this happen and, where appropriate, enabling resources to support this work.

Members of Environment Committee

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)
Councillor George James (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chris Brine
Councillor Paul Denney
Councillor Trevor Hall
Councillor Nick Hurst

Councillor Haydn Jones
Councillor Norman Kay
Councillor Skeena Rathor
Councillor Haydn Sutton
Councillor Jessica Tomblin
Councillor Tim Williams



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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

4 June 2020

7.00 pm – 8.51 pm

Remote Meeting

Minutes

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Membership

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Haydn Jones	P
Councillor George James (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Norman Kay	P
Councillor Chris Brine	P	Councillor Skeena Rathor	P
Councillor Paul Denney	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	A
Councillor Trevor Hall	P	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	A
Councillor Nick Hurst	P	Councillor Tim Williams	P

P = Present A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Place	Head of Community Services
Community Services Manager	Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer
Corporate Policy & Governance Manager	Democratic Services & Elections Officer

The Chair announced a change to the order of the Agenda, the Committee agreed to take Agenda Item 7 after Agenda Item 10.

EC.001 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sutton and Tomblin.

EC.002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kay declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 and did not take part in the vote for this item.

EC.003 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2020 are approved as a correct record.

EC.004 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Public questions were submitted. They were answered by the Chair, Councillor Pickering. Supplementary questions were also answered. (Refer to the [recording of the meeting](#)).

EC.005 **HORSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM**

The Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer introduced the above report and stated that a final submission version of the Horsley NDP was submitted on the 12 November 2019, following which the Council carried out a 6-week consultation and arranged for the plan to be independently examined. The examination concluded on the 5 March 2020 with the submission of the examiner's report. The referendum for the Neighbourhood Development Plan would normally need to be carried out within 56 working days, however due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the new legislation that had been introduced, this could not be carried out until 6 May 2021. The Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer confirmed that in response to this the Neighbourhood Planning Guidance had been revised so that the plan will carry significant weight in the decision making process following the approval by Committee and the publication of the subsequent decision statement.

Councillor Hurst commended the authors of the plan and asked whether the emerging Local Plan would address dark sky issues. The Strategic Director of Place confirmed that he would consult with the Head of Planning Strategy and provide a written response to the question.

In a response to a question regarding timescales the Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer advised that they would recommend Neighbourhood Development Plans were revised every 5 years however they could begin reviewing it immediately if they wished.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED**
- a. To accept all recommended modifications of the Examiner's Report (Appendix A);**
 - b. that the Horsley Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights, complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan (NDP) and the provisions that can be made by a NDP;**
 - c. to take all appropriate actions to progress the Horsley Neighbourhood Development Plan to referendum no sooner than May 2021.**

EC.006 **CAM NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM**

The Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer stated that the final submission version of the Cam Neighbourhood Development Plan was received by the Council on 27 November 2019, following which the Council carried out a 6-week consultation and arranged for the plan to be independently examined. The examination concluded on the 20 February 2020 with the submission of the examiner's report. He also confirmed that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the new legislation the referendum would be unable to take place until 6 May 2021.

In a response to a question regarding how much weight the Neighbourhood Plan would carry if a referendum is not held until 2021 the Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer confirmed that if the Committee were to approve the plan then it would hold significant weight and would need to be taken into consideration for planning matters. If the Neighbourhood Plan were to be approved by referendum, then it would hold as much weight as the Local Plan.

Councillor Denney congratulated Cam Parish Council and those who had helped formulate the Cam Neighbourhood Development Plan for the huge amount of work they had put in. He also expressed hope that the Neighbourhood Plan would hold the weight that they believed it should do if it was to be challenged by developers in the future.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED**
- a. **To accept all recommended modifications of the Examiner's Report (Appendix A);**
 - b. **that the Cam Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights, complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan (NDP) and the provisions that can be made by a NDP;**
 - c. **to take all appropriate actions to progress the Cam Neighbourhood Development Plan to referendum no sooner than May 2021.**

EC.007 **PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Councillors Brine and Sutton were appointed as Performance Monitors.

EC.008 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor Hurst expressed concern about the little amount of time available to discuss the Local Plan. The Chair confirmed that additional informal meetings could be held to discuss the Local Plan before it comes to Environment Committee for a decision.

Councillor Kay asked whether a report on the Glover Review could be included on the Work Programme.

EC.009 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were none.

EC.010 PAPER RECYCLING CONTRACT EXTENSION

The Chair proposed and it was seconded by Councillor Jones, that should any questions or debate be required regarding the appendix for Agenda Item 7 they would enter a closed session because of the potential for disclosure of information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED That, pursuant to the provisions of Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendix 1 detailed at Agenda Item 7 the matter detailed at agenda item 4 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The Community Services Manager introduced the above report. The Community Services Manager advised that the report laid out the financial implications of the resolution but highlighted the impact would depend on the market conditions that continue to fluctuate.

Councillor Denney asked if we could use the waste and recycling reserve to offset any short term losses. The Community Services Manager confirmed that the reserve could be used, he also confirmed that recycling credits were received from the County Council for each tonne of material that is recycled.

Councillor Hurst asked questions regarding the quality of recycle product, the Community Services Manager confirmed that discussions had been had with Palm Paper about the quality of the product and advised that they do all they can to provide a quality product. He also confirmed that they had tried to promote the use of lids on recycling boxes previously but was not sure whether it had much impact on the medium term. Councillor Hurst asked whether the lids could be trialled in a small area such as Minchinhampton to see if there was any considerable impact.

Councillor Jones advised that he had submitted written questions to the Community Services Manager ahead of the Committee meeting, the Community Services Manager confirmed that he would provide a written response to Councillor Jones to answer his questions.

The Chair proposed an amendment to the decision to include the following:

- “b. Request Officers to investigate the headline potential for enlarging the depot at Gossington, or other locations, exploring enhanced sorting and/or storage facilities, beneficial to minimising greenhouse gas emissions. An initial scoping report to be presented to committee in early 2021.
- c. To consider the above report (b) and if appropriate, form a Task and Finish Group to further investigate feasibility”

Councillor Williams seconded the proposed amendment.

The Chair advised that the contract with Ubico had been working very well and this would be an opportunity to look at the different options available to the Council. The Chair also referred to the let's recycle prices to show the potential price increases for sorted recylates.

Councillor Denney stated that this was something that they should look into further and that taking a long term view and looking at maximising revenue from the waste streams would be a good idea. He also asked whether there was sufficient Officer capacity to carry out this work. The Strategic Director of Place advised that this was a key consideration for Officers and it may be that they will need to re-prioritise other pieces of work.

Councillor Jones advised that he was happy to support the amendment however advised it would be good to look at working with other nearby Councils to explore additional possibilities.

On being put to the vote, the amendment and Motion was carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED**
- a. To extend the existing contract for a period of 12 months on the terms set out in this report.**
 - b. Request Officers to investigate the headline potential for enlarging the depot at Gossington, or other locations, exploring enhanced sorting and/or storage facilities, beneficial to minimising greenhouse gas emissions. An initial scoping report to be presented to committee in early 2021.**
 - c. To consider the above report (b) and if appropriate, form a Task and Finish group to further investigate feasibility.**

The meeting ended at 8.51 pm.

Chair

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**AGENDA
ITEM NO**

3 SEPTEMBER 2020

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Report Title	EXTENSION OF PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS RELATED TO CONTROL OF DOGS			
Purpose of Report	To set out the position regarding the extension of Public Spaces Protection Orders for a further 3-year period following formal consultation.			
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to endorse the proposal for the four existing Public Spaces Protection Orders relating to dog control to be extended for a further period of 3 years from 20th October 2020.			
Consultation and Feedback	Consultation summarised in Report			
Report Author	David Jackson, Environmental Protection Manager Tel: 01453 754487 Email: dave.jackson@stroud.gov.uk			
Options	One option consulted upon detailed within report			
Background Papers	N/A			
Appendices	Appendix A: Environment Committee Report (5th December 2019) Appendix B: List of Formal Consultees			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	Yes	No	No

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** On 5th December 2019, this Committee resolved to endorse a proposal for the extension of the four existing Public Spaces Protection Orders (hereafter PSPOs) relating to dog control for a further period of 3 years from 20th October 2020 and to authorise officers to undertake a formal consultation prior to a final report to be submitted to the Committee for consideration post-consultation. The Report to that Committee is attached as Appendix A and sets out the background in greater detail.
- 1.2** Stroud District Council currently operates 4 PSPOs relating to control of dogs:-
1. Failing to remove the faeces when a dog under the person's control has defecated on any land within the District which is open to the air and to which the public has a right of access.

2. Not putting a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer of the Council if such restraint is necessary to prevent a nuisance, behaviour likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to a person or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird. This also applies to all land within the District which is open to the air and to which the public has a right of access.
 3. Permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded which applies, where signed at the entrance, to any fenced, hedged or walled children's play area, bowling green, croquet lawn, tennis court, skateboard park, cycle enclosure, putting green or other sporting or recreational facility.
 4. Not keeping a dog on a lead in a designated area. This applies to all allotments, cemeteries, car parks, canal towpaths and designated cycle tracks as well as specified footpaths routinely used to access any primary, secondary or high school or college.
- 1.3** The PSPOs can apply for a maximum of 3 years, at which time a process of review and consultation must be undertaken to assess the need for the Order to be extended by up to a further 3 years. The current PSPOs expire on 20th October 2020.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1** Prior to amending/extending a PSPO, the Council is obliged to undertake a formal consultation with the Chief Officer of Police, the local policing body, community representatives and owners/occupiers of land covered in the Order.
- 2.2** A formal consultation was undertaken between 15th May and 13th July 2020 (over 8 weeks). The consultation was publicised *via* the Council's website, Facebook, Twitter, a press release to local media, direct e-mails to Town and Parish Councils and contact with other organisations. A list of formal consultees is attached as Appendix B.
- 2.3** The consultation sought responses in respect of the extension of the PSPOs and, in particular, whether PSPO4 should be amended to remove canal towpaths and cycle tracks from the specified areas where dogs should be kept on leads.

3. CONSULTATION RESULTS

- 3.1** 71 organisations were formally consulted – 20 of them (28%) responded.

108 responses were received from members of the public.

- 3.2** The following table sets out the percentages of those in favour of the various options.

The percentages are of those respondees that chose to comment on the specific Order proposal.

	Formal Consultees	General Public	Overall
Order	In Favour	In Favour	In Favour
PSPO1 Unchanged	95%	96%	96%
PSPO2 Unchanged	95%	100%	99%
PSPO3 Unchanged	95%	99%	98%
PSPO4 Unchanged	53%	71%	69%
PSPO4 Amended	47%	29%	31%

3.3 It is clear from the results of the consultation that the recommendations to extend PSPO1 (96%), PSPO2 (99%) and PSPO3 (98%) are very much supported by all of those who expressed an opinion.

3.4 For PSPO4, the options put forward in the consultation were to amend it to remove canal towpaths and cycle tracks from the specified areas where dogs should be kept on leads or to retain it unchanged.

As can be seen from the table above, whereas formal consultees were slightly in favour of retaining the Order unchanged (53% vs 47%), general public respondents were much more conclusively in favour of retaining the Order unchanged (71% vs 29%). Overall, 69% of commenting respondents were in favour of not amending the Order.

3.5 The major reasons stated for opposing to the amendment centred on safety concerns, namely the dangers of uncontrolled dogs in areas frequented by sometimes fast-moving cyclists. The narrowness of towpaths was also regularly cited as a factor in making it difficult to avoid conflict between uncontrolled dogs and other users. Many of the public responses provided anecdotal examples of such problems. The other regular comment related to it being easier for dog owners to recognise when a dog on a lead has defecated and thus ensuring that fouling was under increased control.

4. CONCLUSION

Following a public consultation process, it is proposed to extend all four PSPOs unchanged for a further three years from 20th October 2020 to prevent an increase in the frequency or seriousness of the controlled activities.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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4.2 Legal Implications

The legal grounds for extending a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) are set out in section 3.1 of the Report to Environment Committee dated 5th December 2019 (Appendix A).

Any extension of a transitioned PSPO would mean that the Council would need to carry out the necessary consultation, publicity and notification as required under section 72 (3) of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. In essence, this means consulting with the required consultees identified in section 2 of this Report, publicising the proposals for the four PSPOs and notifying the Parish and Town Councils for the area. That consultation should be meaningful and afford sufficient time for consideration of responses received.

In deciding to extend the four PSPOs, the Council must have particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights. Consideration must also be given on how any dog walking restrictions being proposed would affect those who rely on assistance dogs, ensuring any prohibition or requirement is compliant with the provisions of Equality Act 2010 or considering what exemptions should apply for assistance dogs.

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4.3 Equality Implications

There are no specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision

4.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

Formal Consultees:

Martin Surl – Police & Crime Commissioner
Chief Constable Rod Hansen – Gloucestershire Constabulary
National Trust
Natural England
Gloucestershire County Council
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
Canal & Rivers Trust
Stroud Valleys Canal Company
Clockhouse Vets
Bowbridge Vets
AAS Vets
Rowe Vets
Armstrong Mobile Vets
George Veterinary Group
RSPCA
Teckels Animal Sanctuary
Dogs Trust
Sustrans
Stroud Valleys Cycling Club
Stroud Valley Velos

All Parish and Town Councils within the Stroud District.



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MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Planning Review Panel
DATE OF LAST MEETING(S) ATTENDED	23/06/20 14/07/20 11/08/20
Key Changes Proposed in the White Paper Planning for the Future. Extract from officer summary to PRP	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Local plans would be simplified and focus on identifying three categories of land – "growth areas" that are "suitable for substantial development"; "renewal areas" that are "suitable for development"; and "protected areas". In "growth areas", outline approval would be automatically granted for forms and types of development specified in the plan. Development in renewal areas would "cover existing built areas where smaller scale development is appropriate" and could include the "gentle densification" of residential areas, development in town centres, and small sites in and around villages. There would be a "statutory presumption in favour of development" specified in the plan. Protected areas, including green belt, conservation areas and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), would still be subject to "more stringent" development.2. Local plans should be subject to a single and "simplified" statutory "sustainable development" test, replacing the existing "tests of soundness". This new test "would consider whether the plan contributes to achieving sustainable development in accordance with policy issued by the secretary of state", the consultation states. The test could also "become less prescriptive about the need to demonstrate



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	<p>deliverability” and full planning applications would be required for new schemes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. A new ‘single infrastructure levy’ will replace the existing developer contributions system of section 106 agreements and the community infrastructure levy. The government says the new levy will be a nationally-set, flat rate charge and would be based on the final value (or likely sales value) of a development. It says it intends the new levy to raise more revenue than under the current system of developer contributions, and deliver “at least as much” affordable housing, and on-site affordable housing, as at present4. Penalties for councils that fail to determine an application within the statutory time limits could involve "the automatic refund of the planning fee for the application". Ministers also "want to explore whether some types of applications should be deemed to have been granted planning permission if there has not been a timely determination".5. Where applications are refused and the decision is overturned at appeal, the paper proposes that "applicants will be entitled to an automatic rebate of their planning application fee".6. Each local planning authority would be required to have a chief officer for design and place-making.7. The suggested changes to local plans, developer contributions and development management "would require primary legislation followed by secondary legislation". Ministers "would expect new local plans to be in place by the end of the Parliament". <p>The full White Paper is currently subject to consultation which closes in mid October.</p>
<p>Gypsy & Traveller Needs and Supply</p>	<p>The existing Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) was completed in 2016. This evidence needed to be updated and completed alongside the Local Plan Review as Council would need to understand Gypsy and traveller community needs up to 2040. The Council and other Gloucestershire LPAs</p>



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	<p>were in process of jointly commissioning this work. Existing monitoring undertaken this year showed no immediate need for new gypsy and traveller sites, but travelling showpeople would require additional provision going forward. There is no policy gap at present.</p>
<u>Challenges ahead</u>	<p>Covid-19 has resulted in some delays to Plan production, although good progress has been made in terms of evidence gathering. Submission of the Plan will be delayed, until March 2021 or May 2021 (see below) Covid-19 has also raised some queries as to how dwellings should be built in future particularly as working from home (as opposed to going out to work) requires work space at home.</p>
<u>Housing requirement/supply</u>	<p>In November 2020 the current Local Plan will be five years old. To provide an incentive for councils to review their plans within five years, the Government increases housing requirements for councils when plans are more than five years old. After November 2020 the Government standard method for calculating the housing requirement for Stroud District will increase from 638 p.a. to 641 p.a. or 12,820 (2020-2040) - an increase of 60 on the Draft Local Plan requirement. This increase is marginal and can be accommodated within the Draft Local Plan when finalised.</p> <p>PRP continues to review strategy and site options in the light of public consultation on the Draft Local Plan and the latest information on site deliverability and infrastructure planning. A revised timetable for finalising the Local Plan for submission is currently under discussion.</p>
REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
DATE	22/08/2020

Performance Monitoring Report: Environment Committee

DATE OF MEETING	3 September 2020
ATTENDEES	Members: Chris Brine, Haydn Sutton Officers: Brendan Cleere

PERFORMANCE UPDATE (please give a brief progress update on the following areas)	
CDP PRIORITIES (see Excelsis)	<p><i>CDP3.11 Implement the revised Environment Strategy and develop an action plan with partners to incorporate our commitment to being a Carbon Neutral district by 2030 (CN2030).</i></p> <p>There has been activity to progress the Environment Strategy via the development of new projects and partnerships that seek to lower carbon emissions and raise community engagement. These activities, the early achievements and a wider context of council work has been thoroughly researched and reviewed to develop a strategy and associated action plan incorporating our CN2030 commitment. This is currently undergoing internal review prior to an all members briefing and workshop on 3 September 2020. The draft strategy and action plan will be published for consultation this Autumn and will be accompanied by extensive engagement activity across the district.</p>
	<p><i>CDP3.12 Work with partners to implement the next phase of the cycling and walking strategy, focussing on routes between Dudbridge-Nailsworth; Dursley-Cam-Uley; Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield.</i></p> <p>Dudbridge-Nailsworth: Resurfacing of the track is all but complete with some further works and finishing off to still be carried out by GCC and the resurfacing contractor. SDC has completed all contributions to this project.</p> <p>Dursley-Cam-Uley: SDC has earmarked £50k to carry out works on a section of footpath CDU14 to make it suitable for cycling and re-designate it as a bridleway. The local cycling group have started a public consultation on this proposal, after which we will work with GCC to implement the proposal. Negotiations are ongoing to finalise the northern section of the route through the North East Cam development following a proposal from the developer. A finalised design for the route between Dursley and Uley also needs to be established.</p> <p>Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield: Following a tender process, Sustrans have been commissioned to carry out the design phase of a feasibility study. SDC is contributing £10k for this piece of work. Stroud-Chalford: No further spending following a £600 contribution towards creating promotional material for the route to present to the public. We will continue to engage with the group leading the project and potentially make contributions to additional work as the project progresses.</p>

	<p>CDP3.13 In our role as statutory waste collection authority, support community groups to phase out single use plastics; whilst also reducing its use across council services</p> <p>SDC have supported the work that Chloe Turner, from Stroud District Action on Plastic (SDAP), has been undertaking. This has included answering technical questions and conducting joint presentations. Most recently Chloe announced that Surfers Against Sewage had deemed Stroud District a Plastic Free Community status see https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-free-communities/ - a great achievement.</p> <p>CDP3.14 In partnership with Stroud Town Council and Friends of the Lido submit a bid to National Lottery Heritage Fund for additional funding to refurbish Stratford Park Lido.</p> <p>The preparation work has been undertaken by the consultants regarding submission of a bid. Progress with the bid has slowed due to Covid-19, and it has been recommended that further match funding is found prior to submission of a bid for heritage lottery funding.</p>
<p>PROJECTS / CAPITAL PROGRAMME (if not covered in CDP)</p>	<p>Assess air quality within the District in line with the requirements of Defra and prepare an annual report on air quality in the District</p> <p>The Air Quality Annual Status Report (ASR) for the Stroud District for air quality in 2019 was approved by DEFRA on 27th July 2020. It concluded that there is no requirement to declare Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) within the District. The ASR is available at:</p> <p>https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/1286864/asr_template_england_2020_v1.pdf</p> <p>Non-automatic (passive) monitoring of NO₂ was conducted at 27 sites during 2019, 7 of which were new sites for that reporting year. There were no exceedances of the NO₂ annual mean objective and there was a general downward trend in NO₂ concentrations across the District. Automatic monitoring was also undertaken for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} at two sites in the Stroud district in 2019, Hardwicke and Haresfield. The annual mean concentrations for PM₁₀ at these sites were 10.1 and 8.6 µg/m³ respectively, well below the objective and with no exceedances of the 24-hour mean objective. The annual mean concentrations for PM_{2.5} were 6.4 and 5.8 µg/m³ respectively, also below the objective. Monitoring continues but, with the advent of Covid-19, NO₂ monitoring was suspended from March to May 2020 (inclusive). Monitoring was recommenced from June. It should be noted that the significantly reduced levels of traffic during the lockdown period mean that NO₂ levels would have been much lower than the norm.</p> <p>Establish a working group and governance structure for the development of work plans to deliver the 2030 Carbon Neutral commitment.</p> <p>Governance arrangements for the delivery of climate change commitments are integrated with those established to drive external recovery, approved at Strategy and Resources Committee on 18 June 2020.</p>

<p>PROJECTS / CAPITAL PROGRAMME (if not covered in CDP)</p>	<p>In addition to the above, the draft climate strategy and action plan referred to under CDP3.11 (above) includes detailed arrangements for wider community involvement in the delivery of climate commitments.</p> <p>In the meantime, a steering group of officers and members is established, engagement with all members is planned (including the workshop on 3 September) and the network of neighbourhood climate action groups continues to grow.</p> <p><i>Deliver and secure the long term sustainability of the rural SuDS project in partnership with the EA, working closely with land owners and communities using innovative land and flood management techniques.</i></p> <p>The recent Environment Agency document 'National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England' praises the Stroud Rural Sustainable Drainage Scheme (SuDS), claiming "a strong local, supportive partnership is a key strength of the project."</p> <p>So far the Stroud Rural SuDS Project has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in partnership with 42 different landowners • Implemented 559 natural flood interventions • Planted 1,500 trees • Enhanced 26,391 metres of riverine length • Engaged 2,500 people through talks, workshops, conferences and project site tours. • Reduced the number of internal floods reported by residents who regularly experience flooding. • Achieved over 95% of positive feedback from landowners • Improved habitat, biodiversity and water quality • Worked in partnership with the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, University of Gloucestershire, Environment Agency and Gloucestershire County Council • Reduced peak flood level by up to 1.4m at the Slad Road gauge (using data from 2 similar events) • Reduced the amount of debris downstream which has resulted in a lower maintenance cost at grills and sluices. <p><i>Manage the delivery of the 'Warm Homes Fund' project</i></p> <p>The original project deadline was March 2020 which has been extended with funders to April 2021. The original target was to install 1175 heating systems across the Warm & Well Partnership area of Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire. The outputs have also been revised to 872 as it has proved difficult to find suitable properties in off gas areas for alternatives available under the scheme.</p>
	<p>Some delay was caused by the COVID 19 lockdown which meant installation works in people's homes could not go ahead. In Stroud District 74 installations have been completed and another 31 are in progress. Quarterly Warm & Well Partnership reports are available on the website which include a full update on the Warm Homes Fund.</p>

PERFORMANCE MEASURES (see <i>Excelsis where applicable</i>)	Q1 figures are not yet available.
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RISKS (see <i>Excelsis</i>)	<p>CCR9 WASTE MANAGEMENT: Cost of providing waste and recycling services to the district currently constitutes around a third of the organisation's budget. As such any budgetary implication is of significant consequence to the MTFP.</p> <p>In financial year 19/20, Ubico underspent against the budgetary position, whilst recycling rates and associated incentive payments remained stable. The cost of recycling has increased, as per the recent report to Environment Committee, that reflects on the current commodity markets. We are awaiting firm detail of any proposed legislative changes.</p>
RELEVANT FINANCE ISSUES	See - Budget Monitoring Report 2020/21 Q1 (3 rd September 2020 Environment Committee).
FOLLOW UP (any issues for consideration at the next meeting)	None at the time of writing

ANY ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANT CONCERN TO BE REPORTED TO AUDIT AND STANDARDS	
None	
ANY ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE	
None	
REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Brendan Cleere (with input from relevant lead officers)
DATE OF REPORT	13 August 2020

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WORK PROGRAMME

Date of meeting	Matter to be considered	Notes (e.g. lead Member/Officer)
03.12.20	Work Programme 2020/21	Leads: Chair and Strategic Director of Place
	Member Reports – Written submission to be circulated to Members a) Planning Review Panel b) Stroud Regeneration Committee c) Performance Monitoring	Leads: Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy Cllr S Pickering Cllrs Brine and Sutton
	CIL spending proposals	Housing Strategy and Community Infrastructure Manager
	Final Draft Local Plan Recommendation to Council for submission of Plan	Head of Planning Strategy
	Budget Monitoring Report 2020/21 Q2	Accountant
	Revenue Estimates Revised 2020/21 and Original 2021/22	Accountant
	04.02.21	Work Programme 2020/21
Member Reports – Written submission to be circulated to Members a) Planning Review Panel b) Stroud Regeneration Committee c) Performance Monitoring		Leads: Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy Cllr S Pickering Cllrs Brine and Sutton
20.03.21		Work Programme 2020/21
	Member Reports – Written submission to be circulated to Members a) Planning Review Panel b) Stroud Regeneration Committee c) Performance Monitoring	Leads: Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy Cllr S Pickering Cllrs Brine and Sutton
	Budget Monitoring Q3	Accountant

Items for future meetings

- Community Involvement
- Carbon Neutral 2030 Updates
- Report on Glover Review
- SDC Tree Strategy
- Carbon Sequestration Woodland
- Building Back Better Strategy
- Walking and Cycling Strategy Update

Published Members' Information Sheets		
Date sent (& Ref No)	Topic	Notes (e.g. responsible officer)
20 January 2020 E-2019/20-001	The Landscapes Review Final Report (The Glover Review)	Principal Planner, Planning Strategy
20 January 2020 E-2019/20-002	Update on the work of the Service Review Working Group – Ubico Multi-Service Contract	Community Services Manager
23 January 2020 E-2019/20-003	Ash Dieback	Senior Arboriculture Officer
3 February 2020 E-2019/20-004	Dissolution of the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Committee and formation of the Gloucestershire Resources and Waste Partnership	Community Services Manager

Information Sheets for Future Meetings:

Marine Management Organisation and Marine Management Plan – TBC