



25 November 2020

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

A remote meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on **THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 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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## **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 3 September 2020 and 15 October 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 Monday, 30 November 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](mailto:democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk)

**5 UBICO PRESENTATION**

To receive a presentation from UBICO.

**6 STROUD DISTRICT 2030 STRATEGY - LIMITING, ADAPTING, RECOVERING AND RESPONDING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE**

To seek the views of the Committee on the draft 2030 Strategy, prior to its planned adoption by Full Council on 25 February 2021.

**7 SEVERN ESTUARY RECREATION & MITIGATION STRATEGY (SE RAMS)**

To report on progress with the implementation of the Severn Estuary Recreation & Mitigation Strategy (SE RaMS) since its adoption in December 2017.

**8 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) – SPENDING ALLOCATIONS**

To recommend CIL spending allocations to Strategy and Resources Committee.

**9 REVENUE ESTIMATES REVISED 2020/21 AND ORIGINAL 2021/22**

To present to the committee the revised estimates for 2020/21 and original estimates for 2021/22.

**10 PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Appointment of a Performance Monitoring Representative.

**11 MEMBER REPORTS**

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

**12 WORK PROGRAMME**

To consider the 2020/21 work programme.

**13 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

See Agenda Item 4 for deadline for submission.

**Members of Environment Committee**

**Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)**  
**Councillor George James (Vice-Chair)**  
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 Chas Townley  
Councillor Tim Williams



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## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

3 September 2020

7.00 pm – 8.16 pm

Remote Meeting

### Minutes

# 3

#### Membership

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

P = Present                      A = Absent

#### Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Place	Head of Community Services
Principal Environmental Health Officer	Democratic Services & Elections Officer

#### Other Member(s) in Attendance

Councillor Mattie Ross  
Councillor Studdert-Kennedy

#### EC.011                      APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James and Councillor Kay. Councillor Kay was unable to access the meeting due to technical issues.

#### EC.012                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

#### EC.013                      MINUTES

**RESOLVED**      That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2020 are approved as a correct record.

**EC.014**      **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

**EC.015**      **EXTENSION OF PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS RELATED TO CONTROL OF DOGS**

The Principal Environmental Health Officer introduced the above report and summarised the four Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) that were being reviewed. It was advised that the consultation period ran for 8 weeks and the responses in favour of extending the current PSPO's were as follows:

- PSPO 1 – 96%
- PSPO 2 – 99%
- PSPO 3 – 98%
- PSPO 4 – 69%

In response to a question from Councillor Hurst the Principal Environmental Health Officer confirmed that if members of the public were reported and they were provided with the required evidence then Officers could issue a Fixed Penalty Notice, since 2013 twenty-five Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued in respect of dog fouling.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried, five for with three abstentions.

**RESOLVED**    **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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

**EC.016**      **MEMBER REPORTS**a) Planning Review Panel

Councillor Denney asked whether Neighbourhood Development Plans would still hold any weight should the Planning White Paper move forward. Councillor Studdert-Kennedy advised that the consultations on the White Paper had not yet finished and so was unable to provide a definitive answer but agreed that Neighbourhood Development Plans shouldn't be disregarded. The Chair, Councillor Pickering, advised that an additional Environment Committee and an all Member Briefing Session would be held in October.

b) Stroud Regeneration Committee

There were no questions on the update provided by the Chair, Councillor Pickering.

c) Performance Monitoring

Councillor Sutton thanked the Strategic Director of Place for his assistance in formulating the report, clarification was also provided on the Warm Homes Fund project.

**EC.017**      **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director of Place confirmed that The 2030 Climate Strategy would be added to the Work Programme for Environment Committee in December 2020. The Chair confirmed that the report regarding recycling options would be added to the Work Programme for the March Committee Meeting.

**EC.018**      **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**EC.019**      **MOTION REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF THE RAILWAY STATION AT STONEHOUSE**

Councillor Brine introduced the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Pickering, and advised it was important to keep up the profile of the Bristol Road Station. Councillor Brine also urged everyone to sign the petition which had been submitted to the County Council. An amendment to the wording of the motion was proposed by Councillor Brine to remove the mention of 'Stroudwater'. Councillor Denney agreed with Councillor Brine that the location 'Stroudwater' could cause confusion. Councillor Pickering suggested to remove the following words "and that the reopened station should be referred to as Stroudwater Station" from the motion. The Chair confirmed with the Committee that they were happy to proceed with this as a friendly amendment.

Councillor Hurst stated that it would be up to Network Rail to decide on any new stations on the Bristol-Birmingham line however he could see the merits of having a station at Stonehouse. He also advised that any new station would encourage development within its vicinity and that there could be issues involved with this.

Councillors Hall and Sutton confirmed their support for the motion and advised that additional pressure needed to be put on Network Rail.

Councillor Jones stated that the whole district needed this additional station in Stonehouse and he would ensure that as many people as possible signed the petition at the County Council.

Councillor Ross thanked the Committee Members for their support and asked everyone to help convince the County Council by signing the petition.

The Chair, Councillor Pickering advised that this would make it clear that the District Council were in support of this station and strongly urged everyone to support the Motion.

**RESOLVED**      **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.**

The meeting ended at 8.16 pm.

Chair



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## EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

15 October 2020

7.00 pm – 8.41 pm

Remote Meeting

### Minutes

# 3

#### Membership

<b>Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)</b>	P	Councillor Haydn Jones	P
<b>Councillor George James (Vice-Chair)</b>	P	Councillor Norman Kay	P
Councillor Chas Townley	P	Councillor Skeena Rathor	A
Councillor Paul Denney	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	P
Councillor Trevor Hall	A	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	P
Councillor Nick Hurst	P	Councillor Tim Williams	P

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#### Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Place	Senior Democratic Services & Elections
Head of Planning Strategy	Officer
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.

#### Other Member(s) in Attendance

Councillor John Jones  
Councillor Miranda Clifton

#### EC.020

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sutton and Tomblin.

#### EC.021

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

**EC.022**                    **TEMPORARY CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The Head of Planning Strategy introduced the report confirming that it was a proposal for temporary changes to the Council's Statement of Community Involvement to help reflect the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic restrictions so that future consultations on planning matters could still be conducted safely. The Head of Planning Strategy drew the Committee's attention to the summary of proposed changes contained in paragraph 3.2.

Councillor Townley stated that the Council could do more to encourage large numbers of the public to respond and questioned whether there was more we could do such as onsite publicity. The Head of Planning Strategy advised that at the last consultation there were approximately 900 responses from individual members of the public, he stated that he didn't think that there was a large problem with the numbers of responses following consultation on specific sites however confirmed that consultation was more difficult for general policy or non site specific planning matters. Councillor Townley also raised questions regarding what work could be done to actively engage with different groups such as those seeking housing. The Head of Planning Strategy confirmed that this would be something they could look into and would be interested to know about any umbrella groups that could help to represent their viewpoints.

Councillor Hurst raised concerns regarding the electronic nature of the proposed consultation and whether paper copies could be made available to those who request it. The Head of Planning Strategy advised that paper copies would be made available on request for those who are unable to access the online copies.

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

**RESOLVED**    **To approve temporary changes to the Statement of Community Involvement set out in Appendix A**

**EC.023**                    **LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: ADDITIONAL HOUSING OPTIONS CONSULTATION AND REVISED TIMETABLE**

The Head of Planning Strategy introduced the above report and drew the committee's attention to the proposed changes to the timetable, he stated that despite good progress the Covid-19 pandemic had resulted in delays to the work programme and therefore the Autumn deadline for approval of the Draft Local Plan for pre-submission consultation could no longer be met and this was to be moved to early 2021. Further proposed milestones were laid out in paragraph 4.2. An Additional housing options paper for consultation was also included as a proposal in this report and was included in Appendix A, it was confirmed that the housing options paper did not identify preferred spatial options or specific sites and that they would welcome additional suggestions.

In a response to a question from Councillor Hurst the Head of Planning Strategy advised that there is an estimated 8.9 year supply of housing land within the district and the requirement is to have a minimum of 5 years. It was also confirmed that the Council would therefore be in a good position to resist speculative housing applications on land that hadn't already been identified for development.



The Head of Planning Strategy answered members' questions which covered the following topics:-

- Undeliverable and brownfield sites – it was confirmed that the Council had intervened in sites previously and a budget had been put aside to help the Council to be more proactive in delivering brownfield sites.
- A viability study was being prepared and would be published before the Local Plan is presented to Full Council.
- The previous consultation responses had been published online after it closed in January and a consultation report would be published when the draft local plan was next submitted to the Committee.

The Chair provided clarification that it would be the Councillors who will make the final decision on the Local Plan.

Councillor Kay asked questions about the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the pressure this puts on other areas of the district to provide suitable locations for housing. The Head of Planning Strategy confirmed that with regards National Planning Policy in AONB there is a presumption in favour of retaining the natural landscape and it would therefore reduce the potential for large scale housing and put increased pressure on parts of the district that were outside of the AONB.

Councillor Townley asked questions regarding the Moreton Valence Site, the Head of Planning Strategy advised that they had re-assessed all of the sites that had been put forward previously to see if there was a concentration of sites. A number of sites in Moreton Valence had been assessed individually but consideration was now being given to whether these combined sites could be a potential growth point.

Councillor Hurst asked for clarification as to whether the areas being assessed reflect the current expectation of housing numbers or the potential increase in housing numbers that might come from government. The Head of Planning Strategy stated that the consultation was covering both scenarios, it would be looking at additional spatial options in case of a need to add to the supply, it would also be separately consulting on the sites that had been identified and providing potential options for reserve sites. The Chair advised that the government may change the rules regarding housing numbers and we needed to be prepared for all possibilities.

Members debated the topic at length.

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

- RESOLVED**
- a. **Approve the Additional Housing Options Paper set out in Appendix A for the purposes of undertaking public consultation**
  - b. **Approve revisions to the Local Plan Review timetable as set out in this report and to make consequential changes to the timetable on the Council's website and in the approved Local Development Scheme.**

The meeting ended at 8.41 pm.

Chair

**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA  
ITEM NO**

**3 DECEMBER 2020**

**6**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>STROUD DISTRICT 2030 STRATEGY – LIMITING, ADAPTING, RECOVERING AND RESPONDING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To seek the views of the Committee on the draft 2030 Strategy, prior to its planned adoption by Full Council on 25 February 2021.
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<p><b>The Committee RESOLVES to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) Endorse the draft 2030 Strategy;</b></li> <li><b>b) Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Place and Senior Carbon Neutral 2030 Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee and the Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee to make any changes to the draft 2030 Strategy arising from the current engagement and consultation process; and</b></li> <li><b>c) Commend the draft 2030 Strategy for adoption by Full Council on 25 February 2021, incorporating any changes made as a result of the consultation and engagement process referred to in b) above.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	<p>Prior to the public launch of the document, the draft 2030 Strategy, the views of all officers and members had been sought. Special workshops and briefing sessions were held, most notably with senior managers on 12 August 2020 and an all members briefing session on 3 September 2020.</p> <p>The draft 2030 Strategy reflects feedback received to date from Council officers and members. As success depends so crucially on action and ownership by a wide range of partners, residents, communities and businesses, it is acknowledged that further changes to the document will likely be required as a result of the external engagement and consultation process that is currently ongoing. A verbal update on key areas of feedback from the public consultation will be provided at the meeting.</p> <p>Members are asked to note that the draft strategy will be coming to all four main committees for consideration and feedback, prior to Full Council in February 2021.</p>
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<b>Options</b>	<p>The draft 2030 Strategy sets an overall route map across a range of priority areas, with a supporting master plan. Collectively, these documents represent an array of options and approaches, based on evidence of key issues and challenges, to achieve the ambition to do everything within the Council's power to achieve a carbon neutral district by 2030.</p> <p>There will be scope to flex our approach through the dynamic action planning process involving communities, partner organisations and businesses that is described in the attached (appended) documents. An open, inclusive and responsive action planning process provides the best possible chance of success in achieving a carbon neutral district by 2030.</p> <p>Taking the above into account, the Committee's options are to accept the draft strategy, ask officers to consider amendments or reject the draft strategy.</p>			
<b>Background Papers</b>	None			
<b>Appendices</b>	<p><b>Appendix A</b> – The 2030 Strategy: Limiting, Adapting, Recovering and Responding in a Changing Climate, Draft for Consultation, Autumn 2020.  <a href="#">Strategy Documents – The 2030 Strategy</a></p> <p><b>Appendix B</b> – The 2030 Strategy Masterplan, Draft for Consultation, Autumn 2020.  <a href="#">Strategy Documents – The 2030 Strategy Master Plan</a></p>			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## 1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A 'Climate Emergency' was declared by the Council administration on 16 November 2018, including a pledge to do everything within the Council's power to make Stroud District carbon neutral by 2030. The Climate Emergency was subsequently endorsed by Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019, along with the following motion:
- a. To set out a plan of action, including clear targets and transparent reporting, to develop district wide locally determined contributions to complement national determined contributions in line with the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5C.
  - b. To include planning and support in the District for adaptation to the climate change that is already happening.
  - c. To develop a strategy for Stroud District Council to play a leadership role in promoting community, public and business partnerships for this Carbon Neutral 2030 (CN2030) Commitment throughout the District, County and region.
  - d. To work with partner bodies across the county to ensure that the climate emergency is adequately reflected in the development and implementation of all county wide strategies and plans, including Gloucestershire 2050, the Gloucestershire Industrial Strategy, Gloucestershire Energy Strategy and Gloucestershire Transport Plans.

- e. To investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment.
- f. To work with key partner organisations within the County and region to secure external funding.
- g. To report back on an annual basis to Council on progress made.

1.2 Since the climate emergency declaration, progress has been made across a number of areas, such as:

- Operational development: Environment and Climate central in recovery planning as overseen by recovery board and integrated into officer coordination group; additional staff resource secured realising 2 fte officers dedicated to CN2030 and a shared supporting officer within the wider Corporate Governance Team.
- Own estates: £1m secured for Water Source Heat Pumps at Brimscombe Port and Ebley Mill to bolster our existing onsite renewables provision that has already generated in the region of 1.25m kwh of electricity. Our fleet has been 'greened' by replacing vehicles with EV and now includes 6 electric vehicles.
- Partnerships: Support to domestic and business sectors continues to realise retrofit measures and carbon savings and services have recently been expanded by successful bids to secure Green Homes Grants (GHG) funding. Alongside this top up funding enables advice provision to extend its reach to the 'Able to Pay' residents to support access to the GHG voucher scheme. Residents are also well supported and encouraged in their endeavours to recycle more through an award winning partnership with Ubico. Homes and businesses are being well protected from flooding by nationally recognised Rural Sub-Urban Drainage work. Ongoing projects with local environmental charities and volunteer groups are realising hugely successful habitat regeneration and creation projects such as our Canal Regeneration work. This work also provides volunteering, apprenticeship and educational opportunities that help communities engage with our environmental ambitions. A new partnership with Transition Stroud is realising neighbourhood climate action groups in our parishes with 18 groups already active in their communities on a range of projects, sharing experience and ideas.
- Strategy: The Draft Local Plan has been developed with the CN2030 pledge as a key focus and based upon a wide range of evidence including commissioning of experts to advise on planning and land use for maximising on our renewable generation capacity.

The draft 2030 Strategy (Appendix A) outlines more headline achievements so far under the 7 organising themes in the document.

1.3 Significantly, alongside the above activities, the Council has also been responding with partners and communities locally and nationally, to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Alongside its pervasive and far reaching impacts on all aspects of society and human health, the Covid-19 pandemic has illustrated very clearly the links between human activity and the health of the environment upon which we all depend. A focus on environment and climate is therefore central to all that we do as we plan for longer term recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, and this is clearly referenced in the Council's Covid-19 Strategy –

*Recover, Reset and Renew*, approved by Strategy and Resources Committee on 18 June, 2020.

- 1.4 The draft 2030 Strategy and supporting Masterplan, attached as Appendices A and B respectively, set out how we intend to fulfil the pledge to 'do everything in the Council's power to make Stroud district carbon neutral by 2030' and reaches beyond this to include our strategy for adapting to and, mitigating against, the effects of changing climate and ecological emergency. The documents address all of the points (a – g) referred to above on para 1.1 and the remainder of this covering report introduces the draft Strategy in more detail.

## **2. THE DRAFT 2030 STRATEGY AND ACCOMPANYING MASTERPLAN**

- 2.1 The strategy and plan have been prepared on the basis of background research and contextual evidence review as well as through informal consultation via networks and groups on community needs and interests in relation to the strategy. It has been prepared by a small officer team and is now in draft form following consultation with the Leadership and Management Team and with the whole of council staff via survey on the intranet. Achieving the targets of the strategy is beyond the council's sole control and depends on action from everyone in the District. It is vital therefore that the strategy has the broadest possible ownership to start generating the 'buy-in' that will be required. The current engagement process, the 'District Dialogue' and the collaborative governance and ongoing action planning process are designed to achieve this. We fully expect changes to be made as a result of the current consultation and engagement.
- 2.2 The strategy establishes the context, requirements and approach to both climate and ecological emergency and takes serious consideration to recovery and future resilience building in the wake of the pandemic. It recognises that there is already a changing climate delivering challenges to our everyday lives and that lack of rapid action has both immediate and far reaching, serious consequences. The strategy sets out a vision for 2030 across 7 organising themes (Built Environment; Energy; Natural Environment; Mobility; Economy; Waste and Community). Six cross cutting themes address practical and social issues common to all aspects. An accompanying document gives the first iteration of a master framework for action including 26 quantified targets and success measures over a time framed range of commitments for our 2030 Mission. The commitments are framed within the spheres of council influence as: 'Exemplar' – on our own estates; 'Enabler' – through partnership; 'Encourager' – indirect influence to private sectors. The strategy proposes a collaborative, community approach to action planning, delivery and governance and identifies starting points in terms of what the council is already achieving and the 7 next key priorities for each theme e.g. addressing the retrofit challenge; mainstreaming renewables etc.
- 2.3 The strategy and plan are currently in draft format for the purposes of public consultation. Under COVID constrained conditions we are putting effort into active online presence and social media communications to promote the website consultation pages. On these a presentation that gives a detailed overview of the strategy to enable the answering of an online questionnaire can be found. We are also launching the 'District Dialogue'. This is to be an ongoing feature of collaborative governance and planning processes but in this instance seeks feedback on the draft and suggestions for its improvement. District Dialogue events are being hosted by chair persons from our communities and enable

people to bring their questions and find out more about the strategy. The consultation is ongoing to mid-December, running in tandem with the strategies progress through all committees leading to February's Full Council. It is recommended that any changes arising from the current consultation are made by the Strategic Director of Place and the Senior CN2030 Officer, in consultation with the Committee Chair and the Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee. Key comments and feedback emerging from the consultation will be reported verbally at Committee.

- 2.4 Since the Strategy is a whole council commitment it will be coming to all committees for consideration and to Full Council for adoption in Feb 2021.
- 2.5 We welcome comments on the whole document and given the remit of the Environment Committee, would like to highlight the following: The most significant area of annual emissions in our district is the built environment and its energy use. There is a clear implication in the 2030 ambition for how we manage our council buildings, including housing as we go forward and so particular attention is drawn to the Built Environment and Energy themes. There is also significant opportunity through our direct influence on different environments across the District to demonstrate good practice, raise awareness and help develop understanding and inspire ideas in our communities. For example, specific attention is drawn to our role as an exemplar across all themes and our targets and commitments under the theme of Natural Environment.
- 2.6 In addition to comments made by the committee we would welcome councillors to make individual comments on the website Strategy Documents – The 2030 Strategy and encourage friends, relatives and residents in their wards to also fill in the questionnaire as this strategy will have impacts on the whole district for many years to come.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The draft strategy and plan makes a clear public statement about how completely the council is addressing the need for 'emergency' action to address climate, ecological and recovery emergencies. It is therefore important that consultation provides sufficient opportunity for feedback and that overall the timescale leading to full council adoption is kept tight.
- 3.2 It is therefore recommended that this committee commend the strategy and plan to full council at the end of Feb '21 and endorse a process whereby interim changes, arising from the current engagement and consultation process, will be made by the Carbon Neutral Team, overseen by the Strategic Director of Place and, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee and Group Leaders.

### **4. IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Financial Implications**

There is an earmarked reserve for Climate Change of £275k which can be used to meet the initial costs. The ongoing actions needed to implement the strategy will need to be costed and incorporated into the Medium Term Financial Plan. Consideration should also be given for the funding of this additional expenditure needed to reflect the CN2030 commitment.

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## 4.2 Legal Implications

The overarching legislative context of the draft Strategy and Plan is The Climate Change Act 2008. This Act places a legal duty on central government to set legally binding targets to reduce UK greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by 2050. The UK legal framework on climate change is also shaped by both caselaw and international agreements.

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## 4.3 Equality Implications

An EqIA is not required because the draft strategy and plan does not propose a discrete project, policy or action to be implemented. EqIA will be embedded across all actions within the strategy and will be completed ahead of any specific activity being undertaken.

## 4.4 Environmental Implications

The following sets out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Failure to endorse the draft strategy and/or support the process outlined in Decisions (b) and (c) could be seen as a failure to acknowledge the 'emergency' declared and increase the risk of overall failure to deliver on the CN commitment made.
- Delivery of targets within strategy will make a significant positive contribution to reducing the impacts of the changing climate on the district
- Delivering of the targets with the strategy will make significant contribution to the whole district contribution to meeting the Paris Conference carbon emission reduction targets

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>SEVERN ESTUARY RECREATION &amp; MITIGATION STRATEGY (SERaMS)</b>			
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To report on progress with the implementation of the Severn Estuary Recreation & Mitigation Strategy (SE RaMS) since its adoption in December 2017.			
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<b>The Committee RESOLVES to:</b> <b>a) Note progress with the implementation of the SE RaMS; and</b> <b>b) Agree an annual update to this committee on the implementation of the SE RaMS over the previous year.</b>			
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	The Severn Estuary Recreation and Mitigation Strategy (SE RaMS) prior to adoption was subject to consultation and feedback from Planning Review Panel in November 2017 and with Officers working collaboratively with Natural England (NE), Wetlands and Wildfowl Trust (WWT), the Canals & Rivers Trust (CRT), Severn Estuary Partnership (SEP), Association of Severn Estuary Relevant Authorities (ASERA), Gloucestershire Severn Estuary Stakeholders (GlosSES), British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), CaBA and landowners to devise an agreed SE RaMS. Progress on identified projects was reported to Planning Review Panel on 10 November 2020.			
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<b>Options</b>	The Council may decide to alter the operation of the adopted SE RaMS. However, residential development proposals within the core catchment area of the Severn Estuary would still be required to take account of published research findings and recommendations and it is likely that Natural England (NE) would raise objections to planning applications involving an increase in residential units and/or visitor pressure within vicinity of the Severn Estuary SPA, SAC and Ramsar unless mitigation measures are put in place to address the resulting increase in recreation pressures.			
<b>Background Papers</b>	None			
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – <a href="#">Severn Estuary Recreation and Mitigation Strategy</a>			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



## **1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** The Severn Estuary is designated as a Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site for its internationally important populations of overwintering birds, and as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Ramsar site for its overwintering birds, estuarine habitats and associated species of fish. Approximately 22 km of the Severn Estuary SPA/SAC/Ramsar site shoreline falls within the jurisdiction of Stroud District Council.
- 1.2** The European Union introduced two pieces of legislation that deal with the protection of rare species and habitats. These are the Birds Directive 2009/147/EC and the Habitats Directive. The EU legislation has been transposed into UK legislation as the Habitats Regulations 92/43/EEC via the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) to determine if a plan or project may affect the protected features. The Regulations deal with both the impact of Development and of Development Plans (Stroud District Local Plan) upon European Sites. The Convention on Wetlands, called the Ramsar Convention, is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.
- 1.3** Competent Authorities have a duty to ensure that all the activities they regulate have no adverse effect on the integrity of any of the Natura 2000 sites (Together SPAs and SACs make up the network of Natura 2000 sites). Local Planning Authorities are identified as a “competent authority” for the purposes of determining whether or not a proposed development scheme or Local Plan is likely to have a significant effect upon the SAC. Local Planning Authorities have to ensure that no likely significant adverse effect arises from any proposed development scheme or Local Plan. The effect of this legislation together with the Natural England and Rural Communities Act 2006 is to impose on local authorities a legal duty of care to protect biodiversity. If local authorities think harm or “likely significant effect” could occur, they are legally obliged to not approve the proposed plan or project unless appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures are put in place.
- 1.4** The Estuary is known to attract visitors from wide ranging areas, who visit for recreational purposes. The Habitats Regulations Assessment (2013) that accompanied the last adopted Local Plan had identified a need for further work to establish any potential impact on the Severn Estuary from growth. Adopted Delivery Policy ES6 of the Stroud Local Plan identifies the need to establish a core recreational catchment zone, over which effects may extend. Residential type development within core catchment zone may be required to contribute funding towards impact avoidance and mitigation measures. The Inspector at the Local Plan Examination in 2015 recommended supporting text modifications as the adverse impacts could not be ruled out. The Council working with EPR & Natural England then gathered robust baseline data on levels and patterns of recreation in the survey area; identified a 7.7km core visitor catchment area; and identified with NE and BTO (May 2017) using Webs Counter data further areas of conflict with overwintering birds. This was then used to develop impact avoidance measures required under Delivery Policy ES6 of the Adopted Stroud Local Plan (2015) and the subject of the SE RaMS. The Environment Committee adopted the Strategy on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017. To enable development proposals to demonstrate that they will not harm the designated areas, they are able to contribute financially to the implementation of the specific projects set out in the Strategy.

## **2. SUMMARY OF THE STRATEGY OPERATION**

- 2.1.** The Strategy requires a developer contribution for every net additional dwelling within the catchment zone unless the developer can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the local planning authority and Natural England that the developer can provide alternative measures which will fully mitigate or avoid the impact of the development. The cost per net dwelling is £385 based upon the cost of the projects shared amongst the total amount of planned development within the catchment zone over the Plan period. The Mitigation Strategy was implemented from 1st April 2018 having given a reasonable period of advance notice to potential developers.
- 2.2.** If the developer commits to paying the developer contribution set out in that Strategy in order to mitigate the effect of their development, then it would be possible to conclude that a significant effect on the Severn as a result of the development is unlikely. This enables development to go ahead in compliance with the Habitats Regulations and enables developers to deal with the issue quickly, simply and at minimal cost. The alternative would be for the developer to gather their own evidence for a Habitats Regulations Assessment and then to implement the necessary bespoke mitigation measures where costs could be high. Smaller developments are unlikely to provide their own bespoke mitigation package.
- 2.3.** The Strategy is implemented and administered by the District Council but a Conservation Panel of experts advises the Council on how the Strategy should be implemented. The Panel has a number of stakeholders including Natural England, BTO, Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, CRT, Wetlands & Wildfowl Trust, Gloucestershire FWAG, Environment Agency amongst others. The Panel shares information on projects being implemented along the Severn Estuary and its tributaries. This gives an opportunity for more effective partnership working where there are shared objectives or projects with the SE RaMS and a greater net environmental benefit could be offered.
- 2.4.** The Panel's role is to advise on any issues relating to the SE RaMS spending priorities and projects identified; it does not have any decision making powers. The Panel also provide updates to other projects being undertaken which may have implications. The advice is considered by the District ecologist and the author of this report. Any spend to implement an identified project is then assessed, approved by Head of Planning Strategy and then implemented by officers of the Council under delegated authority.

## **3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY**

- 3.1** In terms of progress since 2017, the Council has provided funding to key sensitive areas identified in the SE RaMS and a Severn Estuary warden (one-year trial contract) is to be procured jointly with the Forest of Dean for further project delivery and public education on the sensitivities of the Estuary (around £25k is currently budgeted for). The Council has funded fencing a new livestock paddock including internal control structures to enable safe herd management on the salt marsh at Slimbridge. The next step is securing safe cattle manure handling facilities which is anticipated working with WWT on Severn Lands/Slimbridge. (Up to £10k budgeted for). Grazing with cattle improves the quality of the sward to waterfowl and prevents scrub incursion. Similarly, the Council has funded a northern bund and corridor through Bull Ground including ditch management to better retain water at Slimbridge Reserve. (£2500). The Council has worked with Slimbridge

Parish Council to fund native species landscaping at the new Slimbridge PC car park working with Stroud Valleys Project (£3500). Work has been delayed by the Covid 19 pandemic. When this work progresses there is opportunity for future visitor signage funding to educate public on the biodiversity interests and recreation sensitivities of the locality.

- 3.2** The Council is working currently with landowners, FWAG and County ROW and Ecology Officer regarding a potential footpath diversion of the Severn Way back to the original route in 1971 and located further inland. The current route is subject to winter months flooding and erosion as well as encouraging public diversion onto the more sensitive Saul Warth roost and nesting areas (£5500 budgeted for). The Council has sought to fund lowering low quality hedge to improve sightlines across Warth and reduce predation perch opportunity (£500.00) and with Natural England secure a reduction in tree and scrub height along the seawall to improve sightlines across Warth and reduce predation perch opportunity (£1,500). Flooding incidences and the bird nesting season restrictions prevented implementation earlier in the year. Working with NE, WWT, CRT, County and Frampton Court Estate the Council is seeking the creation of one viewing platform and interpretation provision at Saul Warth. It is likely that once legal matters are resolved regarding access, ownership and maintenance liabilities, the future Warden may deliver. This should contribute to minimising disturbance to the wildfowl interests. A budget of up to £10,000 is accounted for. The Council has recently agreed to fund the creation and improvement of circular walks to look to relieve visitor pressure at Saul Warth working with Frampton Parish Council and County at Perryway (£3500) and Whitminster Lane (£2000).
- 3.3** The Council is contributing to funding, working with NE, NRW, SEP, SECG and ASERA to create a Severn Awareness Brand including a website to raise awareness of the increasing vulnerability of the Severn to a variety of cumulative impacts and to assist organisations and the public to better understand the Severn environment. At present there is no single brand applicable to the Severn Estuary.
- 3.4** In 2017, working with ASERA, codes of conduct for visitors on the Severn Estuary were published which covered both England and Wales. Officers have just commenced discussion with BTO on the potential of continuing monitoring of high tide roosts and disturbance monitoring (Up to £12k budgeted for over Strategy period). The Council is also working with NE on a study to identify and establish functionally linked land. Functionally linked land is considered to be any land outside of the European designated site which is used by species that are qualifying interest features of that designated site. A report is currently being drafted by consultants for the Upper Severn north of Frampton Pools with a second report being investigated for 2021 from Frampton Pools south to Avonmouth.
- 3.5** The evidence gathering and operation of both the Rodborough Common and SE RaMS strategies won a Natural England conservation award in February 2018. An earlier iteration of the Habitats Regulations Assessment in 2019 concluded that “The Stroud Local Plan ...policies are exemplary in their holistic approach to biodiversity, and fully recognise the critical importance of wider biodiversity restoration to support designated sites.”

- 3.6** The SE RaMS process gathered £19,608.51 in 2018/19 and £70,262.00 in 2019/20. Of this, the Council has spent or has made a commitment to spend £71,213.00. A further £12,000 may be accounted for with high tide roosts and disturbance monitoring that should demonstrate that no significant adverse variation is occurring from the national trends of wintering waterfowl numbers. This will usefully inform future projects and iterations of the SERaMS.
- 3.7** To ensure Members are kept up to date and informed on progress implementing the SE RaMS, officers propose to provide an annual members update on the SERaMS delivery and report on relevant matters discussed with the Conservation Panel over the previous year.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1** Stroud District Council benefits greatly from its attractive natural environment and high quality landscapes. The Council has also to take seriously the requirement under the National Planning Policy Framework “to support the Government’s objective of significantly boosting the supply of homes”. The Council has an up-to-date, ambitious development strategy being set out in the emerging Stroud District Local Plan 2030. Nonetheless, the Council is committed to development only taking place if it is sustainable development that respects and enhances the relevant natural habitat and species protections of international significance to avoid a detrimental impact on any European and International Designated Nature Conservation Sites. Natural England and other relevant statutory and stakeholder interests support the current operation of the SE RaMS in ensuring compliance with our statutory duties and evidence under the Habitats Regulations to mitigate the impact of development upon the Severn Estuary international site of acknowledged importance.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS**

### **5.1 Financial Implications**

Any funding identified by the mitigation strategy within this report will be funded from S106 mitigation monies. There are no direct Financial implications to the Council for this report.

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### **5.2 Legal Implications**

As outlined in the report, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 set out that any detriment on European protected sites will be a material planning consideration, and that planning permission should only be granted if sufficient mitigation is put in place. If mitigation is not brought forward, subject to limited exceptions, planning permission must be refused.

The SERaMS is intended to address the conflict between new development in the vicinity of the Severn Estuary SAC and the need to protect rare species and habitats by requiring a £385 contribution per net dwelling.

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### **5.3 Equality Implications**

An EqIA has been carried out by Officers in relation to the decision made in this report and no equality implications arise.

### **5.4 Environmental Implications**

There are no significant implications within this category as the report is reporting on progress with the identified projects in the SE RaMS which are designed to mitigate the impacts of growth and recreational pressure on the international site of acknowledged importance. There may be environmental benefits offered by partnership working in a scenario where some identified projects could either be held back (if the Council worked without the cooperation of other interested groups and stakeholders) or if there was not an opportunity to work with other projects (thereby offering a greater net environmental benefit than the sum of individual constituent parts). However, any recommendation to review or modify the Strategy or its implementation may have environmental implications.

**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - SPENDING ALLOCATIONS</b>			
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To recommend CIL spending allocations to Strategy and Resources Committee.			
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<b>The Committee RECOMMENDS to Strategy &amp; Resources that funding commitments are agreed according to the report.</b>			
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	An Officer group has assessed the bids against the planning policy objectives in the decision matrix approved by Council in December 2018. Members have the opportunity to attend a special information event on the 25 <sup>th</sup> November where feedback will be noted and reported back to committee.			
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<b>Options</b>	Options are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the proposed CIL spending allocations; or</li> <li>2. Amend the proposed CIL spending allocations, or</li> <li>3. Delay the proposed CIL spending allocations for further internal discussion.</li> </ol>			
<b>Background Papers</b>	CIL Strategic Funding Guidance Notes for applicant organisations 2021/22 <a href="#">Link to CIL Strategic funding guidance notes</a>			
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A: Funding recommendations Appendix B: Project information			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

**1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced by government in 2010 as a mechanism to fund the infrastructure required to deliver Local Plan growth strategies. The District Council adopted CIL in February 2017 and implemented the charge from April 2017.
- 1.2** CIL partially replaces the s.106 arrangements which secure payments through the planning system for the infrastructure necessary for new development. SDC's policy is to continue to use S106 agreements for the very large strategic sites identified in the Local Plan. Liable development schemes outside of the strategic sites will attract CIL payments.

- 1.3 CIL liability is calculated per m<sup>2</sup> of new dwellings (£96.44/m<sup>2</sup>) and retail warehouses (£90.41/m<sup>2</sup>), of which either 15% or 25% goes to local Town and Parish Councils as a 'neighbourhood portion' according to their NDP status and 5% is retained by the local authority to cover the costs of administrating the scheme. The remainder of the funding collected is held by the local authority to be spent on strategic capital infrastructure projects.
- 1.4 CIL payments are triggered by the commencement of development and can be paid in instalments. At time of writing, three and a half years after CIL launched, funds of £653,350.45 have been collected and a further £150,868 is currently due for collection by the end of this 2020/21 financial year. These figures exclude the CIL project allocations Council agreed to fund within 2020/21.
- 1.5 Last year, the Council chose to allocate £104,000 to projects, these were £60,000 to the Environment Agency for restoration works to the River Frome, £14,000 to the Stroud Valleys Project for tree planting in the district, and £30,000 to the Rural SuDS partnership for flood alleviation work. This year the CIL Strategic Projects budget has £418,697 that can be spent on projects delivering in the 2021/22 financial year or partially retained for future projects.
- 1.6 The CIL annual financial report is available on the CIL pages of Councils website [Link to CIL Annual Reports](#). Based on planning applications already recorded, profiles show that over the next 5 years a further £1,609,196.78 could be collected by CIL, dependent on a number of factors. Further CIL income would be expected as more liable planning applications come forward and are implemented.
- 1.7 Organisations known to be strategic delivery partners were invited to submit project bids to SDC during the summer months. Town and Parish Councils were also made aware of the scheme should they wish to nominate any projects they felt were large enough to meet the strategic policy criteria. Following the deadline for bids in September, a panel consisting of Planning Managers and specialist CIL Officers scrutinised the bids according to the assessment matrix previously approved by Council in December 2018.
- 1.8 This assessment mechanism helps to prioritise spending on qualifying infrastructure projects. This was successfully used in 2019 to determine the projects to be supported this financial year 2020/21. This report now covers the results of this year's implementation of that mechanism and sets out a recommended spend for next financial year 2021/22.

## 2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1 The strategic infrastructure projects that CIL can be spent on are outlined in the adopted Regulation 123 list and related Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and are broadly grouped into capital infrastructure items such as education, social infrastructure, transport and strategic flood risk. Projects must also align with the objectives of the Councils adopted Local Plan.
- 2.2 However, CIL income will not be sufficient to meet all the district's infrastructure needs. Instead, CIL should be viewed as one aspect of a number of infrastructure funding streams available to providers. CIL Strategic funding cannot be used to support current existing

funding programmes or deficiencies but instead should mitigate the impact of new development.

- 2.3** Given that the [Regulation 123 list](#) is the basis for eligible project types, all the strategic infrastructure providers who deliver these service types were contacted with information on how to apply for CIL strategic funding. These providers included the County Council (for Education, Highways, and Libraries), the Environment Agency, local colleges, Emergency Services, Wildlife and Environmental organisations, and certain service areas within the District Council especially those known to deliver unique capital infrastructure projects.
- 2.4** Since CIL has the two funding routes; 1) the neighbourhood portion to Town and Parish Councils for local projects and 2) the strategic infrastructure delivery fund, it is important that applicants note the difference in order to understand their eligibility. This is explained in the [CIL Funding Scheme Guidance Notes](#) available on the CIL pages of the Councils website.
- 2.5** Strategic infrastructure must serve a significant population or cover a geographical area much wider than their immediate area. Social infrastructure projects such as community halls, local open space or parish sports provision are not therefore seen to be 'strategic' and as such should be funded via the parish proportion of CIL, should the relevant town or parish council wish to do so.
- 2.6** Bids received are recorded and pre-assessed for their fit against the CIL Strategic Funding core objectives; in particular, for their ability to directly meet the priorities of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan ([IDP](#)), align with the Council's adopted Local Plan and help to address the infrastructure needs arising from development. A meeting with CIL Officers and Senior Managers was held to discuss and assess the merits of individual applications.
- 2.7** Reflecting the imperative to de-carbonise transport and the lack of core government funding, it was interesting to observe that of the £440,050 worth of bids received, 71% of requested funding (£314k) was for the provision of improved cycle tracks and multi-user of road greenways for walking and cycling. This aligns closely with SDC Policy to make the Stroud District Carbon Neutral by 2030. SDC have an existing capital budget to support cycling and walking projects; accordingly, we will be offering this alongside CIL to compliment the funding of qualifying projects.
- 2.8** This year SDC received seven formal bids requesting funding for projects wishing to deliver works from next April 2021- March 2022. All bids were considered to align with the funding criteria and have therefore all been recommended for funding. No bids have been rejected this year.
- 2.9** Officers also noted that there were a significant number of projects submitted as 'Expressions of Interest' for future years, a list of these are given at the end of Appendix B.
- 2.10** Of course with CIL partially replacing S106 agreements, the County Council has indicated a significant need for investment schools, libraries and highways improvements and sustainable travel provision. There is also a growing need to provide for strategic waste treatment sites, flood risk management infrastructure, social infrastructure, the canal and health and wellbeing projects.
- 2.11** These much larger infrastructure projects are likely to need financial support far in excess of what can be collected by CIL within the Stroud District and those project will need to seek



additional sources of funding. They are however likely to have a strong planning and community need, so there is justification for the need to retain a portion of CIL funding for use in years beyond 2021/2022. The ability to accommodate forthcoming priority infrastructure projects will be an important consideration in deciding this year's CIL allocations.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1** It is proposed that payments are made to infrastructure providers in accordance with the recommendations made at Appendix A.
- 3.2** This year all CIL Bids aligned with the necessary planning objects and are recommended for funding support. The suggested CIL investment for 2021/22 is £282,050, which will come from the secured CIL budget of £418,697 available.
- 3.3** Members will note that not all of the available funding is proposed to be spent this year; instead, it is considered prudent to retain some funding (£136,647) to create a larger fund over time in order to support more significant infrastructure projects in future.
- 3.4** The end pages of Appendix B give some indication of future schemes that we are aware of at present, but of course this is likely to grow as more projects near delivery stages and additional residential growth places new project demands.

### **4. IMPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report as the CIL budget is already secured. Any additional match funding by SDC would have to be considered as part of a separate report.

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#### **4.2 Legal Implications**

CIL contributions may only be spent on infrastructure projects in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended). The levy can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure, including but not limited to transport, flood defences, schools and hospitals. Local authorities must spend the levy on infrastructure needed to support the development of their area, and they will decide what infrastructure is needed in line with adopted policy.

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#### **4.3 Equality Implications**

An EqIA is not required because CIL Funding is used to deliver large scale strategic infrastructure that is provided to serve and benefit all members of the community.

#### **4.4 Environmental Implications**

The recommended projects invest in infrastructure that promise to bring significant positive benefits to the Environment. The key benefits are detailed in the project summaries given in Appendix B, and include facilities that reduce the need for motorised travel, supporting public transport and promoting clean travel (walking and cycling).

There are no perceived negative implications that would directly result from supporting any of the projects and environmental considerations are promoted throughout the scheme.

## Appendix A

### CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Recommendations

SDC Committee December 2020

Project Name	Brief Description of works (see Appendix B for project details)	Total Project Costs	External Match funding	Amount Requested from CIL	SDC Match (all tbc)	Officer CIL recommendation
<b>Hardwicke Youth Centre</b> (Hardwicke Parish Council in partnership with SDC Youth Services)	Construction of a designated Youth Centre. The area has NO Youth provision is SDC Youth Service confirm it there is significant strategic need for professional youth provision. The new centre will serve local need and that of a number of surrounding parishes.	£90,000	£75,000	£15,000	n/a	£15,000
<b>Cam &amp; Dursley Greenway - Design Phase</b> (GCC Highways)	The Greenway cycle and pedestrian route largely utilises the disused railway line between Dursley and Cam, linking the two settlements to the railway station. This bid will fund design work helping to plan for construction phases particularly that of the central 'missing link'.	£50,000	£0	£50,000	£25,000	£25,000
<b>Cam &amp; Dursley Rail Station Enhancements - Car Parking &amp; Cycle Racks</b> (GCC Highways)	This station is a key commuter Hub with priority need for improvements. CIL funding will create a 25 space car park on GCC owned land (£25k), Cycle Racks (£4k) and passenger shelter (£20k).	£71,050	£0	£71,050	n/a	£71,050
<b>Cainscross segregated cycleway</b> (GCC Highways)	Upgrading of 1.25km of existing advisory cycle lanes to provide light segregation between Lansdown and Cainscross Roundabout, connecting to onward strategic cycle routes.	£75,000	£0	£75,000	£50,000	£25,000
<b>Stroud to Nailsworth Cycletrack Upgrade</b> (GCC Highways)	A key cycle infrastructure route linking Nailsworth to Stroud Town. Funding provides essential refurbishment for Newman Henders Bridge (£125k), without this work the are will become unsafe and Cycletrail will need to close at this point in due course. Remaining funding will go to other essential track improvement works.	£169,000	£0	£169,000	£40,000	£116,000
<b>Frampton Cycle Path</b> (Frampton Parish Council supported by GCC Highways)	The project seeks to create a safe link from the canal to the village in association with the completion of the canal restoration work. existing infrastructure is under increasing pressure from visitors and current provision is inadequate. This part of the project is the second phase of a detailed design where earlier phases have been supported by GCC Highways and Police road safety teams in response to serious accidents.	£57,500	£37,500	£20,000	£10,000	£10,000
<b>In-Cab Technology Provision for Waste Vehicles</b> (SDC Community Services)	Provision of IT infrastructure and associated software within the district-wide Waste Collection Vehicle Fleet. In-cab and handheld devices will revolutionise how waste collections are managed throughout the district, providing multiple financial and environmental efficiencies and service improvements to residents.	£120,000	£0	£40,000	£80,000	£20,000

## **APPENDIX B**

### **CIL STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING SCHEME 2020 FOR PROJECTS WISHING TO DELIVER WITHIN 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR**

## **Project Summaries**

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Project Summary for: **Hardwicke Youth Centre:  
New Purpose Built Youth Area / Extension to  
the Village Hall**

**Applicant / Project Delivery Partner:** Hardwicke Parish Council

**Funding Requested:**

£15,000 CIL towards £90,000 total project costs, of which all match funding has been already secured from S106 contributions and from the Parish Council.

**Project Overview:**

Hardwicke has never had a dedicated building or space for young people. GCC's Youth Service delivered some outreach work in the area until 2010, when all youth services were then removed. Hardwicke has had no formal youth provision since then

The youth population of Hardwicke is growing, including that of 10 to 19 year olds (there are 824 10-19 year olds (2019 estimate) which is increasing by around 40 per year. The need for dedicated spaces for young people is growing and with the nearby housing development, this need will only accelerate.

Hardwicke Parish Council (as the local adult stakeholder) have brought commitment to the needs of Hardwicke Youth Forum group by working towards providing designated youth provision. This has taken time, but involving young people and building good relationships has been vital. The conclusion was that Hardwicke's only one real community building the village hall is the best and only option for a new designated youth space. All other options have been fully investigated over many years' exhaustive study and feasibility works.

The growth in housing development in strategic allocation areas nearby in Hunts Grove/ Haresfield adds further pressure. Whilst these soon to emerge communities may in time develop their own youth space, provision within Hardwicke will be essential until such time it can become a satellite centre of any new services that may emerge. Establishing Hardwicke as a starting base for youth facilities in the area will create a culture and ethos of community development for the area. Working as part of the Severn Voice Group of Parishes, there is also a strong indication Hardwicke would provide a hub for the neighbouring parishes of Elmore, Longney and Epney.

SDC Youth Service has been working in the Hardwicke area since 2015 (covered by SDC's formal youth strategy). To safeguard the investment of CIL and ensure good quality standards in provision, SDC Youth Service would offer to be made the default service provider for a minimum of 5 years – funding coming from Hardwicke Parish Council (as they would with any other provider). SDC Youth Service's commitment to young people, enabling positive change and delivering top quality youth work has a well-established award winning reputation.

**Legislative / Policy Requirements:**

Regulation 123 List – Yes

**SDC's Local Plan:**

Recognised the importance of providing Education and Youth services and protecting community facilities. P.75 Hardwicke second bullet point identifies 'addressing the needs of young people'. P.108 of the LP Review; Health and Well Being identified meeting the needs of young people (paras 28,31)

**Local Plan IDP:**

Whilst the IDP does not focus on the capital build side of youth provision, it does recognise the youth provision has been significantly underfunded in recent years.

**Additional evidence/ supporting justification:**

SDC Youth Work Strategy 2020-2024 - statement of strategic youth provision in the Stroud district by Steve Mile Senior Youth Officer and survey undertaken by The Youth Forum. Current Indices of Deprivation (2015) one of the 3 areas of Hardwicke is in the bottom 10% regarding *Income*, and that of *Wider Barriers*. Also features in the bottom 20% regarding *Crime and Disorder; Barriers to Housing and Services; and Income Affecting Children*.

**Funding considerations:**

Hardwicke Parish Council have formally agreed to allocate the £70k from the Mayos Land S106 contribution and funding from their own budgets towards future youth service provision.

**Timescales for project delivery:**

Early 2021 subject to approval of CIL funds

**Officer comments:**

This project has been many years in development and the dedication to exploring options is recognised. Officers are aware of the extensive consultation and examination of feasibility options that have taken place and appreciate that this resulting option will provide the right result for the community. There is a high strategic need in this area being only one of two key areas of serious under provision in the district. The project also offers excellent value for money; £15,000 of CIL Funds is the needed top up to ensuring delivery.

Project Summary for: **Cam & Dursley Greenway - Design Phase**

**Applicant / Project Delivery Partner:** Gloucestershire County Council Highways

**Funding Requested:**

£50,000 CIL and in-kind support from GCC Officers overseeing the project delivery.

**Project Overview:**

This Project Bid Requests £50,000 for design work that will focus on all the sections of the Greenway that are not being provided by developers on the Cam to Dursley section. That will effectively be the on road section (north end of Everlands) and the bridleway link to the north of Tesco.

One particular area is particularly problematic as it cannot be accommodated along the old railway line due to land ownership issues. Often referred to as 'the missing link' (north end of Everlands to the south end of the development at North East Cam) will need to be provided by specialist on-road provision.

This element of the project will allow GCC to fund feasibility works on this section, so find ways for users of the Greenway can integrate with existing sections of public highways safely and design and costs the associated necessary capital works.

The Cam & Dursley Greenway has long been identified by both County and District Councils as a key piece of infrastructure to link communities in the corridor to employment, the railway station and town centre. Identified new housing sites in the area will further increase its importance to the local transport network.

The project is specifically identified in the adopted Stroud Local Plan which recognises sustainable settlements accessible by walking and cycling is an important objective.

Cycling is an increasingly convenient, cheap and environmentally friendly means of transport and exercise, particularly for local journeys. Short journeys by cycle should be facilitated by convenient and safe networks, this can be achieved by minimising the conflict between cycles and motor cycles.

**Legislative / Policy Requirements:**

**Regulation 123 List:**

Yes

**SDC's Local Plan:**

Policy EI13 Strategic Objective SO4: Transport and travel. Strategic Objective SO5: Climate Change and environmental limits.

**Local Plan IDP:**

The Cam and Dursley Greenway is identified within the IDP as one of the essential walking and cycling routes.

**Additional evidence/ supporting justification:**

Sustrans report

**Delivery partners support:**

The design works will be commissioned and overseen by Highways Officers at GCC.

**Funding considerations:**

The works will not take place if not funded by SDC. Some funding may be available from SDC's Cycle Budget.

**Timescales for project delivery:**

Design work to be completed in 2021/22 financial year

**Officer comments:**

This project is very strongly supported by planning policy and has many years of excellent partnership working between community groups, the local Town and Parish Council, SDC, GCC, Sustrans, and many more. It promises to be an essential and valued part of the districts sustainable travel network, where it is hoped local trips by car will be reduced and thus bringing many environmental and health and wellbeing benefits. Identifying opportunities to deliver provision on what is currently considered to be a 'missing link' will no doubt place all partners in a good position to proceed with future capital bids for funding delivery.



**Maps / diagrams:**

It has not been possible to include a map on this paper, however Map 2 on the review undertaken by Sustrans shows the relevant section, providing a suggested link from the end of Everlands up to North East Cam. A copy of the report is available on request from SDC's CIL Team [cil@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:cil@stroud.gov.uk)

Project Summary for: **Cam & Dursley Rail Station Enhancements  
(Car Parking & Cycle Racks)**

**Applicant / Project Delivery Partner:** Gloucestershire County Council Highways

**Funding Requested:**

£50,000 CIL and in-kind support from GCC Officers overseeing the project delivery.

**Project Overview:**

Cam & Dursley station is the only Station that offers travel to Bristol and the South West from Stroud district and is therefore a key commuter transport hub. Extensions of the Metro West project to Cam & Dursley would result in increased service frequency to Bristol with a service every half an hour.

The project will consist of 3 elements:

- Car Park Expansion: - £25,000
- Cycle Racks: - £4,000.
- Passenger Shelters: - £20,000

Car parking at the site is restricted which creates issues on the surrounding residential roads, potentially discouraging additional users. The car park expansion can be provided on land owned by GCC which removes any issues relating to third parties. The image below shows the area that can be used to expand the car park and could deliver approximately 25 new spaces.

The provision of additional cycle racks will encourage non-car based trips for short journeys, including those from large settlements within the catchment area of the station, which in turn has additional health and wellbeing benefits for users.

The station itself has little in the way of facilities with limited passenger shelters. This may be a deterrent to some passengers, particularly in poor weather. Providing improved passenger waiting shelters will also help to encourage additional patronage.

Increased service provision will make travel by rail even more viable compared to that of the private motorcar. The railway line is on the same alignment as the M5, so encouraging additional rail use will help to relieve pressures upon the Strategic Road Network.

**Legislative / Policy Requirements:**

**Regulation 123 List:**

Yes

**SDC's Local Plan:**

Policy SO4 Transport and Travel, and SO5 Climate change and environmental limits. Encourage additional station patronage and sustainable regional and national travel. Site Allocation policy SA3 aiming to address passenger improvements at Cam & Dursley Railway station.

**Local Plan IDP:**

The IDP contains a multi-modal approach to improvements with proposals to increase car parking capacity and the provision of cycle parking and the promotion of park and ride. This proposal includes the addition of improved passenger waiting facilities on the station with new shelters.

**Additional evidence/ supporting justification:**

Adopted and emerging Local Transport Plans which both include enhancements to the station as a scheme priority. The Gloucestershire Rail Investment Strategy also recognises the Bristol to Birmingham rail corridor as being economically important.

**Delivery partners support:**

GCC are offering land and officer time to oversee the project.

**Funding considerations:**

This project is unlikely to proceed without CIL funding.  
Timescales for project delivery: Within 2021/22 financial year.

**Officer comments:**

Excellent logical project with immediate deliverables and benefits, heavily supported by numerous important planning Policies, local and regional strategies. Exactly the kind of project we wish to see supported with CIL Strategic Funding.

**Maps / diagrams:**

Additional cycle racks will be similar to those provided at other stations in Gloucestershire with a mix of Sheffield Stands and two tier racking delivering between 10 – 16 new cycle spaces in a secure and covered way. Two passenger waiting shelters will be delivered, one for each platform.



Project Summary for: **Cainscross Segregated Cycleway**

**Applicant / Project Delivery Partner:** Gloucestershire County Council Highways

**Funding Requested:**

£75,000 CIL and in-kind support from GCC Officers overseeing the project delivery.

**Project Overview:**

This scheme would upgrade 1.25km of existing advisory cycle lanes to provide light segregation on a key radial corridor to the west of Stroud town centre along Cainscross Road between Lansdown and Cainscross Roundabout.

The key project delivery stages will involve;

- Design to be completed as soon as possible in the 2020/21 financial year.
- Safety audit & Public consultation – if required
- Results of consultation & terms of working agreed between GCC and SDC
- Works delivered by GCC term contract partners, Ringway by March 2022

Cainscross Road is a very flat but busy, two-way A-road that is served by several bus services along the route, and passes both the Marling Grammar School and Stroud High School. As well as a key radial route into the town, it connects to onward cycle routes to Stonehouse via the National Cycle Network.

The route lies on the Gloucestershire Strategic cycle route as set out in the Local Transport Plan, and is part of the primary cycle network in the preliminary draft Stroud Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

Provision of segregated facilities on this route will make it safer and more comfortable to all cyclists and permanently allocate the road space to the exclusive use of cycles. It is hoped that the resulting project works would create a mandatory cycle lane but that would of course be subject to public challenge to the order. If the order is approved cars would not be able to enter it to drive or park and would be enforceable.

The Propensity to Cycle tool highlights this link as one of the top 10% links in the County to facilitate cycling, with a forecast 75% increase in trips under the Government Target scenario.

**Legislative / Policy Requirements:**

**Regulation 123 List:**

Yes

**SDC's Local Plan:**

EI13 also Ref to walking and cycling routes within the Public Realm Strategy.

**Local Plan IDP:**

Critical, essential or desirable

**Additional evidence/ supporting justification:**

The government's new '[Gear Change](#)' document expects to see segregated cycling lanes across the country to support cycling as a mass transit solution, lowering pollution, easing congestion and improving health

Supporting green economic recovery is also a vital consideration and illustrated in [link to walking cycling economic benefits summary](#). Making Stroud more cycle-friendly help people get to work sustainably and increase visits to the town centre and high streets.

**Delivery partners support:**

GCC Highways are very keen to see these works delivered and are committed to offering all necessary Officer time to overseeing all works.

**Funding considerations:**

Funding has also been sought from the Active Travel Bid however it is believed that there is little likelihood of this project being successful given the amount of work being sought Countywide. That would mean that CIL and SDC Cycle funding would be the only route to ensuring that these works are carried out.

**Timescales for project delivery:**

All proposed project works could be achieved within 21/22 financial year.

**Officer comments:**

GCC officers passionately believe that this scheme would deliver considerable and immediate community benefits as well as offering good value for money. Works can also be implemented relatively quickly. Its connections to supporting infrastructure and planning policy are very strong and it seems logical to support this project and see CIL funding supporting the achievement of those objectives the earliest opportunity.

**Maps / diagrams:**

No map of the project is currently available as this has not progressed beyond the concept stage, but if funding is approved design works and public consultation can start very quickly.

Project Summary for: **Stroud to Nailsworth Cycle Track Upgrade**

**Applicant / Project Delivery Partner:** Gloucestershire County Council Highways

**Funding Requested:**

£169,000 CIL and in-kind support from GCC Officers overseeing the project delivery.

**Project Overview:**

The scheme would enhance the quality of the Stroud Valleys Cycle routes and secure their long term safety by restoring two undertrack bridges;

- **PART 1: Newman Henders Bridge Refurbishment - £125k**

This bridge is located to the rear of the Renishaw Factory. The deck is in very poor condition and it regularly being inspected for safety reasons. The plan is to replace the deck and retain the existing abutments and span over these with a new deck i.e. timber or Fibre Reinforced Plastic Without these works being implemented it will become necessary to close the Cycletrail at this point in due course

- **PART 2: General Upgrade work - £44k**

Significant improvements to the neglected blacktop sections of the cycle path would be achieved by undertaking the following:

- Re-decking the bridge near Paul's Rise £14k
- Inchbrook ramps – dig out and re-form surface £7k
- Additional width at Woodchester (approx. 400m by Dennis Brown's) - £18k (bringing this section up to an acceptable standard)
- Also some important work to make the Ryeford – Dudbridge section cycle path safer - £5k to regrade ramps near west end.



### **Newman Henders Bridge Refurbishment:**

B1044 Newman Henders is currently the structure in the worst condition on the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) highway network with a high critical condition score.

Given the urgency of safety matters, one of the options is to close the bridge and this section of the Cycle Track. Doing this will cost an estimated £50,000 to remove the structure with associated design and planning application, and will undoubtedly be immensely unpopular with the local user community.

Refurbishing the bridge means a significant amount of environmental and heritage works and negotiations with private landowners being required before a permanent solution can be implemented, during this time there is a risk of the condition of the structure deteriorating further. Delaying a decision to invest in improvements could mean the opportunity for remedial works is lost.

The bridge refurbishment project will assist people to travel sustainably through Stroud District. The route is a key piece of cycle infrastructure linking Nailsworth (and communities in between) to Stroud Town Centre and beyond. Upgrade work will enhance its functionality as a utility route, providing access to schools, employment and key services

### **Legislative / Policy Requirements:**

#### **Regulation 123 List:**

Yes

#### **SDC's Local Plan:**

The scheme particularly relates to the following Strategic Objectives by encouraging cycling and walking as a means of travel to employment, schools, shopping and for leisure; EO1, SO4: Transport and travel, SO5: Climate Change and environmental limits

#### **Local Plan IDP:**

The IDP names the Stroud-Nailsworth as one of the districts key walking and cycling routes within Stroud District.

### **Additional evidence/ supporting justification:**

The Gloucestershire LTP includes it as part of the Countywide Strategic Cycleway. ATKINS so safety monitoring reports for GCC every 6 months.

**Delivery partners support:**

GCC Officers have expressed their interest to work with officers to ensure this project is delivered. A considerable amount of in-kind time will no doubt be given by GCC

**Funding considerations:**

Due to the poor condition of the structure, Newman Henders has been included on the GCC Structures Capital Schemes Task Order, so there *may* be the potential to negotiate / secure some 'top up' match funding.

**Timescales for project delivery:**

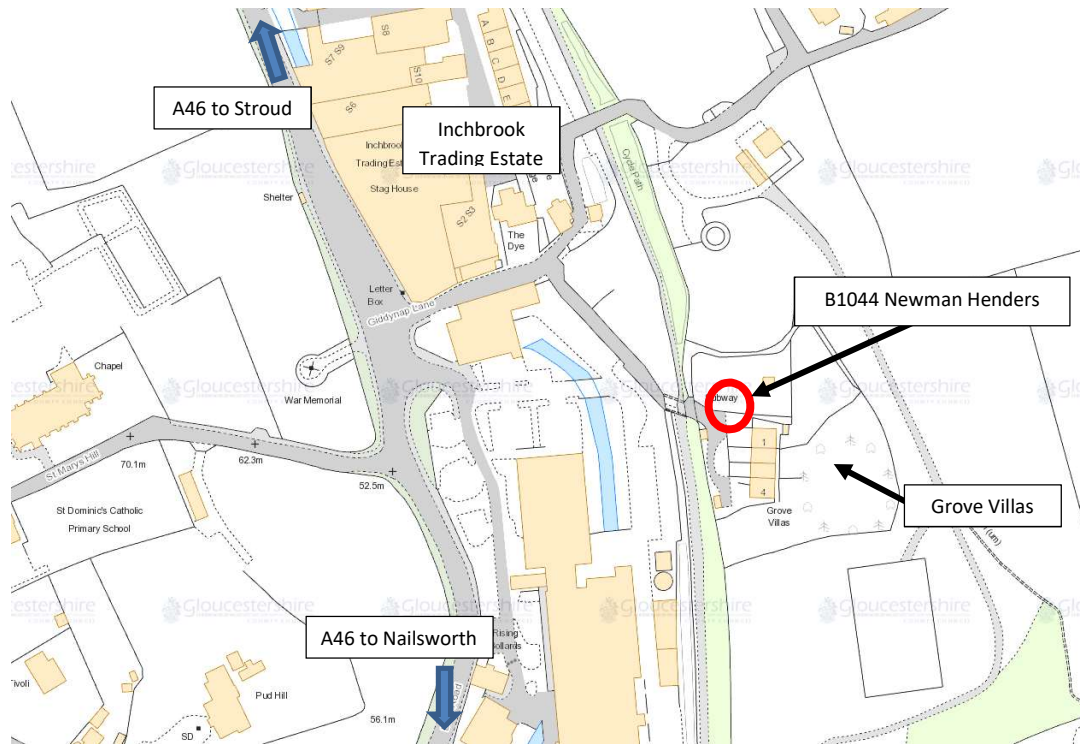
Within 21/22 financial year subject to funding

**Officer comments:**

It is our understanding that it will cost GCC £50,000 to remove the bridge and protect the safety of the public. Investment from CIL would mean that the bridge can be refurbished and remain a feature of this very important cycle route for the district. It's the urgency to secure investment is paramount.

**Maps / diagrams:**

Newman Henders (B1044) is a structure comprising a deck (constructed using reused railway track upturned) supported on stone abutments. The structure is located within the Inchbrook Trading Estate near Nailsworth and has a 2m span which carries a cycleway/footway over a Public Right of Way (PROW) MMH57. The PROW provides access to four properties (Grove Villas) and this is their only access.



Location Plan NSGR: E384407, N201062



The Picture above shows the implementation of emergency gravel bags to hold up the deteriorating bridge wall.

Project Summary for: **Frampton on Severn Cycle Path**

**Applicant / Project Delivery Partner:** Frampton Parish Council in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council Highways

**Funding Requested:**

£20,000 CIL and in-kind support from GCC Officers overseeing the project delivery.

**Project Overview:**

This project requests £20,000 towards Phase 2 works of a much larger project totalling over £57,000.

These Phase 2 works will create improved pedestrian and safer cycle links with the Stroudwater Canal restoration, developing a new footpath on Whitminster Lane from 'Walk Bridge' to the village of Frampton on Severn, and then onwards to the cycle route going south down the Gloucester to Sharpness canal.

The link from the canal to the village will enhance the recreation links for the Stroudwater Canal development, access to green open space within the parish and improve the tourism related economy in the area.

This link will also allow village residents to access a cycle route which links the village to the nearest Tier 1 settlement of Stonehouse, with its strategic facilities, and on to Stroud and thus improve sustainable, low carbon transport for the area.

The parish has become an increasingly popular destination for visitors from adjacent villages and towns, who are using the existing infrastructure. This will be totally inadequate when the canal restoration work is complete and more visitors come to the parish.

Parked cars from visitors are currently an increasing problem. The creation of this safer link from the canal to the village will protect health and reduce accidents for residents and visitors.

Frampton Parish Council have an excellent scheme report undertaken by the consultants SYSTRA in January 2020. This includes a history of the project, photographs, public consultation and recommended routes. This document is available for to view on request.

Phase 1 for improves safety on the Perryway which is known to be a very dangerous road used by local families to reach school and essential services and facilities. Works will also link with other promoted safe promoted walks.

Public transport to and from the village is very poor and the Stroud Transport Plan predicts that this is likely to continue, so access is heavily reliant on car use at present.

There is also potential to develop a bus link from the proposed Stroudwater station and the existing Stonehouse station to the planned canal-side car park at Fromebridge Mill, thus increasing sustainable regional tourism by allowing visits to the village via rail, bus and walking down the towpath and into the village. This could also reduce car parking in the village.

**Legislative / Policy Requirements:**

**Regulation 123 List:**

Yes; Transport, Canal Infrastructure, Health & Wellbeing

**SDC's Local Plan:**

Objective SO4: Transport and Travel; 2.16, Economy and Infrastructure 5.7: *Development in the Stroud Valleys will contribute funds to the restoration of the canals and towpaths, as well as potentially designing in new links across the development sites, thereby improving direct access for surrounding communities as well as those occupying the development. This has the potential to reduce short car journeys, due to the availability of safe, off-road walking and cycling routes.*

*Severn Vale; Communities will also feel the environmental and economic benefits of the restored Stroudwater canal. Saul Junction will become an important visitor 'gateway' to the Cotswold Canals and the wider Stroud District – part of a growing and ever improving network of walking and cycling routes.*

**Local Plan IDP:**

This project is not specifically named within the IDP but there are numerous principles within the IDP that support walking and cycling infrastructure and access to accessible open green space:

**Additional evidence/ supporting justification:**

Natural England promote natural and semi-natural open space alongside new development (Accessible Natural Greenspace Standards (ANGSt)).

Cotswold Canals Project; The project will connect the Stroudwater canal towpath cycle way through Frampton to the Gloucester to Sharpness towpath and cycleway from Splatt Bridge southwards. This increases links to green space in and around the village and canal which already attracts many visitors from surrounding settlements.

Severn Estuary Visitor Mitigation strategy; the new cycle and footpaths will encourage visitors away from the Severn Estuary and designated SSSI / RAMSAR sites.

A Strategic Framework for Green Infrastructure in Gloucestershire (2014); key principle to *“maximise opportunities to improve both strategic green infrastructure and more local green infrastructure, whenever change is being considered”*.

**Delivery partners support:**

Phase 1 has secured match funding from; County councillor fund £5000 (agreed in principle), Highways Community fund £7500, Parish Council £10,000, SDC Severn Estuary Mitigation grant £3000 (agreed in principle).

**Funding considerations:**

A high proportion of match funding has been secured for Phase 1 works. No further funding has been identified for the next phase. CIL funding of £20,000 is necessary to enable Phase 2 of the project to go ahead in 21/22.

**Timescales for project delivery:**

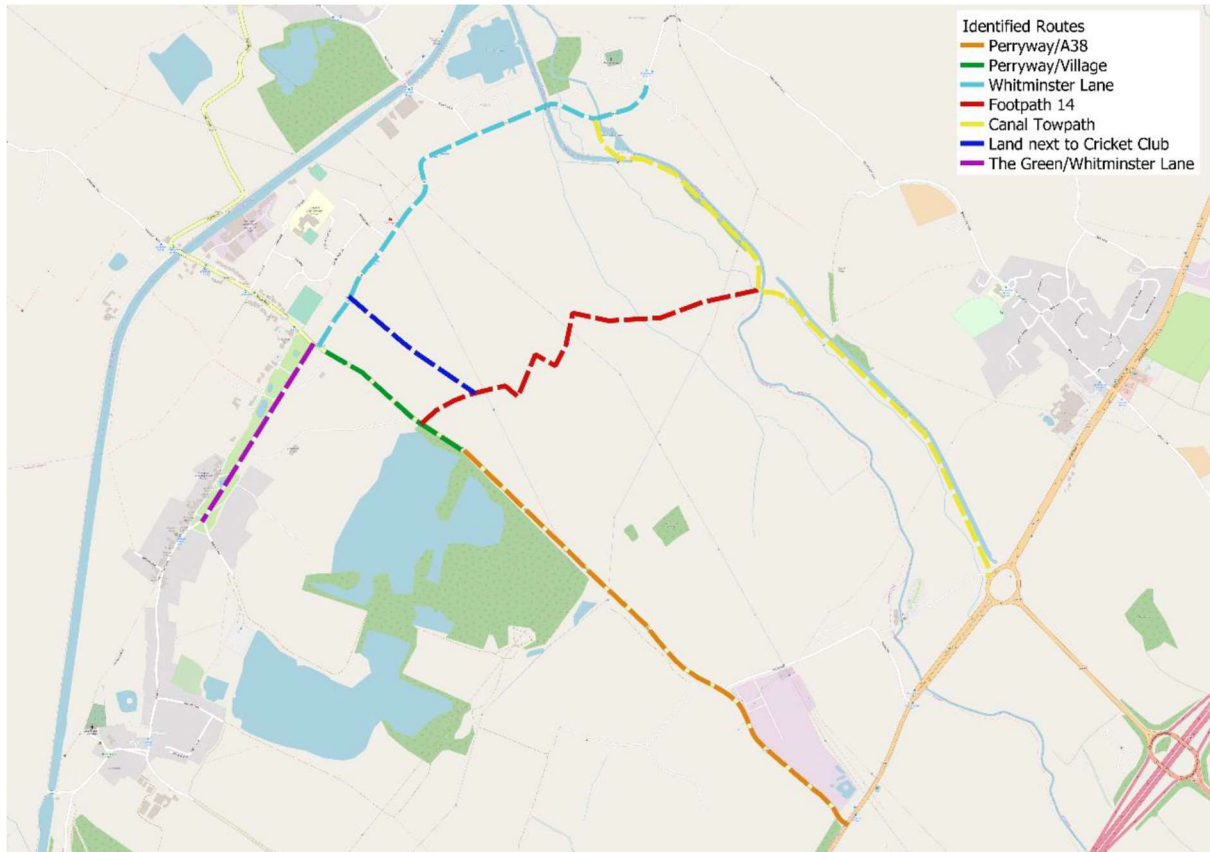
Project delivery is planned to start and be completed within 2021/22 financial year. Exact timings will depend on GCC Highways schedule which depends on approvals from outside bodies, eg police, road safety team.

**Officer comments:**

The consultant’s report demonstrates a very well-considered scheme and design. The project proposal aligns extremely well with planning and infrastructure policy and offers good value for money. We have no reservations in recommending this project for CIL funding support.

**Maps / diagrams:**

The map below shows the **'Identified Routes'** as taken from the Systra Consultancy Report 2020



Project Summary for: **In-Cab Technology Provision for the  
SDC Waste Collection Fleet Vehicles**

**Applicant / Project Delivery Partner:** SDC Community Services

**Funding Requested:**

£40,000 CIL (£20,000 CIL is recommended as detailed below)

**Project Overview:**

As housing grows within the District, there is increasing pressure on waste collection demands. Current service delivery needs are being stretched and SDC need to fully review working practises, in particular looking at areas where improvements can be made.

This project seeks to completely modernise the IT infrastructure that supports efficient Waste collection services by installing a large piece of software and providing hand-held devices within the cabs of waste vehicles.

The implementation supports the whole district and will commence the move to 'self-serve'; a method that maximises resident benefit without being overly onerous on the authority.

There are currently around 20 waste collection vehicles serving the Stroud District. Last year SDC received around 15,000 calls from residents regarding collections last year. This places a large demand on SDC resources using up call centre staff time and follow up work required by community services officers.

Almost a third of calls relate to reported non-collections or where residents believe they have been missed. This failure demand is compounded by the current paper based system, which is ultimately reliant on the correct piece of paper (the rectification notice), going to the supervisor to give to the driver to be acted upon. Any error in this paper chain creates more failure demand.

The new system completely automates every step of the reporting process into a much more streamlined, quicker and reliable mechanism, creating instant improvements to service delivery. The technology cuts paperwork and errors, increases customer satisfaction, reduces complaints and improves performance.

Ubico has a KPI to not exceed 400 missed collection reports per month. Last year the reported figure was approximately 300 per month. This is still a lot of calls to customer contacts and return trips to collect waste.

Refuse Collection Vehicles average 2-3 mpg so not only do extra trips cause considerable financial expense, it also has considerable environmental expense.



Introduction of In-Cab Technology in Oxfordshire reduced missed bin reports by 50%. Residents can easily be challenged with CCTV vehicle screen grabs (via GPS) being used to illustrate bins were not presented when the vehicle passed the property, or that bins were serviced.

Strategic housing growth means that waste vehicle collection round structures must expand quickly. Due to growth alone, there are 3 new rounds to be introduced next year across the various waste streams. The current system methodology is unsustainable and the need for this new software becomes increasingly essential.

### **Legislative / Policy Requirements:**

#### **Regulation 123 List:**

Yes, Strategic Waste and Recycling Infrastructure, Provision of household waste recycling and waste management facilities.

#### **SDC's Local Plan:**

Whilst this project is not identified in the Local Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that Local Plan objectives must contribute to the achievement of sustainable development (paragraph 151) where one of the environmental roles is to help 'minimise waste and pollution, and move to a low carbon economy'.

#### **Local Plan IDP:**

The IDP discusses the pressures on current waste management provision and calls for a need for 'remodelled, alternative and/or new waste management facilities over the timeframe of the plan'. The IDP mostly refers to the treatment of waste, not the collection.

#### **Additional evidence/ supporting justification:**

A full business plan is being developed at present and will provide more working detail that will further enhance the importance of this bid.

#### **Delivery partners support:**

The other Gloucestershire districts have already invested in the 'in cab' technology with great success, and SDC have further meetings scheduled with project delivery partners including Cotswold District Council, Publica), UBICO and software providers. Procurement will then be looked into as soon as possible after.

**Funding considerations:**

SDC Finance Director has confirmed that some funding may be available from savings made in the Waste Budget last year. An application is likely to be made to the Government funded 'Recovery Fund' to be allocated by SDC committee.

**Timescales for project delivery:**

The works are needed urgently and can be implemented as soon as funding becomes available.

**Officer comments:**

There has been much debate as to whether CIL is the most appropriate funding stream for this project. Discussions have focussed around whether IT improvements within waste vehicles can be considered to be 'strategic infrastructure'. In addition, planning policy focusses predominantly on the disposal of waste, but not on the collection side of operations. There is some argument that waste disposal cannot be seen as entirely separate to collection, they are interdependent and therefore waste collection should be factored within planning considerations.

Given the complexity of these discussions, officers have suggested that some funding is given from CIL to recognise that strategic housing growth does place additional demands on waste collection services. However, the full request is not being suggested due to the 'grey areas' in relation to adopted planning policy. Members are encouraged to express their views and decide whether this is priority CIL infrastructure for CIL funding.

**Potential projects for CIL funding within the next 5 years:**

<b>Project name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Estimated funding need</b>
A419 Golden Valley Cycle Route - Stroud to Chalford	£20 million
Brimscombe Port Regeneration	£500k
Cam & Dursley Greenway Capital Delivery	£10 million
Canal Infrastructure	£1 million
Community Tree Planting by Stroud Valleys Project (annual programme)	£20,000
Development of new waste treatment site at Frampton	£300,000
Electric Vehicle Charging Point Role-Out (Gloucestershire Highways)	unknown
GCC Highways - Bus Stop Infrastructure works	£25,000
GCC Highways - THINK Travel Cycle parking / school crossing safety	£30,000
Kingswood Primary School relocation and expansion	£3.2 million
Leonard Stanley Primary School expansion	£1.4 million
Merrywalks Roundabout Redesign	£1 million
Redevelopment of Stroud Library	£50-£100k
River Frome Restoration (Environment Agency and Rivers Trust)	£100,000
Rural Suds (annual programme)	£30,000
Stratford Park Outdoor Pool improvements	£40,000
Stroud Museum in the Park collections centre	£5 million
Stroud Station Integrated Transport Hub	£4 million
Stroud Subscription Rooms	£1 million
SVP Development of a new Green Burrial Ground	£15,000
The Pulse, Dursley - Upgrading of main pool	£ millions

Please note that the above list is simply an indication projects known to CIL Officers at the time of writing this report, November 2020. No formal bids have been received for the above so therefore prior eligibility assessment has not taken place. As such the above list does not demonstrate any suggestion of prioritisation, importance or ranking, it simply demonstrates a level of interest in CIL expressed by infrastructure delivery partners.

It is highly likely that the project needs of those identified will change, and many more projects not noted above are likely to come forward in subsequent funding bid rounds.

**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

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**3 DECEMBER 2020**

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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>REVENUE ESTIMATES – REVISED 2020/21 AND ORIGINAL 2021/22</b>			
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To present to the committee the revised estimates for 2020/21 and original estimates for 2021/22.			
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<p><b>The Committee RECOMMENDS to Strategy and Resources Committee:</b></p> <p>a) <b>The revised Environment Committee revenue budget for 2020/21 and original 2021/22 revenue budget are approved;</b></p> <p>b) <b>The Fees and Charges list as shown at Appendix B is approved, and</b></p> <p>c) <b>Recommend to the Strategy and Resources Committee the use of £80k from the Waste and Recycling Reserve for the purchase of in-cab technology.</b></p>			
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	Consultation has been undertaken with residents and businesses. Feedback on the outcome of the consultation will be provided to members in January 2021.			
<b>Report Author</b>	Adele Rudkin, Accountant Tel: 01453 754109 Email: <a href="mailto:adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk">adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk</a>			
<b>Options</b>	The Administration will be considering its budget options at the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting on 28 January 2021. Council will consider the overall budget position for 2021/22 on 25 February 2021.			
<b>Background Papers</b>	None			
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A – Committees detailed Budgets Appendix B – Schedule of Fees and Charges			
<b>Implications (further details at the end of the report)</b>	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	No

**1 Background**

- 1.1 The Budget Strategy report to Strategy and Resources Committee in October 2020 set out the way in which the Council would approach setting budgets for the forthcoming financial year.
- 1.2 Members will be aware from both the 2020/21 budget and MTFP (approved in January 2020) and the Budget Strategy reports, the Council is facing a number of financial challenges in 2021/22 and future years. A budget deficit has been forecast in the latter part of the medium term due to anticipated reductions in the level of Government funding and inflationary/cost pressures across the Council's services.
- 1.3 The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) report to Strategy and Resources will set out a projection of General Fund expenditure over the medium term 2021/22 to 2024/25. This report

sets out a more detailed analysis of the changes to the Environment Committee budget for 2020/21 (Revised Estimates) and 2021/22 (Original Estimates).

1.4 The Committee's service revenue budgets have been prepared in accordance with the budget framework set out in the Budget Strategy report. They are presented in draft format and are subject to further change as the budget setting process progresses. Any subsequent changes will be included in the MTFP report to Strategy and Resources and Council.

**1.5 It would be helpful where members have questions on matters of detail if they could be referred to the report author or the appropriate service manager before the meeting.**

## 2 Summary

2.1 The original budget for the Environment Committee was **£5.937m**. The revised budget in 2020/21 has been updated with the following adjustments to reflect carry forwards and re-profiling of service budgets.

2.2 This has subsequently been used as the base estimate for both 2020/21 revised and 2021/22 original estimates. The revised estimates incorporate changes arising from budget pressures and efficiency savings. The original budget approved in February 2020 has only changed as a result of items reported to the Committee in budget monitoring reports.

2.3 The original estimate for Environment Committee budget for 2021/22 is **£6.303m an increase of £366k** on the base budget. This is largely due to the following budget changes, as outlined in table one below.

**Table 1 – Summary of changes from the 2020/21 Original Budget**

<b>Environment Committee</b>	<b>para</b>	<b>2020/21 Revised Estimate (000's)</b>	<b>2021/22 Original Estimate (000's)</b>
Base Budget		5,937	6,113
Virements/adjustments	3.3	176	171
<b>Recurring changes:</b>			
Pay increases	3.3		101
Fees and charges growth	3.4		(14)
Contract increases	3.5		80
Technical Adjustment	3.5		126
Proposed budget adjustments	4		(274)
<b>Net Service Budget</b>		<b>6,113</b>	<b>6,303</b>

(Table subject to roundings)

## 3 In year virements/adjustments

3.1 In year virements include carry forwards from prior year

### 3.2 Inflation

#### 3.3 **Pay Inflation - £101k**

The 2021/22 salary budgets have been increased by an initial 2.75% in line with budget strategy.

### 3.4 Fees & Charges Growth – (£14k)

Fees and charges budgets have been inflated by 2% unless stated otherwise on the fees and charges appendix.

A full list of fees and charges for this committee is included in Appendix B.

### 3.5 Contract Increases - £80k

This increase is directly attributable to Ubico (Multi Service Contract).

The overall increase on the Ubico contract is £321k. (Table 2). This does take into account taking on the Stratford Park Contract of £149k (No budgetary impact for SDC as the budget was already in place). An increased asset charge of £126k has also been calculated around the provision of new vehicles, but this is recharged through a technical adjustment within the terms of the contract agreement and is included in the budget as Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) and reported to Strategy and resources Committee. Savings have also been identified across the contract, which include training and fuel costs. For the purposes of this Committee the total impact of the budget has been reflected in the table below which will include an additional cost to the HRA of £13.7k.

**Table 2 - Ubico**

<b>UBICO</b>	<b>(£'000)</b>
<b>2020/21 Budget</b>	<b>6,096</b>
Contract Inflation	80
Net Savings	(34)
Technical Adjustments	126
Stratford Park	149
<b>2021/22 Budget</b>	<b>6,417</b>

## 4 Budget Savings

**Table 3 - Budget Savings**

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>Para</b>	<b>REASON FOR SAVING</b>	<b>2021/22 (£'000)</b>
Building Control	4.1	Removal of vacant post from structure	(50)
Multi Service Contract	4.2	Ubico Contract savings	(73)
Canal	4.3	Removal of one off budget	(161)
		<b>Total Environment Savings</b>	<b>(284)</b>

### 4.1 Building Control

A saving has been identified within Building Control. The fee earning element of the budget is required to achieve as near to break even as possible each year. Over the past two years the surplus held in reserves has been reduced in part as the result of setting a deficit budget. The aim of the 2021/22 budget setting process is to set a break even budget considering all costs associated with the service. To help achieve this, a long term vacant Area Building Control

Surveyor post has been removed from the establishment, which has reduced the budgeted deficit significantly. The aim remains to achieve a break even position over the next three to five years.

#### 4.2 **Ubico Contract**

Contract savings of (£73k) have been identified in the Ubico contract across the general fund. It should be noted that this includes a relocation of Ubico support charges due to the increase in contract (addition of Stratford Park grounds maintenance) and the overall net savings are those identified in paragraph 3.5 and Table 2.

#### 4.3 **Canal**

A one-off additional budget of £161k was included in the revenue budget in 2020/21 to cover the salaries of the Canal Team for the period after the end of the development stage, pending the outcome of the National Lottery Heritage Fund bid. As this bid has been successful, the one off budget can be removed as planned. Any further revenue costs associated with the Cotswold Canal Connected Project (Phase 1B) will be funded from the project budget and so no additional funding should be required over that already approved.

### 5 **Budget Pressures- Covid-19**

5.1 As reported in the Budget Strategy reported to Council on 8 October 2020, the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is expected to continue into 2021/22. As this impact cannot yet be quantified, an overall allowance for all service areas be included centrally, within the Strategy and Resources Committee budget.

5.2 An estimate of the impact on the Environment Committee service areas is included below. This is an estimate based on current assumptions and is likely to vary as the position changes. Further updates of the financial impact of Covid-19 will continue to be reported to committees.

**Table 4 – Covid-19 Pressures**

<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>Para</b>	<b>REASON FOR SAVINGS/PRESSURE</b>	<b>2021/22 (£'000)</b>
Planning	5.3	Revised income forecasts due to Pandemic	286
Pest Control	5.4	Revised income forecasts due to Pandemic	14
Building Control	5.5	Revised income forecasts due to Pandemic	48
Waste & Recycling	5.6	Covid-19 Additional Expenditure forecast	60
<b>Total COVID Pressures</b>			<b>408</b>

#### 5.3 **Planning - £286k – Covid-19 loss of income**

It is anticipated that the impact of Covid 19 to the development management income will extend into 2021/22 because of the economic uncertainty the virus has created. We are once again taking a pre-cautionary approach to the likely impact.

#### 5.4 **Pest Control - £14k pressure – Covid-19 loss of income**

The potential loss of income is due to a possible reduction in pest control visits to both commercial and domestic premises. Less treatments can be completed in a day due to extra precautions that have to be undertaken to ensure the work can be undertaken in a Covid-secure manner.

### 5.5 Building Control – £48k pressure – Covid-19 loss of income

A £48k pressure has been identified for 2021/22. It has been assumed that the construction sector will not return to pre Covid levels for at least six months, estimating a monthly shortfall of £48k for next Financial year.

### 5.6 Ubico Contract - £60k pressure - COVID-19 additional costs

An allowance has been included to recognise the expected ongoing additional cost of waste and recycling collection and cleaning costs due to Covid-19.

## 6 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

6.1 Table three below outlines the capital schemes that the Committee is responsible for. These changes have been reflected in the table below but at this stage, no further changes have been incorporated into the Capital Programme. Council will consider the Capital Programme and the Capital Strategy at their meeting in January 2020.

6.2 Item C in the decision box proposes that this Committee recommends to Strategy & Resources that £80k is made available for the purchase of in-cab technology for the Waste & Recycling vehicles. The underspend on the Ubico contract in 2019/20 means there is an unallocated balance of £80k in the Waste and Recycling Reserve. If this Committee approves an allocation of CIL funding towards in cab technology in the waste and recycling fleet, then this reserve can serve as the match funding. It is therefore recommended that the Environment committee request that Strategy and Resource Committee make the reserve available for this purpose. The purchase of in-cab technology could then be considered by full Council for inclusion in the Capital Programme, subject to a full business case, in-line with the Council's Capital Strategy.

**Table 5 – Capital schemes 2020/21 and 2021/22**

		2020/21 Original Budget (£'000)	2020/21 Revised Budget (£'000)	2021/22 Original Budget (£'000)
<b>Environment Capital Schemes</b>	<b>Para Refs</b>			
Canal	6.3	3,317	3,702	6,631
Market Town Centres Initiative Fund	6.4	50	100	50
Multi-Service Contract Vehicles	6.5	712	1,132	413
Stratford Park Acquisition of Machinery	6.6	0	95	0
Stroud District Cycling & Walking Plan	6.7	200	204	0
Wallbridge-Gateway	6.8	100	0	100
<b>Environment Capital Schemes TOTAL</b>		<b>4,379</b>	<b>5,233</b>	<b>7,194</b>

### 6.3 Canal

Following the successful bid for National Lottery Heritage Funding, the Cotswold Canal Connection Project (Phase 1B) is now underway. Although works are currently being undertaken at risk pending the permission to start approval, the capital budget has been profiled in line with the approved bid and funding.

### 6.4 Market Towns Initiative fund

The Distribution of Market Towns Funding was agreed at the January 2019 Strategy and Resources Committee. In order to be able to distribute the funds to the relevant Town Councils, written confirmation has been sought that they will spend the funds as agreed. There are a number of outstanding replies from some Town Councils and funds cannot be released until this confirmation is received. £50k of the budget is therefore proposed to be re-profiled to 2021/22.



## 6.5 Multi Service Contract Vehicles

The 2020/21 budget has been revised in line with the Ubico fleet replacement programme, this incorporates slippage from previous years along with budget re-profiled from future years. Overall the Capital programme is still in line with overall budget. The 2021/22 budget is in line with the overall programme.

## 6.6 Stratford Park

The transfer of grounds maintenance contract for Stratford Park and Brimscombe Cemetery to Ubico was approved on the 14 April 2020 by Officer decision in consultation with group leaders and Chairs of the relevant Committees. £95k capital funding was allocated to the project from within the current MTFP and is due to be fully spent in 2020/21 to allow the mobilisation of the contract on 01 December 2020.

## 6.7 Stroud & District Walking Plan

Work on the Nailsworth to Dudbridge cycle way has been completed. Steady progress is being made at Nailsworth-Dudbridge and Cam-Dursley, any major expenditure related to Wotton-Charfield and Stroud-Chalford schemes are likely to be pushed into subsequent years. As we move towards year-end, a more realistic view will be taken to identify any slippage going forward to 2021/22.

## 6.8 Wallbridge – Gateway

A preliminary design for the scheme has been discussed with Stroud Town Council, however, the detail of the design has not been progressed since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The implementation of the final scheme is now therefore anticipated for completion by summer 2022. It is recommended in light of this information, the budget is therefore proposed to be re-profiled to 2021/22.

# 7 IMPLICATIONS

## 7.1 Financial Implications

This report sets out the draft budget relating to the Committee for 2021/22. This will form part of the budget setting process to be considered by Strategy and Resources Committee in January 2021 and Council in February 2021.

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## 7.2 Legal Implications

None directly arising from this report other than to note that this report forms part of the budget setting process for 2021/22 which involves the Council calculating capital and revenue estimates for its General Fund.

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## 7.3 Equality Implications

There are not any specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision

## 7.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

	2020/21 Original Budget (£'000)	2020/21 Revised Budget (£'000)	2021/22 Original Budget (£'000)
<b>Environment Committee</b>			
Canal Partnership	164	164	379
<b>Canal</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>379</b>
Energy Efficiency	109	109	111
<b>Carbon Management</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>111</b>
Development Control	184	184	225
<b>Development Control</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>225</b>
Economic Development Regeneration	35 64	35 64	35 64
<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>
Contaminated Land	30	30	30
Dog Warden Service	84	84	97
Environmental Protection	180	180	185
Food Safety	150	150	154
Head of Health and Wellbeing	75	75	77
Health & Wellbeing	128	135	115
Health and Safety	82	82	84
Land Drainage	42	210	43
Pest Control	7	7	7
Planning Liaison	15	15	15
Port Health	2	2	2
Public Health	36	36	37
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>844</b>
Land & Property Custodian	11	11	13
Street Naming	(30)	(30)	(30)
<b>Land Charges &amp; Street Naming</b>	<b>(19)</b>	<b>(19)</b>	<b>(17)</b>
Planning Strategy	410	410	418
<b>Planning Strategy/Local Plan</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>418</b>
Building Control	(137)	(137)	(165)
Building Regulation Enforcement / Advice	32	32	27
Securing Dangerous Structures	12	12	11
<b>Statutory Building Control</b>	<b>(93)</b>	<b>(93)</b>	<b>(128)</b>
Waste & Recycling: Other	12	12	12
<b>Waste &amp; Recycling: Other</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
MSC: Bulky Waste	12	12	11
MSC: Food Waste	747	747	754
MSC: Garden Waste	(93)	(93)	(91)
MSC: Recycling	1,508	1,508	1,508
MSC: Refuse Collection	1,380	1,380	1,466
MSC: Street Cleansing	687	687	714
<b>Waste and Recycling: MSC</b>	<b>4,241</b>	<b>4,241</b>	<b>4,361</b>
<b>Environment TOTAL</b>	<b>5,937</b>	<b>6,113</b>	<b>6,303</b>

(Budgets are shown excluding support service charges, depreciation and technical adjustments. Table is subject to roundings)

## Environment Committee

### Building Control

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

#### **Building Control Fee Earning**

1.1 Erection of 1 dwelling	591.67	710.00	591.67	710.00	0.0%
1.2 Erection of 2 dwellings	788.33	946.00	788.33	946.00	0.0%
1.3 Erection of 3 dwellings	985.00	1,182.00	985.00	1,182.00	0.0%
1.4 Erection of 4 dwellings	1,182.50	1,419.00	1,182.50	1,419.00	0.0%
1.5 Erection of 5 dwellings	1,411.67	1,694.00	1,411.67	1,694.00	0.0%
1.6 Erection of 6 dwellings	1,576.67	1,892.00	1,576.67	1,892.00	0.0%

1.7 For more than 6 houses please contact Building Control for a quote

#### *Schedule 2 Domestic and Commercial Extensions*

2.1 The erection or extension of a detached garage or carport or both having a floor area not exceeding 60m <sup>2</sup> in total and is intended to be used in common with an existing building, and which is not an exempt building	333.33	400.00	333.33	400.00	0.0%
2.2 The conversion in total or part of an attached or integral garage to provide additional habitable accommodation	258.33	310.00	258.33	310.00	0.0%
2.3 The conversion in total or part of a loft upto 80m <sup>2</sup>	541.67	650.00	541.67	650.00	0.0%
2.4 Any extension where the total floor area of which does not exceed 20m <sup>2</sup> including means of access and works in connection with that extension	426.67	512.00	426.67	512.00	0.0%
2.5 Any extension where the total floor area of which exceeds 20m <sup>2</sup> but does not exceed 60m <sup>2</sup> , including means of access and works in connection with that extension	591.67	710.00	591.67	710.00	0.0%
2.6 Any extension where the total floor area of which exceeds 60m <sup>2</sup> but does not exceed 100m <sup>2</sup> , including means of access and works in connection with that extension	716.67	860.00	716.67	860.00	0.0%
2.6 Any large extension where the total floor area of which equals or exceeds 100m <sup>2</sup> , including means of access and works in connection with that extension. Charges are calculated based on Schedule 3 * with a minimum of	716.67	860.00	716.67	860.00	0.0%

#### *Schedule 3 Other Works*

3.1 does not exceed £2,000	158.33	190.00	158.33	190.00	0.0%
3.2 exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £5,000	225.00	270.00	225.00	270.00	0.0%
3.3 exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £20,000	275.00	330.00	275.00	330.00	0.0%
Together with for every £1,000 (or part thereof) over £5,000	11.22	13.46	11.22	13.46	0.0%
3.4 exceeds £20,000 but does not exceed £80,000	450.00	540.00	450.00	540.00	0.0%
Together with for every £1,000 (or part thereof) over £20,000	5.61	6.73	5.61	6.73	0.0%
4.1 Replacement of up to 15 No. windows and doors	116.67	140.00	116.67	140.00	0.0%
4.2 Minor alterations carried out at the same time as a domestic extension to another part of the same building (with a cost of work not exceeding £2,000)	70.83	85.00	70.83	85.00	0.0%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
4.3 Domestic thermal insulation upgrade to an individual element (external walls, floor or roof)	158.33	190.00	158.33	190.00	0.0%
4.4 Inspections outside the scope of the notification framework (per inspection)	70.83	85.00	70.83	85.00	0.0%
4.5 Inspection of dormant projects over 3 years old	92.50	111.00	92.50	111.00	0.0%
4.6 Copy documents on IDOX upto 2006	29.17	35.00	29.17	35.00	0.0%
4.7 Copy documents prior to 2006 (reproduced for conveyance from microfiche) inline with 20 year GDPR retention policy	54.17	65.00	54.17	65.00	0.0%

### **Building Control Regularisations**

1.1 Erection of 1 dwelling	887.50	887.50	887.50	887.50	0.0%
1.2 Erection of 2 dwellings	1,182.50	1,182.50	1,182.50	1,182.50	0.0%
1.3 Erection of 3 dwellings	1,477.50	1,477.50	1,477.50	1,477.50	0.0%
1.4 Erection of 4 dwellings	1,773.75	1,773.75	1,773.75	1,773.75	0.0%
1.5 Erection of 5 dwellings	2,117.50	2,117.50	2,117.50	2,117.50	0.0%
1.6 Erection of 6 dwellings	2,365.00	2,365.00	2,365.00	2,365.00	0.0%

1.7 For more than 6 houses please contact Building Control for a quote

### *Schedule 2 Domestic and Commercial Extensions*

2.1 The erection or extension of a detached garage or carport or both having a floor area not exceeding 60m2 in total and is intended to be used in common with an existing building, and which is not an exempt building	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.0%
2.2 The conversion in total or part of an attached or integral garage to provide additional habitable accommodation	387.50	387.50	387.50	387.50	0.0%
2.3 The conversion in total or part of a loft upto 80m2	820.00	820.00	820.00	820.00	0.0%
2.4 Any extension where the total floor area of which does not exceed 20m2 including means of access and works in connection with that extension	640.00	640.00	640.00	640.00	0.0%
2.5 Any extension where the total floor area of which exceeds 20m2 but does not exceed 60m2, including means of access and works in connection with that extension	887.50	887.50	887.50	887.50	0.0%
2.6 Any extension where the total floor area of which exceeds 60m2 but does not exceed 100m2, including means of access and works in connection with that extension	1,075.00	1,075.00	1,075.00	1,075.00	0.0%
2.6 Any large extension where the total floor area of which equals or exceeds 100m2, including means of access and works in connection with that extension. Charges are calculated based on Schedule 3 * with a minimum of	1,075.00	1,075.00	1,075.00	1,075.00	0.0%

### *Schedule 3 Other Works*

3.1 does not exceed £2,000	237.50	237.50	237.50	237.50	0.0%
3.2 exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £5,000	337.50	337.50	337.50	337.50	0.0%
3.3 exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £20,000	412.50	412.50	412.50	412.50	0.0%
together with for every £1,000 (or part thereof) over £5,000	16.83	16.83	16.83	16.83	0.0%
3.4 exceeds £20,000 but does not exceed £80,000	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	0.0%
together with for every £1,000 (or part thereof) over £20,000	8.42	8.42	8.42	8.42	0.0%
4.1 Replacement of upto 15 No. windows and doors	As section 3				

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
	4.2 Minor alterations carried out at the same time as a domestic extension to another part of the same building (with a cost of work not exceeding £2,000)	As section 3			
4.3 Domestic thermal insulation upgrade to an individual element (external walls, floor or roof)	As section 3				
4.4 Inspections outside the scope of the notification framework (per inspection)	As section 3				
4.5 Inspection of dormant projects over 3 years old					
4.6 Copy documents on IDOX upto 2006	N/A				
4.7 Copy documents prior to 2006 (reproduced conveyancy only copies from microfiche) inline with 20 year GDPR retention policy	N/A				

# Environment Committee

## Building Control

### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

#### Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

It is not proposed to increase charges in 2021/22 as they were increased by 9% in May 2020. This was the first increase since the fees were aligned with GCC in July 2015 and any further increase would likely impact on our ability to compete for business. It is proposed to continue to benchmark charges against other local authorities. As a point of reference a review of charges in the area has been carried out this month. The impact of the increase in charges in May 2020 is not completely clear due to the current pandemic.

#### Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)

Full cost recovery of the building control budget (4010) which is ring fenced and required to be cost neutral over a 3-5 year period.

#### Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions

N/A

#### Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?

Benchmarking took place last year when the charges were increased. An updated benchmarking is contained in a separate document. It is proposed that charges are not increased this year but are kept under review. This approach has been discussed and agreed with the Strategic Director of Place.

#### Equality Impact Assessment

#### Budget Impact

The budgetted income target would remain at £630,00.00 a reduction of £12500 against that proposed assuming a 2% increase. The impacts of Covid are likely to be a continue into next year.

## Environment Committee

### Community Services - Garden and Bulky Waste

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
Garden Waste – annual charge	41.67	50.00	41.67	50.00	0.0%
Bulky Waste – per collection	20.83	25.00	20.83	25.00	0.0%
RADAR Key – per key	2.08	2.50	2.08	2.50	0.0%

## Environment Committee

### Community Services - Garden and Bulky Waste

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
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Garden waste - 0% increase – Big increases in the last 2 years as pre-agreed via Env. Com. Increase not recommended for 2021. Bulky Waste – 0% This increased by 25% at last increase so likewise, an increase is not recommended.
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<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
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Cost recovery
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<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
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N/A
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<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
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Yes, other local authority scheme prices monitored – see below
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<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
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N/A
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<b>Budget Impact</b>
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Based on 12,000 subscribers to garden waste, we expect that not increasing the garden waste fee will cost £12k. However, this is on the back of 2 big increases that sees Stroud have the most expensive garden waste fee in Gloucestershire.
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**Environment Committee**  
**Health and Wellbeing - Dog Warden Service**  
**Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021**

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

*Dangerous Wild Animals*

First application	177.50	213.00	180.83	217.00	1.9%
Renewal	134.17	161.00	136.67	164.00	1.9%

*Zoo Licence (no dispensation)*

\*(Plus additional necessary Veterinary or other Inspection Fees) Original Licence 4 years, renewed for 6 years

Application for grant of new licence	538.33	646.00	549.17	659.00	2.0%
Renewal	489.17	587.00	499.17	599.00	2.0%
Periodical Inspection (recovery of costs)					
Informal Inspection (recovery of costs)					

*Zoo Licence (s.14 (2) dispensation)*

\*(Plus additional necessary Veterinary or other Inspection Fees) Original Licence 4 years, renewed for 6 years

Application for grant of new licence	284.17	341.00	289.17	347.00	1.8%
Renewal	190.00	228.00	193.33	232.00	1.8%
Periodical Inspection (recovery of costs)					
Informal Inspection (recovery of costs)					

## Environment Committee

### Health and Wellbeing - Dog Warden Service

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
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2% uplift
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<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
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Cost recovery
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<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
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None
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<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
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None
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<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
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Not this year
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<b>Budget Impact</b>
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Not significant
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## Environment Committee

### Health and Wellbeing - Environmental Protection

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
For a search to be carried out on a property, in relation to Contaminated Land, Landfills, authorised process etc, specific questions answered.	48.33	58.00	0.00	0.00	-100%

## Environment Committee

### Health and Wellbeing - Environmental Protection

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
Charge no longer applicable for this service as information can be requested free of charge under the Environmental Information Regulations

<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
Charge no longer applicable for this service as information can be requested free of charge under the Environmental Information Regulations

<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
N/A

<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
N/A

<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
N/A

<b>Budget Impact</b>
Income reduced to zero

## Environment Committee

### Health and Wellbeing - Environmental Services

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
Private Water Sampling	57.50	69.00	58.67	70.40	2.0%
Private Water Supply Risk Assessment	39.17	47.00	39.96	47.95	2.0%

## Environment Committee

### Health and Wellbeing - Environmental Services

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
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2% uplift
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<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
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Cost recovery
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<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
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None
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<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
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No
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<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
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No
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<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
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None
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**Environment Committee**  
**Health and Wellbeing - Food Safety**  
**Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021**

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

*Food Export Health Certificates*

Food Export Certificates (less that 120 a year)	40.83	49.00	41.67	50.00	2.0%
Where more than 120 certificates are issued per year	32.50	39.00	33.33	40.00	2.6%
For the issue of a Health Certificate where the inspection of a consignment is required	85.83	103.00	88.33	106.00	2.9%
Verification of Organic Shipments	40.83	49.00	41.67	50.00	2.0%

*Registration of skin piercing establishments and practitioners: Accupuncture / Cosmetic-Piercing (inc Ear Piercing) Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring, Electrolysis / Tattooing*

Premises	97.50	117.00	100.00	120.00	2.6%
Each person practicing	47.50	57.00	48.33	58.00	1.7%

*Food Hygiene and Health & Safety Advice*

General advisory visits (including advice on gaining or retaining a rating of 5 for food hygiene) (£70 an hour, minimum one hour and then £35 for each half an hour there after)	71.67	86.00	71.67	86.00	0.0%
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme re-score request (per request)	164.17	197.00	164.17	197.00	0.0%
Safer Food Better Business Packs (inc 3 month diary refill)	17.50	21.00	17.50	21.00	0.0%
Safer Food Better Business Diary Refill (12 months)	13.33	16.00	13.33	16.00	0.0%
Food Health and Safety: Primary Authority Partnership – establishing a long term single point of contact for your business to receive UK wide assured advice. The suggested cost is for; setting up, assessment of initial needs and the provision of 12 hours of officer time - Set up	683.33	820.00	683.33	820.00	0.0%
Annual Renewal Fee	179.17	215.00	179.17	215.00	0.0%
Hourly Rate	60.00	72.00	60.00	72.00	0.0%

*Food Hygiene and Health & Safety Training Courses*

Full day courses (approx 6 hours)	50.00	60.00	50.00	60.00	0.0%
Half Day Courses (approx 3 hours)	30.83	37.00	30.83	37.00	0.0%
On-site training courses: Rate per day (Charged pro-rata for shorter courses) plus the cost of materials and examination fees.	313.33	376.00	313.33	376.00	0.0%

**Environment Committee**  
**Health and Wellbeing - Food Safety**  
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

**Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year**

2% or no uplift

**Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)**

Cost recovery

**Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions**

None

**Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?**

Fees agreed with County group

**Equality Impact Assessment**

Not this year

**Budget Impact**

Not significant



**Environment Committee**  
**Health and Wellbeing - Pest Control**  
**Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021**

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

**Pest Control - DOMESTIC**

*Rats & Mice*

Standard	68.33	82.00	75.00	90.00	9.8%
(extra visit £32)	25.83	31.00	26.67	32.00	3.2%
Benefits – Standard	34.17	41.00	37.50	45.00	9.8%
(extra visit £16)	12.50	15.00	13.33	16.00	6.6%

*Wasps*

Standard	55.83	67.00	57.50	69.00	3.0%
Standard – additional	17.50	21.00	18.33	22.00	4.7%
Benefits - Single space	27.50	33.00	28.33	34.00	3.0%
Benefit – additional	8.33	10.00	9.17	11.00	10.0%

*Fleas / Carpet Moth / Beetle / Cluster Flies / Ants*

All Jobs	70.00	84.00	71.67	86.00	2.4%
Benefits	35.00	42.00	35.83	43.00	2.4%
Bedbugs / Cockroaches	27.50	33.00	28.33	34.00	3.0%
Survey - (Quote after visit)	27.50	33.00	28.33	34.00	3.0%

**Pest Control - COMMERCIAL**

*Rats & Mice*

Standard	123.33	148.00	125.83	151.00	2.0%
(extra visit £50)	40.83	49.00	41.67	50.00	2.0%
Fleas / Carpet Moth / Beetle / Cluster Flies / Ants	102.50	123.00	105.00	126.00	2.4%

*Wasps*

Standard	81.67	98.00	83.33	100.00	2.0%
Standard – additional	30.83	37.00	31.67	38.00	2.7%

*Bed Bugs*

Survey - (Quote after visit)	32.50	39.00	33.33	40.00	2.6%
Call out	32.50	39.00	33.33	40.00	2.6%

## Environment Committee

### Health and Wellbeing - Pest Control

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
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From 2 - 10%
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Charges for rodent treatment after identifying that our fees were lower than many other local authorities in the South West. Rodent treatments require 3 visits, whereas most other pests can be dealt with in a single visit. The charges continue to represent good value for money.
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<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
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Subsidised
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<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
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Half price for customers on certain benefits
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<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
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South West Pest Liaison Group Members
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<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
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Not this year
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<b>Budget Impact</b>
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Not significant
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**Environment Committee**  
**Health and Wellbeing - Port Health**  
**Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021**

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

**Water Sampling PORT (cost per sample)**

Bacteriological examination	99.17	119.00	101.67	122.00	2.5%
Legionella examination	110.83	133.00	113.33	136.00	2.3%
Chemical analysis	220.00	264.00	224.17	269.00	1.9%
Organic	39.17	47.00	40.00	48.00	2.1%

**Environment Committee**  
**Health and Wellbeing - Port Health**  
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

**Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year**

Approx 2%

**Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)**

Cost recovery

**Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions**

None

**Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?**

No

**Equality Impact Assessment**

No

**Budget Impact**

None

## Environment Committee

### Health and Wellbeing - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

#### **From January 2021**

Residential properties per m <sup>2</sup>	96.44	96.44	96.44	96.44	0.0%
Supermarkets and Retail Warehouses per m <sup>2</sup>	90.41	90.41	90.41	90.41	0.0%

## Environment Committee

### Health and Wellbeing - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

**Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year**

New fees will be set November 2020

**Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)**

Charge was set according to government guidance and subject to viability assessment through the Local Plan process.

**Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions**

There are a range of CIL exemptions relating to different types of development

**Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?**

Yes – as part of CIL adoption in 2017

**Equality Impact Assessment**

Yes, as part of Local Plan process

**Budget Impact**

5% of CIL income is retained by the Council to cover administrative costs.

## Environment Committee

### Land and Property

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
Standard Search (LLC1 + CON29R)	148.00	172.60*	148.00	172.60	0.0%
LLC1 Only	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.0%
CON29R	123.00	147.60	123.00	147.60	0.0%
CON29O Enquiries Questions 4-21 each	11.00	13.20	11.00	13.20	0.0%
CON29O Enquiry 22 (Commons Registration)	22.00	26.40	22.00	26.40	0.0%
Property name change	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	0.0%
Official address for a new or existing property (each) - 1-5 properties	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.0%
Official address for a new or existing property (each) - 6-25 properties	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	0.0%
Official address for a new or existing property (each) - 26-75 properties	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.0%
Official address for a new or existing property (each) - 76+ properties	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.0%
Naming a new street (charge to the developer)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.0%
Naming an existing unnamed street (charge to Parish or Town Council)	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	0.0%
Naming an existing unnamed street (charge to Parish or Town Council) - plus £30.00 for each affected property thereon	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.0%
Renaming an existing named street (charge to Parish or Town Council)	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	0.0%
Renaming an existing named street (charge to Parish or Town Council) - plus £30.00 for each affected property thereon	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.0%
Address amendments (e.g. revised street and postcode)	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	0.0%

# Environment Committee

## Land and Property

### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
No change

<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
Full cost recovery

<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
N/A

<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
Fees are set to be broadly in-line with and not to exceed our neighbouring authorities in the County.

<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
N/A

<b>Budget Impact</b>
N/A



**Environment Committee**  
**Planning - Application Fees**  
**Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021**

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

*Outline Applications*

£462 per 0.1 hectare for sites up to and including 2.5 hectares	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
£11432 + £138 for each 0.1 in excess of 2.5 hectares to a maximum of £150,000	9,526.67	11,432.00	9,526.67	11,432.00	0.0%

*Householder Applications*

Alterations/extensions to single dwellinghouse, including works within boundary	171.67	206.00	171.67	206.00	0.0%
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*Full Applications*

Alterations/extensions to two or more dwellinghouses, including works within boundaries	339.17	407.00	339.17	407.00	0.0%
New dwellinghouses (up to 50 and including 50)	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
New dwellinghouses (for more than 50) £22,859 + £138 per additional dwellinghouse in excess of 50 up to a maximum fee of £300,000	19,049.17	22,859.00	19,049.17	22,859.00	0.0%

*Erection of Buildings (not dwellinghouses, agricultural, glasshouses, plant nor machinery)*

Gross floor space to be created by development - No increase in floor space or no more than 40 sq m	195.00	234.00	195.00	234.00	0.0%
Gross floor space to be created by development - More than 40 sq m but no more than 75 sq m	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
Gross floor space to be created by development - More than 75 sq m but no more than 3,750 sq m	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
Gross floor space to be created by development - More than 3,750 sq m	19,049.17	22,859.00	19,049.17	22,859.00	0.0%

*Erection of Buildings (on land used for agricultural for agricultural purposes)*

Gross floor space to be created by development - Not more than 465 sq m	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Gross floor space to be created by development - More than 465 sq m not more than 540 sq m	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
Gross floor space to be created by development - More than 540 sq m not more than 4,215 sq m	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
Gross floor space to be created by development - More than 4,215 sq m	19,049.17	22,859.00	19,049.17	22,859.00	0.0%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

*Erection of Glasshouses (on land used for the purposes of agriculture)*

Gross floor space to be created by development - Not more than 465 sq m	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Gross floor space to be created by development - More than 465 sq m	2,150.00	2,580.00	2,150.00	2,580.00	0.0%

*Erection/Alterations/replacement of Plant & Machinery*

Site area - Not more than 5 hectares (£462 for each 0.1 hectare, or part of thereof)	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
Site area - More than 5 hectares (£22,859 + additional £138 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof, in excess of 5 hectares to a maximum of £300,000)	19,049.17	22,859.00	19,049.17	22,859.00	0.0%

## Environment Committee

### Planning - Application Fees

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
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<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
N/A

<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
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<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
N/A

<b>Budget Impact</b>
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## Environment Committee

### Planning - Applications other than Building Work

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Car parks, service roads or other access - for existing uses	195.00	234.00	195.00	234.00	0.0%
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*Waste (use of land for disposal of refuse or waste materials or deposit of material remaining after extraction or storage of minerals)*

Site area - Not more than 15 hectares (£234 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof)	195.00	234.00	195.00	234.00	0.0%
Site area - More than 15 hectares (£34,934 + £138 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof, in excess of 15 hectares up to a maximum of £78,000)	29,111.67	34,934.00	29,111.67	34,934.00	0.0%

*Operations connected with exploratory drilling for oil or natural gas*

Site area - Not more than 75 hectares	423.33	508.00	423.33	508.00	0.0%
Site area - More than 7.5 hectares (£38,070 + additional £151 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof, in excess of 7.5 hectares up to a maximum of £300,000)	31,725.00	38,070.00	31,725.00	38,070.00	0.0%

*Operations (other than exploratory drilling) for the winning and working of oil or natural gas*

Site area - Not more than 15 hectares (£257 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof)	214.17	257.00	214.17	257.00	0.0%
Site area - More than 15 hectares (£38,520 + £151 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof, in excess of 15 hectares up to a maximum of £78,000)	3,208.33	3,850.00	3,208.33	3,850.00	0.0%

*Other Operations (winning and working of minerals) excluding natural oil and gas*

Site area - Not more than 15 hectares (£234 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof)	195.00	234.00	195.00	234.00	0.0%
Site area - More than 15 hectares (£34,934 + £138 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof, in excess of 15 hectares up to a maximum of £78,000)	29,111.67	34,934.00	29,111.67	34,934.00	0.0%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

*Other Operations (not coming with any of the above categories)*

Site area - Any site area (£234 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof, up to a maximum of £2,028)	195.00	234.00	195.00	234.00	0.0%
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*Lawful Development Certificate*

Existing use or operation	Same as full				
Existing use or operation - lawful not to comply with any condition or limitation	195.00	234.00	195.00	234.00	0.0%
Proposed use or operation	Half the normal planning fee				

## Environment Committee

### Planning - Applications other than Building Work

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
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<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
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<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
N/A

<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
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<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
N/A

<b>Budget Impact</b>
These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

**Environment Committee**  
**Planning - Pre-Application Fees**  
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

**Pre-application Advice, Enquiries & Documents Online**

Planning permission for dropped kerb	20.83	25.00	21.67	26.00	4.0%
Scheme support indication	51.67	62.00	53.33	64.00	3.2%
Householder proposal enquiry	51.67	62.00	53.33	64.00	3.2%
Non-Householder proposal enquiry	68.33	82.00	70.00	84.00	2.4%
30 Minutes with planner (via a virtual meeting)	61.67	74.00	63.33	76.00	2.7%
60 Minutes with planner (via a virtual meeting)	123.33	148.00	125.83	151.00	2.0%
30 Minutes with planner at applicants property where social distancing can be achieved (not a listed building)	102.50	123.00	105.00	126.00	2.4%
60 Minutes with planner at applicants property (not a listed building)	154.17	185.00	157.50	189.00	2.2%
30 Minutes with a conservation specialist at applicants property where social distancing can be achieved (listed building)	0.00	0.00	153.33	184.00	100.0%
Major housing or commercial projects. First hour of each meeting (additional research £60 per hour)	266.67	320.00	271.67	326.00	1.9%
Planning research	55.83	67.00	57.50	69.00	3.0%
Works to protected trees (history of a site and constraints) per hour and part of thereof	85.83	103.00	87.50	105.00	1.9%
Works to protected trees (TPO and Conservation Areas)	25.83	31.00	26.67	32.00	3.2%
Ecological response on proposed action	40.83	49.00	41.67	50.00	2.0%
Planning Administration Charges (e.g. copy documents) (£20 per half hour plus additional if printed)	17.50	21.00	18.33	22.00	4.8%

**Environment Committee**  
**Planning - Pre-Application Fees**  
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

**Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year**

3% rounded to nearest £1

**Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)**

Cost recovery

**Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions**

Social registered landlords/housing associations for affordable housing developments

**Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?**

Not in the last 12 months

**Equality Impact Assessment**

N/A

**Budget Impact**

Due to Covid 19 new restrictions have been put in place



## Environment Committee

### Planning - Prior Approval

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

#### *Prior Approval*

Agricultural and Forestry buildings & operations or demolition of buildings	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Communications (previously referred to as 'Telecommunications Code Systems Operators')	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
Proposed Change of Use to State Funded School or Registered Nursery	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a State-Funded School or Registered Nursery	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a flexible use within Shop, Financial and Professional Services, Restaurants and Cafes, Business, Storage or Distribution, Hotels, or Assembly or Leisure	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural building from Office (Use Class B1) Use to a use falling within Use Class C3 (Dwellinghouses)	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), where there are no Associated Building Operations	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), and Associated Building Operations	171.67	206.00	171.67	206.00	0.0%
Proposed Change of Use of a building from a Retail (Use Class A1 or A2) Use or a Mixed Retail and Residential Use to a use falling within Use Class C3 (Dwellinghouses), where there are no Associated Building Operations	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Proposed Change of Use of a building from a Retail (Use Class A1 or A2) Use or a Mixed Retail and Residential Use to a use falling within Use Class C3 (Dwellinghouses), and Associated Building Operations	171.67	206.00	171.67	206.00	0.0%
Notification for Prior Approval for a Change Of Use from Storage or Distribution Buildings (Class B8) and any land within its curtilage to Dwellinghouses (Class C3)	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Notification for Prior Approval for a Change Of Use from Amusement Arcades/Centres and Casinos, (Sui Generis Uses) and any land within its curtilage to Dwellinghouses (Class C3)	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Notification for Prior Approval for a Change Of Use from Amusement Arcades/Centres and Casinos, (Sui Generis Uses) and any land within its curtilage to Dwellinghouses (Class C3), and Associated Building Operations	171.67	206.00	171.67	206.00	0.0%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
Notification for Prior Approval for Change Of Use from Shops (Class A1), Financial and Professional Services (Class A2), Betting Offices, Pay Day Loan Shops and Casinos (Sui Generis Uses) to Restaurants and Cafes (Class A3)	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Notification for Prior Approval for Change Of Use from Shops (Class A1), Financial and Professional Services (Class A2), Betting Offices, Pay Day Loan Shops and Casinos (Sui Generis Uses) to Restaurants and Cafes (Class A3), and Associated Building Operations	171.67	206.00	171.67	206.00	0.0%
Notification for Prior Approval for Change Of Use from Shops (Class A1), Financial and Professional Services (Class A2), Betting Offices, Pay Day Loan Shops and Casinos (Sui Generis Uses) to Assembly and Leisure Uses (Class D2)	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Notification for Prior Approval for Development Consisting of the Erection or Construction of a Collection Facility within the Curtilage of a Shop	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Notification for Prior Approval for the Temporary Use of Buildings or Land for the Purpose of Commercial Film-Making and the Associated Temporary Structures, Works, Plant or Machinery required in connection with that use	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Notification for Prior Approval for the Installation, Alteration or Replacement of other Solar Photovoltaic (PV) equipment on the Roofs of Non-domestic Buildings, up to a Capacity of 1 Megawatt	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%

*Reserved Matters*

Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
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*Approval/Variation/discharge of condition*

Application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission	195.00	234.00	195.00	234.00	0.0%
Request for confirmation that one or more planning conditions have been complied with (£34 per request for householder otherwise £116 per request)	28.33	34.00	28.33	34.00	0.0%

*Change of Use*

Number of dwellinghouses - Not more than 50 dwellinghouses (£462 for each)	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
Number of dwellinghouses - More than 50 dwellinghouses (£22,859 + £138 for each in excess of 50 up to a maximum of £300,00)	19,049.17	22,859.00	19,049.17	22,859.00	0.0%
Other Changes Of Use of a building or land	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%

*Advertising*

Relating to the business on the premises	110.00	132.00	110.00	132.00	0.0%
Advance signs which are not situated on or visible from the site, directing the public to a business	110.00	132.00	110.00	132.00	0.0%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Other advertisements	385.00	462.00	385.00	462.00	0.0%
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*Application for a Non-material Amendment Following a Grant of Planning Permission*

Applications in respect of householder developments	28.33	34.00	28.33	34.00	0.0%
Applications in respect of other developments	195.00	234.00	195.00	234.00	0.0%

*Application for Permission in Principle*

Site area - £402 for each 0.1 hectare (or part thereof)	335.00	402.00	335.00	402.00	0.0%
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## Environment Committee

### Planning - Prior Approval

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
N/A

<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
N/A

<b>Budget Impact</b>
These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

## Environment Committee

### Planning Strategy

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

#### **Local Plan**

Stroud District Local Plan	£16.67	£20.00	£16.67	20.00	0.0%
Stroud District Local Plan Review: Draft Local Plan for Public Consultation	£10.00	£12.00	£10.00	12.00	0.0%

#### **Environmental Information (EIR)**

Charge per hour (staff time) to provide copies of TPOs, Section 106 Agreements, drawings, reports, and other documents considered environmental information, that do not form part of the planning register or pre-date 2005. No charge if officer time spent is less than 30 minutes.	£20.83	£25.00	£21.25	25.50	2.0%
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#### **Disbursement Costs (EIR)**

A4 Black & White	£0.08	£0.10	£0.09	0.10	2.0%
A3 Black & White	£0.21	£0.25	£0.21	0.26	2.0%
A4 Colour	£0.42	£0.50	£0.43	0.51	2.0%
A3 Colour	£0.83	£1.00	£0.85	1.02	2.0%

#### **SATURN Highway Model - Stroud Local Plan forecasts**

Access fee	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,400.00	100.0%
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# Environment Committee

## Planning Strategy

### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

**Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year**

Subject to any Council wide increase due to inflation.

**Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)**

Full cost recovery for Local Plan and disbursements.

Subsidised service for environmental information and access to highway model.

**Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions**

None

**Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?**

Benchmarking carried out on environmental information charges and access to highway model.

**Equality Impact Assessment**

No equality issues identified.

**Budget Impact**

No significant budget impact. Charge for access to highway model will partly offset overspend on building the highway model.

## Environment Committee

### Private Housing - Land Drainage Consenting

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

Description of Charge	Charge April 2020 - March 2021		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
Land Drainage Consenting Fee	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.0%

## Environment Committee

### Private Housing - Land Drainage Consenting

#### Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2021

<b>Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year</b>
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Not Applicable
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<b>Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)</b>
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Statutory Charge
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<b>Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions</b>
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None
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<b>Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?</b>
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None
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<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>
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N/A
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<b>Budget Impact</b>
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None
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## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### MEMBER REPORT

<b>NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY</b>	Planning Review Panel
<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED</b>	10 November 2020
<b>BRIEF REPORT:</b>	
<p>Since the last report the major part of the panel's time has been spent on the Council's response to the government proposals on planning. This is shown in the Members' weekly update for week commencing 16 November and does not therefore need to be included here. The panel has also discussed Planning Appeals decisions, future possible land availability and the following:</p> <p><b><u>Progress on Severn Estuary Recreation and Mitigation Strategy</u></b></p> <p>The Severn Estuary, of which some 22 kilometres of the Upper Severn Estuary is in the Stroud District, is designated as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Ramsar site for its overwintering birds, estuarine habitats and associated migratory species of fish. The Estuary is known to attract visitors from wide ranging areas, who visit for recreational purpose. It is therefore essential that the area be managed so that both Wildlife, in particular migratory birds, and visitors may use the area without disturbance. With this in mind discussions are continuing on the following topics amongst many others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The creation of 'quiet' areas within the upper Severn Estuary where recreation and other activities are discouraged;</li><li>• Working with and providing advice to landowners on how to increase the suitability and capacity of new habitat and alternative recreational areas;</li><li>• Creation of new wildfowl feeding and roosting habitat in appropriate locations;</li><li>• The proposal to divert the present Severn Way Footpath back to its original route; and</li><li>• The promotion of particularly less sensitive sites or routes to dog walkers and raising of awareness of disturbance issues.</li></ul>	
<b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	15 December 2020, 12 January, 16 February, 16 March, 13 April 2021
<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Cllr Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
<b>DATE</b>	23 November 2020

# Performance Monitoring Report

## Environment Committee

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	3 December 2020
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>Members:</b> Haydn Sutton ( <i>further member to be appointed on 3 Dec</i> ) <b>Officers:</b> Brendan Cleere

<b>PERFORMANCE UPDATE</b> ( <i>please give a brief progress update on the following areas</i> )	
<b>CDP PRIORITIES</b> (see <i>Excelsis</i> )	<p><b>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).</b> The 2030 Strategy is in draft. Public consultation and council committee reviews are scheduled over autumn/winter leading to Full Council on the 25th February where it will be proposed for adoption.</p>
	<p><b>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.</b> <b>Dudbridge-Nailsworth:</b> Resurfacing of the track is now complete. <b>Dursley-Cam-Uley:</b> 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. <b>Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield:</b> Sustrans have commenced the design phase for this project. SDC is contributing £10k for this piece of work. <b>Stroud-Chalford:</b> 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><b>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</b> SDC have asked Stroud District Action on Plastic (SDAP) to contribute to a Christmas message that will be promoted to residents alongside collection alterations over the festive period. This will go in newspapers and be distributed via social media. Drafts are being produced at present.</p>

	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>The project has been delayed as stated in Q1. There is a meeting arranged with the Friends of the Lido and the Strategic Director of Communities.</p>
<p><b>PROJECTS / CAPITAL PROGRAMME (if not covered in CDP)</b></p>	<p><b>Establish a working group and governance structure for the development of work plans to deliver the 2030 Carbon Neutral commitment.</b></p> <p>Integral to the Environment Strategy being finalised under CDP3.11 is a strategy for consultation and ongoing governance with the community. This will be finalised on the basis of both internal and external consultation processes that are currently under way. In the meantime, the internal steering group is established and the network of neighbourhood climate action groups continues to grow.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>This quarter is when most external contracting works can be undertaken due to weather conditions being optimal. This has enabled the project to get back on track following the delay due to Covid lockdown. A planned volunteer tree planting day has had to be postponed due to lockdown two. Application to the Environment Agency has been submitted for funding to enable the project to continue for the next 6 years. Outcome will be known in the new year. The project is currently funded to March 2021. Following the identification of the project as an exemplar in the recent Environment Agency document "National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England" the project officer has been invited to present at a Westminster forum conference in December.</p> <p><b>Manage the delivery of the 'Warm Homes Fund' project</b></p> <p>A further 3 installs were completed in Q2 with delays due to Covid restrictions and the generally vulnerable nature of the clients. The project deadline date has been extended with the funders to the end of May 2021 to compensate. Additional funding from Central Government through the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme has been obtained to provide the top up funding required for renewable heating systems in off gas areas. The full Warm &amp; Well Quarter 2 report can be found on the SDC website.</p>

<p><b>Update on</b>  <a href="#">Report to S&amp;R Committee – 3 October 2019</a></p>	<p><b>USE OF LAND AT SALMON SPRINGS, STROUD FOR THE PLANTING OF WOODLAND AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL CARBON OFFSETTING SCHEME.</b></p> <p>The Council is working in partnership with the Stroud Valleys Project charity to transform this 5 acre council owned site into woodland, from its current agricultural grazing use.</p> <p>An ecological management and maintenance plan is being drawn up and Stroud Valleys Project will start to plant the site during the current tree planting season (winter 2020/21). This work builds on the Council's existing partnership with Stroud Valleys Project, where for example many trees have been planted at Stratford Park, providing valuable opportunities for community involvement and volunteering.</p> <p>The Committee also resolved to identify other areas of land in Council ownership to provide for climate change mitigation and adaptation schemes and to bring forward proposals for a locally based offset fund to provide further opportunities. These matters are being discussed with the Gloucestershire Nature Partnership as part of plans to implement the recently approved Tree Strategy for Gloucestershire. A further report on this will come to Environment Committee in Spring 2021.</p>
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<p><b>PERFORMANCE MEASURES (see <i>Excelsis</i> where applicable)</b></p>	<p>See charts at the end of the report for more detail. To view in Excelsis select Indicators; Board Report; Environment Committee; Monthly Charts; Generate Report.</p>
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Indicator	Target	Q1	Q2	
Percentage of MAJOR planning applications determined within 13 weeks. This also takes into account Planning Performance Agreements which allow for longer than 13 weeks but will be counted positively.	100	88	100	
Percentage of MINOR applications determined within 8 weeks.	94	96	95	
Percentage of 'other' applications determined within 8 weeks	97	97	98	
Residual household waste per household. (kgs)	63	77	75	*
Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	60	60.5	60.9	

\*This increase is associated with lockdown. As a consequence of the increase in homeworking a lot more waste is entering the residential stream, rather than being picked up by commercial contracts. Clearly the amount of recycling is also increasing and has a balancing impact on the recycling figures.

<p><b>RISKS (see <i>Excelsis</i>)</b></p>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Risk Score - 6</b></p> <p>This risk remains unchanged. Legislative detail is still outstanding. Ubico have submitted a proposed budget for 2021 and this is being reviewed prior to agreement. Covid is having an impact on waste - residual levels have increased which will reduce the expected income from the new Residual Waste Incentive agreement between SDC and GCC. However, we expect this to be balanced against increased recycling credits; in line with increased recycling tonnages.</p>
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<b>RELEVANT FINANCE ISSUES</b>	See - Budget Monitoring Report 2020/21 Q2
<b>FOLLOW UP (any issues for consideration at the next meeting)</b>	None at the time of writing
<b>ANY ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANT CONCERN TO BE REPORTED TO AUDIT AND STANDARDS</b>	
None	
<b>ANY ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE</b>	
None	
<b>REPORT SUBMITTED BY</b>	Brendan Cleere (with input from relevant lead officers)
<b>DATE OF REPORT</b>	25 November 2020

(i) Percentage of MAJOR planning applications determined within 13 weeks. This also takes into account Planning Performance Agreements which allow for longer than 13 weeks but will be counted positively. (NI157a)

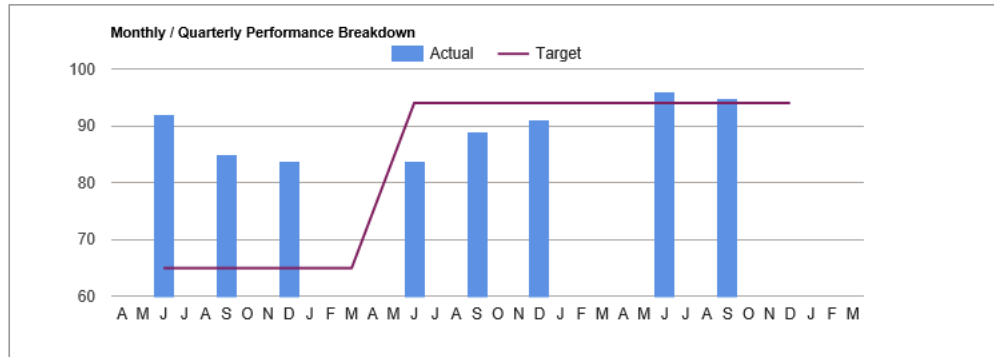
Current Performance: 



Actual to date	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018/19			71%			76%			100%
2019/20			100%			100%			82%
2020/21			88%			100%			

(ii) Percentage of MINOR applications determined within 8 weeks. (NI157b)

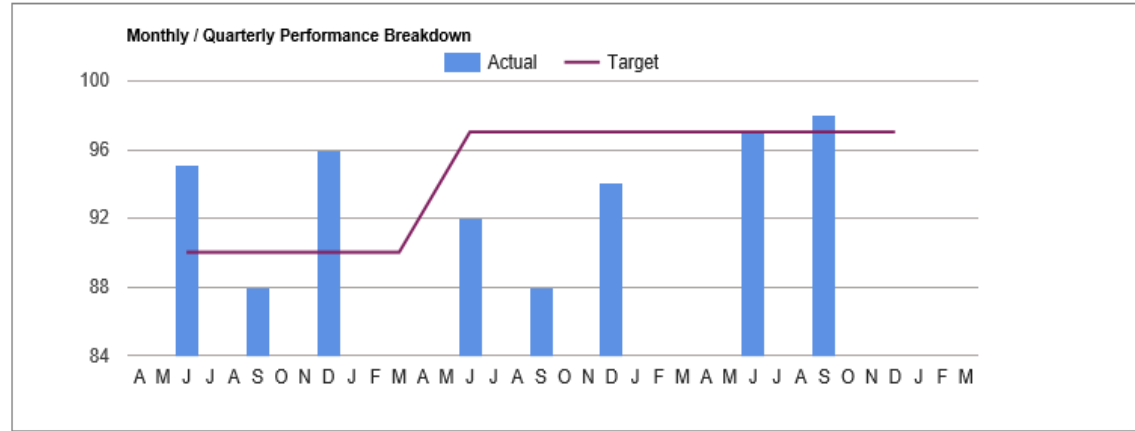
Current Performance: 



Actual	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
2018/19			92			85		
2019/20			84			89		
2020/21			96			95		

(iii) Percentage of 'other' applications determined within 8 weeks (NI157c)

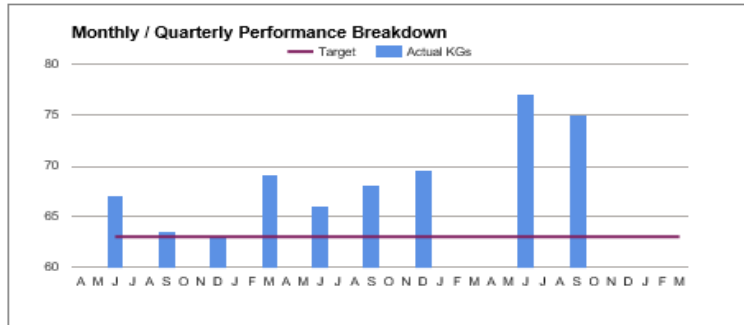
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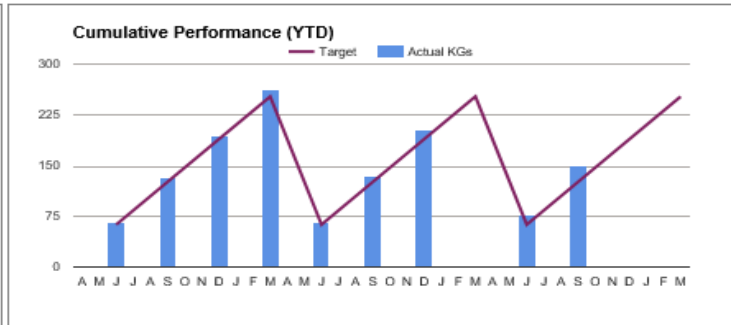
Actual	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
2018/19			95%			88%		
2019/20			92%			88%		
2020/21			97%			98%		

(iv) Residual household waste per household. (NI191)

Current Performance: ↓



Current Performance: ↑

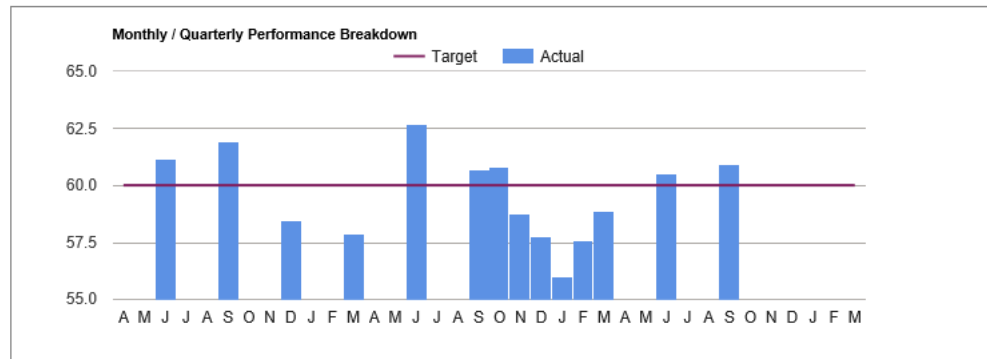


Actual KGs	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2018/19			67			64			63			69
2019/20			66			68			70			
2020/21			77			75						

Actual KGs	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2018/19			67			131			194			263
2019/20			66			134			204			
2020/21			77			152						

(v) Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting (NI192)

Current Performance: ↑



Actual	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2018/19			61.13%			61.91%			
2019/20			62.7%			60.7%	60.82%	58.76%	
2020/21			60.5%			60.9%			



**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA  
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**3 DECEMBER 2020**

**WORK PROGRAMME**

<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Matter to be considered</b>	<b>Notes (e.g. lead Member/Officer)</b>
<b>04.02.21</b>	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 Cllr Sutton & vacant post
	Waste Policy Update	Community Services Manager
	Extension to UBICO contract	Community Services Manager
	Final Draft Local Plan Recommendation to Council for submission of Plan	Head of Planning Strategy
	<b>20.03.21</b>	Work Programme 2020/21
<b>20.03.21</b>	Member Reports – Written submission to be circulated to Members a) Planning Review Panel b) Stroud Regeneration Committee	Leads: Cllr N Studdert-Kennedy Cllr S Pickering
	Tree Strategy	Strategic Director of Place
	Budget Monitoring Q3	Accountant
	Recycling - Scoping Report on Expansion Options	Community Services Manager

**Items for future meetings**

- Community Involvement
- Report on Glover Review
- Building Back Better Strategy
- Walking and Cycling Strategy Update

<b>Published Members' Information Sheets</b>		
<b>Date sent (&amp; Ref No)</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes (e.g. responsible officer)</b>
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