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Dear Councillor

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 09 DECEMBER 2021

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next 09 December 2021 meeting of the Environment Committee, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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- c) Performance Monitoring (Pages 3 - 6)

Yours sincerely

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Performance Monitoring Report: Q2 2021/22





Environment Committee

DATE OF MEETING	9 December, 2021
ATTENDEES	Members: Cllr Natalie Bennett; Cllr George James Officers: Brendan Cleere
PERFORMANCE UPDATE <i>(please give a brief progress update on the following areas)</i>	
CDP PRIORITIES	<p><i>CDP3.11 Implement the revised Environment Strategy and develop an action plan with partners to incorporate our commitment to being a Carbon Neutral district by 2030 (CN2030).</i></p> <p>The approved (March 2021) 2030 Strategy and Master Plan consolidates, enhances and expands the action from every quarter of the Council to support our 2030 aims. This against the background of a Council Plan that includes 2030 Strategy through the Environment and Climate pillar is being used as a basis to drive council action.</p>

<p>CDP PRIORITIES</p>	<p><i>CDP3.12 Work with partners to implement the next phase of the cycling and walking strategy, focussing on routes between Dudbridge-Nailsworth; Dursley–Cam-Uley; Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield.</i></p> <p>Current progress with strategic and local cycling routes is as follows:</p> <p>Dudbridge-Nailsworth: Urgent repair works are ongoing, being led by GCC who are in the process of issuing tenders.</p> <p>Dursley-Cam-Uley: Design work for sections of track requiring highway improvements is currently being undertaken by Atkins on behalf of GCC.</p> <p>Cainscross segregated cycleway: Following updated guidance, the proposed soft-segregated solution for Cainscross Road is to be updated with a more robust solution. Designs are to be proposed by GCC. A new CIL bid is being submitted to reflect this.</p> <p>Frampton Cycle Path: Detailed design work is yet to commence following an allocation of £10k from CIL and £10k from the cycling and walking budget (total £20k) to implement a safe link from the canal to the village in association with the completion of the canal restoration work. Following recommendations from GCC a revision to the CIL bid is to be submitted to reflect some minor changes to the project.</p> <p>Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield: Sustrans are nearing completion of the design phase for this project.</p> <p>Stroud-Chalford: The intention is to coordinate this route with the proposed redevelopment of Brimscombe Port, with on-going consultation with local cycling groups</p> <p>Walking and Cycling Task and Finish Group: A task and finish group has been established to drive delivery on Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans and to help realise Stroud District Council’s wider Active Travel ambitions. The group will report its findings and recommendations to Environment Committee following the final meeting in January 2022.</p>
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<p>PROJECTS / CAPITAL PROGRAMME <i>(if not covered in CDP)</i></p>	<p>Assess air quality within the District in line with the requirements of Defra and prepare an annual report on air quality in the District</p> <p>The 2021 Annual Status Report (which relates to air quality in 2020) has been completed by officers and submitted to DEFRA for verification. A briefing of Environment Committee members was carried out on 4th November 2021.</p> <p>Monitoring of NO₂ across the District using passive detectors continues for 2021 across a total of 30 sites. Unadjusted NO₂ levels for Q1 and Q2 suggest that Air Quality Objectives are not being exceeded. Four new sites were established for 2021 - at Cam, Dursley, Wotton-under-Edge and Hardwicke.</p> <p>Continuous monitoring of particulates at two sites on behalf of the Javelin Park Community Liaison Group continues and levels measured to date comfortably meet Air Quality Objectives.</p> <p><i>Establish a working group and governance structure for the development of work plans to deliver the 2030 Carbon Neutral commitment.</i></p> <p>Recruitment to the 2030 Community Engagement Board is live and a panel of volunteers will join officers and members in shortlisting applicants when the recruitment window closes in December.</p>
<p>PROJECTS / CAPITAL PROGRAMME <i>(if not covered in CDP)</i></p>	<p><i>Deliver and secure the long term sustainability of the rural SuDS project in partnership with the EA, working closely with land owners and communities using innovative land and flood management techniques.</i></p> <p>Unfortunately, we were unable to recruit a suitable candidate for the vacant Rural SuDS post, so we are currently trying to recruit again.</p> <p>We have taken the opportunity of the vacant post and the new round of 6-year funding to rename the project Stroud Valleys Natural Flood Management project which is more appropriately identifies the project.</p> <p><i>Manage the delivery of the 'Warm Homes Fund' project</i></p> <p>In Q1 and Q2 215 households received assistance with 57 measures installed. For every £1 invested in Warm and Well Stroud residents benefited from support and funding worth £15.87.</p> <p>A bid has been submitted to the Sustainable Warmth Competition for £5.2 million to carry out energy efficiency measures to the homes of those in fuel poverty across the Warm & Well area.</p> <p>The full Q2 report can be seen on the website</p>

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES					
Indicator	Target	2020/21 outturn	Q1 2021/22	Q2 2021/22	
Residual household waste per household. (kgs)	63	76.3*	77.6*	75.0	 
Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	60	57.83	59.77	60.15	 

* The number of kgs per household remains increased compared to previous years, due to the number of residents working from home. This has prompted an increase of waste into the residual stream that would normally be disposed of via commercial collections.

RISKS	<p>CCR9 WASTE MANAGEMENT: Cost of providing waste and recycling services to the district currently constitutes around a third of the organisation's budget. As such any budgetary implication is of significant consequence to the MTFP. Risk Score - 6</p> <p>Government are considering the introduction of numerous statutory functions regarding waste collection. One of the more concerning elements is the introduction of free garden waste collections. Changes are said to be fully costed but the methodology of this is as yet unclear. Risk rating unchanged pending the outcome of the latest round of consultations.</p>
RELEVANT FINANCE ISSUES	See - Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22 Q2
FOLLOW UP (any issues for consideration at the next meeting)	None at the time of writing

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