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01 December 2021

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on **THURSDAY**, 9 **DECEMBER 2021** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at 7.00 pm

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Kathy O'Leary Chief Executive

Please Note: The meeting is being held in the Council Chamber at Stroud District Council and will be streamed live on the Council's YouTube Channel. A recording of the meeting will be published onto the Council's website. The whole of the meeting will be recorded except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of press and public.

Due to current Covid-19 regulations a maximum of 6 members of public will be permitted in the Council Chamber at any one time, if you would like to attend this meeting please contact democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk.

AGENDA

APOLOGIES 1. To receive apologies of absence.

- **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** 2. To receive declarations of interest.
 - MINUTES (Pages 5 10) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2021.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS Noon on Friday, 3 December 2021

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

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5. UBICO ANNUAL PRESENTATION (Verbal Report)

To receive an annual verbal update.

6. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q2 2021/22 (Pages 11 - 18)

To present the 2021/22 forecast outturn position against the revenue budgets and Capital Programme that the Committee is responsible for, in order to give an expectation of possible variances against budget.

7. <u>ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REVENUE ESTIMATES – REVISED 2021/22</u> <u>AND ORIGINAL 2022/23 (Pages 19 - 64)</u>

To present to the committee the revised estimates for 2021/22 and original estimates for 2022/23.

8. <u>COUNCIL PLAN AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS RELEVANT TO THIS</u> <u>COMMITTEE (Pages 65 - 74)</u>

For the Committee to agree Performance Indicators for activities and projects detailed in the adopted Council Plan that relate to this Committee.

9. <u>COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - SPENDING ALLOCATIONS</u> FOR 2022/2023 (Pages 75 - 84)

Stroud District Council implemented its CIL Charging Schedule in April 2017 and has been collecting payments on planning permissions implemented since this date. CIL should be used towards providing for any additional demand placed on the local environment and services created by new growth. Project Bids have been received from organisations wishing gain funding support to deliver infrastructure that aligns with planning policy. This report sets out the officers funding recommendations for projects requesting support in 2022/2023 financial year.

10. <u>ESTABLISHMENT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD (Pages 85</u> - 90)

To seek the Committee's approval for the establishment of a Strategic Planning Advisory Board, as an officer/member advisory body considering matters of strategic planning policy and reviewing their implementation.

11. MEMBER / OFFICER REPORTS

- (a) Planning Review Panel
- (b) Stroud Regeneration Committee
- (c) Performance Monitoring
- (d) CIL Bid Allocations 2022-23 Information Sheet (Pages 91 94)

12. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 95 - 96)

To consider the work programme.

13. MEMBER QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.

Members of Environment Committee

Councillor Chloe Turner (Chair) Councillor Natalie Bennett

Councillor Natalie Bennett Councillor Martin Brown Councillor Christopher Evans Councillor George James Councillor Haydn Jones Councillor Norman Kay

Councillor Robin Layfield (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Dave Mossman Councillor Ashley Smith Councillor Haydn Sutton Councillor Brian Tipper Councillor Tricia Watson This page is intentionally left blank

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

09 September 2021

7.00 pm - 9.20 pm

Council Chamber

Minutes

<u>Membership</u>

Councillor Chloe Turner (Chair)

Councillor Natalie Bennett Councillor Martin Brown Councillor Christopher Evans Councillor George James Councillor Haydn Jones Councillor Norman Kay

Councillor Robin Layfield (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Dave Mossman Councillor Ashley Smith Councillor Haydn Sutton Councillor Brian Tipper Councillor Tricia Watson

*= Absent

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Place Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer Accountant The Head of Planning Strategy Senior Policy and Governance Officer Democratic Services and Elections Officer

EC.9 Apologies

There were none.

EC.10 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

EC.11 Minutes

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2021 are approved as a correct record

EC.12 Public Question Time

There were none.

Environment Committee 09 September 2021

Subject to approval at next meeting

EC.13 Draft Council Plan

The Chair introduced the report that outlines the Draft Council Plan for 2021-2026. The Draft Council Plan was developed in consultation with the Alliance Leadership Team, Alliance Members, Strategic Leadership Team, Leadership and Management Team, Council Officers and the Stroud District Youth Council. The plan sets out 3 principle themes; Environment and Climate Change, Economy and Regeneration and Community Resilience and Wellbeing with 5-6 objectives set alongside the themes. The final tier of the plan set out 74 identified projects alongside the respective lead Officers.

Councillor Sutton raised a question regarding Health and Social Infrastructure and no provision for individuals with mental health issues. The Chair advised the Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy incorporates mental health. The Senior Policy and Governance Officer confirmed there was provision under the Health and Wellbeing Plan also.

Councillor Watson asked the concept and term 'doughnut economy' be included within the respective objectives of the plan.

Councillor Haydn Jones questioned how ER5 relating to the Local Plan links in with Environment and Climate Change. The Strategic Director of Place referred to page 2 of the plan which outlines a Venn diagram on how the 3 principle themes interrelate.

Councillor Kay asked whether the Rive Frome past Horsley is included under EC2.2 regarding the Natural Flood Management project. The Chair confirmed it was all catchments into Stroud.

Councillor Brown raised a question on EC4.3 regarding working with partners on electric vehicle charging points and if a District Plan would be produced considering transport is a Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) remit. The Chair advised GCC issued a press release that electric charging points will be included as part of the Stroud Parking Review.

The report was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Layfield.

Councillor Mossman proposed an amendment to delay the vote by 4 weeks and hold and extraordinary meeting to allow political parties time to consider and provided feedback considering the extreme importance of the plan.

The amendment was proposed by Councillor Mossman and seconded by Councillor Haydn Jones.

The Chair reassured Members that the Leader and Deputy Leader confirmed comments can be made outside of Committee for consideration.

On being put to the vote, the amended motion received 5 votes for, 6 against and 2 abstentions.

There was no further debate on the original motion and on being put to the vote, the motion received 8 votes for, 0 against and 5 abstentions.

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RESOLVED To Strategy & Resources Committee that the draft Council Plan is agreed and recommended to Council.

EC.14 Gloucestershire Statement of Common Ground

The Head of Planning Strategy presented the Draft Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) advising that all the Gloucestershire local authorities were committed to developing a better coordinated approach to long term spatial planning in Gloucestershire. The statement includes 34 high level agreement dealing with environmental issues and land use matters with potential for a Gloucestershire Spatial Development Strategy and Action Plan to follow. The Statement is part of the duty to cooperate and evidence to support the Local Plan. Any major or future iterations will be reported to Committee for approval.

Councillor Mossman expressed concerns about potential 'land grabbing' by adjoining local authorities and referred to the safeguarded site at Whaddon. The Head of Planning Strategy referred to the Council's agreed position as set out in the Draft Local Plan and confirmed that that position would be reinforced at examination.

A number of questions were raised by members regarding the future status of the SoCG and the scope for extending to include other neighbouring authorities. The Head of Planning Strategy explained that the legal status of the SoCG was in demonstrating the duty to cooperate between authorities but there was a wider value in terms of joint working for the purposes of strategic planning and securing long term investment in Gloucestershire. This SoCG is one of a number of other SoCG currently being prepared with neighbouring authorities and statutory bodies to support the Local Plan.

The Chair proposed a friendly amendment to include 'Vice Chair' after 'Chair' and before 'Environment Committee' under part b of the decision.

The amendment was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Smith.

Councillor Haydn Jones expressed his concerns that South Gloucestershire were not included within the Gloucestershire comprehensive document. The Head of Planning Strategy explained that a separate SoCG was currently being drafted with South Gloucestershire Council.

On being put to the vote, the amended motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED a. approve the Draft Statement of Common Ground set out in Appendix A; and

b. delegate to the Head of Planning Strategy, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Environment Committee, the authority to approve minor amendments to the Draft Statement of Common Ground in the event that the final draft version is different to the version set out in Appendix A.

EC.15 Budget Monitoring Report Q1 2021/22

The Accountant presented the Budget Monitoring Report for Q1 2021/22 to Committee and advised an additional column had been added to table 1 of the report for Covid-19 pressures against the respective budgets.

Councillor Brown questioned if the result of the variance on the Canal Budget was due to uncompleted projects. The Accountant confirmed and advised the underspend would be added to the following financial year budget.

Councillor Kay commented that he would be requesting at Strategy and Resources for a small budget to be allocated for the work the Equality Working Group is undertaking. Councillor Kay also commented on the salary overspend within Development Control explaining retention of staff is a result of insufficient pay between public and private sector.

The report was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Brown

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

RESOLVED To Note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital Programme for this Committee.

EC.16 Stroud District Cycling and Walking Strategy - Establishing a Task and Finish Group

The Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer presented the report on establishing a Cycling and Walking Task & Finish Group following the Committee's approval on the Stroud Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan on the 17 June 2021.

The Chair proposed a friendly amendment to the membership on Appendix A to add 'Vice Chair of Environment Committee' as the first bullet point and amend the beginning of the second bullet point to 'in addition to'.

Councillor James commented whether the addition of Vice Chair was necessary as the group would consist of one member of each political party and potentially risk becoming political. The Chair advised the group would be politically neutral and adding the Vice Chair would be to chair and help steer the group.

The amendment was proposed by Councillor Layfield and seconded by Councillor Smith.

On being put to the vote, the amended motion received 11 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Councillor James questioned how Committee would know if the group was a success. The Chair advised it would be a combination of the distribution of the budget, establishing a point of contact to help communities with projects and assisting Gloucestershire County Council on projects to access funding.

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Councillor Watson commented that the strategy also included walking and there are several issues preventing rural and town walking which also need addressing and not just a larger focus not just cycling.

Councillor Kay questioned why no equality implications were listed in the report and advised cycling and walking groups who specialise in the needs of individuals with disabilities needed to be consulted and included as part of the group. The Head of equality implications Planning Strategy advised were assessed and the recommendations/outcomes of the group would be subject to equality implications based on whether disability equality needs were met in their decisions. Councillor Kay advised the membership should include a representative who has a disability in walking and cycling and would be satisfied with the Chair and Vice Chairs oversight to ensure this was included.

The report was proposed by Councillor Smith and seconded by Councillor Mossman.

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

RESOLVED a. to set up a Cycling and Walking Task & Finish Group;

b. to approve the draft Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix A.

Appointments

EC.17 Performance Monitoring Representative for Civic Year 2021-22

Councillor James was appointed as the second Performance Monitoring representative for 2021-22 alongside Councillor Natalie Bennett.

EC.18 Lower Severn Drainage Board

Councillor John Jones was reappointed as the representative to the Lower Severn Drainage Board.

EC.19 Stroud Valleys Project Board

Councillor Brown was appointed as the representative for the Stroud Valleys Project Board.

Member Reports

EC.20 Planning Review Panel

The Panel has not yet been established with a report due to go to Decembers Committee to re-establish the Planning Review Panel. The Chair advised Member to contact the Strategic Director of Place if with were interested in assisting with the Terms of Reference.

EC.21 Stroud Regeneration Committee

Councillor Layfield provided a verbal update which included an offer from Stroud Rotary Club to assist with improving the Stroud area, the draft consultation on street spaces and the potential for a shared Tourism Officer operating outside of Stroud District Council for the Towns across the District.

EC.22 Performance Monitoring

A report was circulated prior to Committee and the Strategic Director of Place informed Committee an updated version of the report was emailed to Committee Members after the publication of the Committee papers to include the performance information on Q1.

Councillor Kay requested a report on assessing the air quality to be added to the next Committee due to it being a national concern. The Strategic Director of Place confirmed a briefing will take place on the 4 November for all Members and he would liaise with the Head of Environmental Health and would advise the Chair and Councillor Kay after this discussion on whether there was a decision for Committee to discuss. Comments and debate from members around Javelin Parks monitoring equipment, particulates, quality of clean air and EA definition of 'safe emissions' from incinerators were also mentioned under the topic of air quality.

Councillor Kay asked when work on the Frampton Cycle Path was due to commence. The Strategic Director of Place advised he would check progress with the Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer and provide a response outside of Committee.

EC.23 Work Programme

Councillor Haydn Jones requested if Members could be involved with the construction of the Severn Estuary Recreation and Mitigation Strategy and working with neighbouring authorities such as the Forest of Dean and South Gloucestershire Council.

Councillor Mossman requested a commitment that a member from each of the political parties is included with the writing of Terms of Reference for the Planning Review Panel.

Councillor Brown advised the Cycling and Walking Strategy Task and Finish Group outcomes needed to be added to the March Committee.

EC.24 Member Questions

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chair

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

9 DECEMBER 2021

Report Title	BUDGET MONI	TORING REPOR	RT Q2 2021/22				
Purpose of Report	To present the	To present the 2021/22 forecast outturn position against the					
	revenue budgets and Capital Programme that the Committee is						
	responsible for, in order to give an expectation of possible						
	variances agains	st budget.					
Decision(s)	The Committee	RESOLVES to	o note the outtu	rn forecast for			
	the General	Fund Revenue	e budget and	the Capital			
	Programme for	this Committee	Э.				
Consultation and	Budget holders have been consulted about the budget issues in						
Feedback	their service areas. The feedback has been incorporated into to						
	the report to explain difference between budgets and forecast						
	income and expenditure.						
Report Author	Adele Rudkin, Accountant						
	Email: adele.rud	kin@stroud.gov.	<u>uk</u>				
Options	None						
Background Papers	None						
Appendices	Appendix A – Detailed breakdown of revenue position						
Implications	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental			
(further details at the end of the report)	Yes	Yes	No	No			

1. BACKGROUND

- **1.1** This report provides the second monitoring position statement for the financial year 2021/22. The purpose of this report is to notify members of any known significant variations to budgets for the current financial year, highlight any key issues and to inform members of any action to be taken if required.
- 1.2 Due to the volume of information contained in the report, 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 monitoring position for the committee at 30 September 2021 shows a projected net revenue **underspend of (£201k)** against the latest budget, as summarised in Table 1.
- **2.2** This position does not include the expected financial impact of Covid-19, which is reported to Strategy and Resources Committee. A summary of the position for this committee included in Section 4.

- **2.3** The capital programme is showing a forecast spend of £6.6m against a budget of £6.815m. The variance of (£214k) relates to re-profiling of timings, predominantly on the Canal project.
- **2.4** Table 3 shows the capital spend and projected outturn for the Environment Committee for 2021/22.

3. **REVENUE BUDGET POSITION**

- **3.1** Council approved the General Fund Revenue budget for 2021/22 in February 2021 including budget proposals of the administration.
- **3.2** The latest budget for Environment Committee taking into account the adjustments for carry forwards is **£5.917m** (Original Budget was **£6.172m**).
- **3.3** The monitoring position for the committee at 30 September 2021 shows a **projected net underspend of (£201k)** against the latest budget, as summarised in Table 1. This does not incorporate the Covid pressures outlined in table 2, this will be reported in the overall position on the General Fund to Strategy and Resources Committee.
- **3.4** The outturn position is mainly attributable to those items outlined in Table 1 with an explanation of the significant variances (including Covid related issues) that have arisen (a significant variation is defined as being +/- £20,000 on each reporting line).
- **3.5** Appendix A provides a more detailed breakdown on the Committee's budgets.

Environment Committee	Para Refs	2021/22 Original Budget (£'000)	Revised		2021/22 Reserve Transfers (£'000)	Outturn Variance	Covid-19 Pressures (Reported in S&R)
Canal		379	(120)	(121)	0	(1)	0
Carbon Management		110	173	163	10	1	0
Development Control	3.6	197	197	226	0	29	75
Economic Development		101	111	136	(31)	(6)	0
Health & Wellbeing		830	941	929	8	(5)	0
Land Charges & Street Naming	3.7	(18)	(18)	(38)	0	(20)	0
Planning Strategy/Local Plan		370	430	423	0	(7)	0
Statutory Building Control		(137)	(137)	(152)	18	3	0
Waste & Recycling: Other		12	12	28	0	16	0
Waste and Recycling: MSC	3.8	4,329	4,329	4,118	0	(211)	0
Environment TOTAL		6,172	5,917	5,710	6	(201)	75

Table 1 – Environment Revenue budgets 2021/22

3.6 Development Control – £104k under achievement of income/overspend (Geraldine LeCointe xtn 4233, <u>geraldine.lecointe@stroud.gov.uk</u>)

This variance consists of two elements. A £29k underachievement of income is forecast on Planning application fee income. In the first 6 months of the year, fee income has been better than predicted. This may change in future months, however, the progress of the draft local plan towards adoption may well lead to the submission of larger applications, attracting larger fees, before the end of the financial year.

The predicted £75k salary overspend (table 2) relates to extra agency staff who have been brought in to support the development management and enforcement services. These are temporary posts plugging gaps created while we recruit and train new staff and also to support the substantial increase in enforcement complaints received during the pandemic.

3.7 Land Charges & Street Naming – (£20k) additional income

(Neill Marriott xtn 4112, neil.marriott@stroud.gov.uk)

An increase in search requests as a result of the Stamp Duty Holiday has generated additional income.

3.8 Waste and Re-cycling - Multi Service Contract – (£211k) additional income/overspend

(Mike Hammond xtn 4447, mike.hammond@stroud.gov.uk)

This underspend is made of several offsetting variances. Recycling is forecasting an additional (£161k) of income due to a more buoyant than expected paper re-cycling market. A (£130k) forecast variance on Recycling Credits has also been identified, this is a reflection of the increased tonnage being collected at the kerbside, whilst this is generally speaking proportionate to residual waste increases and therefore is driving up recycling rate improvements. Increased demand for bulky waste collections has indicated a (£36k) favourable variance, the service income continues to be inflated post pandemic. Sustained growth of garden waste subscriptions will impact the forecast income variance by (£88k) along with general savings across all of the contracts of (£29k). A £89k overspend is estimated on replacement refuse receptacles due to the ageing wheelie bin infrastructure. A number of these variances will be addressed through the budget setting paper.

The Ubico contract continues to be monitored closely on a monthly basis, the current forecast is showing an overspend of £145k due to several factors, an outstanding insurance dispute claim of £50k, theft of diesel from the Gossington site £25k and additional vehicle costs of £24k. In addition, Ubico have raised the issue of the national shortage of drivers and rates of pay. A proposal has now been put in place across the contract, in effect this means supplementary costs of circa £45k this financial year. This has now been built into the budget for 2022-23.

4. COVID PRESSURES

- **4.1** Table 2 below outlines the particular Covid pressures borne though either additional expenditure or loss of income within with each service for this Committee.
- **4.2** The impact of these figures will be included in the budget monitoring report to Strategy & Resources Committee against the budget allocated by Council in February, and any expected grant income from Government.

		Outturn
		Forecast
Committee Summary Heading	Committee Service Area	(£'000)
Development Control	Development Control	75
TOTAL Covid Pressures		75

Table 2 – Covid Pressures reported to Strategy and resources Committee

5. CAPITAL PROGRAMME

5.1 Table 3 below shows the Capital Outturn forecast for 2021/22 with a projected outturn variance of (**£214k**).

Environment Capital Schemes	Para Refs			2021/22 Forecast Outturn (£'000)	2021/22 Outturn Variance (£'000)
Canal	5.2	6,631	4,814	4,874	60
Market Town Centres Initiative Fund	5.3	50	40	40	0
Multi-Service Contract Vehicles	5.4	859	1,513	1,513	0
Rural SuDS Project	5.5	30	30	20	(10)
Stratford Park Acquisition of Machinery	5.6	0	14	14	0
Stroud District Cycling & Walking Plan	5.7	200	404	140	(264)
Wallbridge-Gateway	5.8	100	0	0	0
Environment Capital Schemes TOTAL		7,870	6,815	6,600	(214)

Table 3 – Environment Committee Capital Programme

5.2 Canal

Following the successful bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for grant funding for Phase 1B of the Cotswold Canal Connected Project, work is underway. The variance relates to a final payment on Phase 1A of the project for construction costs

The variance relates to a final payment on Phase 1A of the project for construction costs at Wallbridge Lower Locks.

5.3 Market Town Centres Initiative Fund

The Distribution of Market Towns Funding was agreed at the January 2019 by Strategy and Resources Committee. In order to be able to distribute the funds to the relevant Town Councils, written confirmation was sought as to how would spend the funds for agreement. Some responses were received after the relevant financial year, resulting in a variance against the profiled budget, this has been taken into account in 2021/22 with the remaining budget due to be spent in year.

5.4 Multi-Service Contract Vehicles

The spend is in line with the fleet programme which is being procured in conjunction with Ubico, this is expected to be delivered within budget and within this financial year. The revised budget includes an additional Garden Waste RCV and the supplementary cost of the Electric Truck Sweeper. This will be a recommendation as part of the overall 5 year Capital Plan to S & R in January 2022 and Council in February 2022.

5.5 Rural SuDS Project

Four schemes have been completed in the first quarter of this financial year with 16 leaky dams and 3 small attenuation areas created plus additional small works. This has involved working with 5 new private landowners and 3 new contractors. There are currently 7 new schemes in planning stages for delivery later in the year.

5.6 Stratford Park Acquisition of Machinery

This amount was allocated as part of the overall Capital project of 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 of £95k. The £14k is earmarked for site enhancements and options are currently being reviewed. It is anticipated to be fully utilised on 2021/22.

5.7 Stroud District Cycling and Walking Plan

Progress is being made on delivering improvements to the cycling and walking network, working with Gloucestershire County Council and local groups. Despite some large allocations a significant underspend is currently forecast for 2021/22 due to delays to projects caused by the Covid 19 pandemic and changes to national design guidance on cycling and walking. Future expenditure is expected to be aligned with Local Cycling and Walking Plans (LCWP) which are currently in production. A Cycling and Walking Task & Finish Group has been set up to consider ways of focussing future investment on priority projects and how to unblock constraints and accelerate delivery. The final meeting is due to take place in January 2022, after which the findings and recommendations will be presented to Environment Committee.

5.8 Wallbridge Gateway

This site and surrounding area is being considered as part of the Levelling Up Fund bid as a gateway site into Stroud town and the design brief is also being updated and further developed by consultants as part of the Canal Strategy. Works are therefore likely to start in 2022/23.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report as it looks at current revenue and capital forecasts for this committee's budgets.

Lucy Clothier, Accountancy Manager Tel: 01453 754343 Email: <u>lucy.clothier@stroud.gov.uk</u>

6.2 Legal Implications

There are no significant legal implications arising from this report and the recommendation.

One Legal Tel: 01684 272203 Email: <u>legalservices@onelegal.org.uk</u>

6.3 Equality Implications

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

6.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

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Detailed breakdown of revenue position

		2024/22	2024/22	2024/22	2024/22	2024/22
		2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22
		-	Revised		Reserve	Outturn
	Para	Budget	-		Transfers	
Environment Committee	Refs	(£'000)	(£'000)	(£'000)	(£'000)	(£'000)
Canal Restoration Project		379	(120)	(121)	0	(1)
Canal		379	(120)	(121)	0	(1)
Energy Efficiency		110	173	163	10	1
Carbon Management		110	173	163	10	1
Development Control		197	197	217	0	20
Development Control	3.6	197	197	226	0	29
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Economic Development		35	45	70	(31)	(7)
Regeneration		66	66	66	0	0
Economic Development		101	111	136	(31)	(6)
					(01)	(0)
Contaminated Land		30	30	30	0	0
Dog Warden Service		95	95	98	0	2
Environmental Protection		182	182	184	0	3
Food Safety		151	151	149	0	(2)
Head of Health and Wellbeing		76	76	75	0	(1)
Health & Wellbeing		113	113	101	0	(1)
Health and Safety		82	90	89	8	(12)
Land Drainage		41	90 145	145	0	1
Pest Control		6	6	3	0	-
Planning Liaison		15	15	15	0	(3) 0
Port Health		2	2	2	0	0
Public Health		36	2 36	2 36	0	0
Health & Wellbeing		830	941	929	8	(5)
		030	341	525	0	(3)
Land & Dreparty Quatadian		40	10	(10)	0	(20)
Land & Property Custodian		12	12	(18)	0	(30)
Street Naming	3.7	(30) (18)	(30) (18)	(20)	0	10
Land Charges & Street Naming	3.7	(10)	(10)	(38)	U	(20)
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Planning Strategy		370	430	423	0	(7)
Planning Strategy/Local Plan		370	430	423	0	(7)
		(170)	(170)		10	
Building Control		(179)	(179)	(195)	18	3
Building Regulation Enforcement / Advice		32	32	33	0	1
Securing Dangerous Structures		10	10	9	0	(1)
Statutory Building Control		(137)	(137)	(152)	18	3
Waste & Recycling: Other		12	12	28	0	16
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MSC: Bulky Waste		10	10	(26)	0	(36)
MSC: Food Waste		747	747	795	0	48
MSC: Garden Waste		(94)	(94)	(107)	0	(13)
MSC: Recycling		1,544	1,544	1,276	0	(268)
MSC: Refuse Collection		1,412	1,412	1,455	0	43
MSC: Street Cleansing		710	710	726	0	15
Waste and Recycling: MSC	3.8	4,329	4,329	4,118	0	(211)
Environment TOTAL		6,172	5,917	5,710	6	(201)

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STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

9 DECEMBER 2021

Report Title	ENVIRONMENT REVISED 2021/		-	ESTIMATES -				
Purpose of Report	To present to the committee the revised estimates for 2021/22 and original estimates for 2022/23.							
Decision(s)	This Committee RECOMMENDS to the Strategy and Resources Committee:							
	a) That the revised Environment Committee revenue budget for 2021/22 and original 2022/23 revenue budget are approved.							
	b) That the Fee approved.	es and Charges	list as shown at	t Appendix B is				
	c) The inclusion of £176k within the Ubico contract for new waste and recycling rounds, and an additional £52K for the provision of a new street cleaning crew.							
	d) An addition to the 2022/23 Capital budget of £106k, funded through additional budgeted income, to meet the extra cost of replacing 3 diesel powered vehicles with electric equivalents (in line with Council Plan objective 6.3).							
Consultation and	Consultation has							
Feedback	Feedback on the	e outcome of the	consultation wil	I be provided to				
	members in January 2022.							
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Options	The Administrat	ion will be consi	dering its budge	et options at the				
	Strategy and Re	sources Commit	tee meeting on 2	7 January 2022.				
	Council will cons	ider the overall b	udget position fo	or 2022/23 on 17				
	February 2022.							
Background Papers	None							
Appendices	Appendix A – Co Appendix B – So							
Implications	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental				
(further details at the end of the report)	Yes	Yes	No	No				

1 <u>Background</u>

1.1 The Budget Strategy report to Strategy and Resources Committee in October 2021 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 2021/22 budget and MTFP (approved in January 2021) and the Budget Strategy reports, the Council is facing a number of financial challenges in 2022/23 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 2022/23 to 2025/26. This report sets out a more detailed analysis of the changes to the Environment Committee budget for 2021/22 (Revised Estimates) and 2022/23 (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 <u>Summary</u>

- 2.1 The original budget for the Environment Committee was **£6.172m**. The revised budget in 2021/22 has been updated with the following adjustments to reflect carry forwards and reprofiling of service budgets.
- 2.2 This has subsequently been used as the base estimate for both 2021/22 revised and 2022/23 original estimates. The revised estimates incorporate changes arising from budget pressures and efficiency savings. The original budget approved in February 2021 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 2022/23 is **£6.685m an increase of £768k** on the base budget. This is largely due to the following budget changes, as outlined in table one below.

		2021/22 Revised Estimate	2022/23 Original Estimate
Environment Committee	para	(000's)	(000's)
Base Budget		6,172	5,917
Virements/adjustments	3.1	(255)	225
Recurring changes:			
Pay increases	3.3		141
Fees and charges growth	3.4		(23)
Contract increases	3.5		163
Proposed budget adjustments	4		261
Net Service Budget		5,917	6,685
Transfers to/from reserves		(235)	(253)
Net Service Budget (after Reserve Funding)		5,682	6,431
Table subject to roundings)		·	

Table 1 – Summary of changes from the 2021/22 Original Budget

(Table subject to roundings)

3 In year virements/adjustments

3.1 In year virements include carry forwards from prior year. There has also been an adjustment to the revenue element of the canal project budget in both 2021/22 and 2022/23. This budget is fully funded within the Cotswold Canal Connected Phase 1B Delivery programme and so does not affect the overall position of the General Fund. Further detail on the canal project is included in paragraph 5.3.

3.2 Inflation

3.3 Pay Inflation - £141k

The 2022/23 salary budgets have been increased by an initial 2.5% in line with budget strategy.

3.4 Fees & Charges Growth – (£23k)

Fees and charges budgets have been inflated by 3% 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 - £163k

A 3% increase directly attributable to the Ubico (Multi Service Contract) for this Committee. The overall change in budget on the contract is £542k. (Table 2). This figure includes four new rounds as stated in item C of the decision box, and additional general costs associated with the Contract. This is an overall change and does incorporate increases that fall within other Committees (building cleaning & grounds maintenance).

Table 2- Changes	to Ubico Budget
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UBICO	(£000's)
2021/22 Budget	6,379
New rounds	228
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Mkt Supplement	74
Pay inflation	173
General Vehicle costs	68
Premises Insurance	(25)
	(23)
Corporate Support	24
2022/23 Budget	6,921

4 Proposed Budget Adjustments (Budget Pressures/Savings)

Table 3 below 3 represents the major changes to the budgets for this Committee. A detailed explanation is outlined in paragraphs (4.1- 4.8)

		•	2022/23
SERVICE	Para	REASON FOR PRESSURE	(£'000)
Climate Change	4.1	Additional post for 6 months	32
	10	Additional budget for recepticles (growth)	
Multi Service Contract	4.2	and Clinical Sharps	82
		Growth (Environment Committee) excludes	
Ubico	4.3	inflation	386
Development Control	4.4	Increased Staffing hours	25
Various	4.5	Minor adjustments over all services	5
			2022/23
SERVICE	Para	REASON FOR SAVING	(£'000)
Development Control	4.6	Supplementary Income expected	(74)
		Garden Waste Income (increased client	
Multi Service Contract	4.7	base)	(79)
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Multi Service Contract	4.7	Bulkies Income	(10)
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Multi Service Contract	4.7	Additional Recycling income	(106)
		Total Environment Committee	261

Pressures

4.1 Climate Change

This pressure relates to two posts, Community Action and Environmental Performance Officers for an additional six months. These posts will be funded from the Climate Change Reserve.

4.2 Multi Service Contract

A pressure has been raised on Food Waste, Refuse and Recycling. This is primarily around the ageing receptacles which were purchased when the Ubico Contract was first in place. District expansion and additional rounds needed is also putting additional pressure on the budget. A budget pressure has also been put forward on Clinical Sharps Waste. This involves a collection from pharmacies who have a sharps take back scheme. We are obliged to deal with sharps. The NHS used to help fund this, but the cost has now passed to the Council as they realised they were funding collection and disposal, which they are not obligated to do.

4.3 Ubico Contract

Primarily this pressure is directly attributable to introducing additional rounds across the district and does create a substantial cost burden, but is essential to ensure an efficient and safe service delivery. A great deal of work has been undertaken to factor in new rounds across different waste streams whilst considering the capital replacement programme and growth across the district. The new rounds are due to be introduced in 2022/23, this has increased staff and associated costs by £228k. In addition due to a national shortage of HGV drivers, Ubico and SDC have acted to retain and recruit drivers, by increasing pay rates, via a market supplement which will equate to £74k. Vehicle related costs have also increased due to a larger fleet and expansion of district rounds. This pressure is attributable to those services directly relating to the Environment Committee.

4.4 **Development Control**

The additional £25K for salaries is requested to cover two now existing fulltime posts within the service. The Development Team Manager and the Assistant Biodiversity Officer, which were originally 30 hrs and 18.5 hrs respectively, were both increased to 37hrs in 2020 to meet the needs of the service. The extra funds are requested to formally recognise these as fulltime posts in the service establishment.

4.5 Various

There are a number of minor adjustments across all services that contribute towards this figure and are generally below the reporting threshold (+/- £20k).

<u>Savings</u>

4.6 **Development Control**

Application fee income to date in 2021/22 has been healthier than the previous year. This trend and the increasing importance of the emerging local plan (which has its examination in spring 2022) in the development management process is likely to generate an increase in applications received, including larger proposed allocations. The projected increase in income for 2022/23 seeks to acknowledge this.

4.7 Multi Service Contract

Revenue expectations on both garden waste collections and bulkies have been increased to reflect growth. The new garden waste round being introduced in 2022/23 will ensure that this demand can be met. Additional income has been identified in recycling due to a more buoyant than expected paper recycling market and improved rates on residual waste. The current market is volatile but it is prudent to recognize this potential additional income in 2022/23.

5 <u>CAPITAL PROGRAMME</u>

- 5.1 Table three below outlines the capital schemes that the Committee is responsible for. Council will consider the Capital Programme and the Capital Strategy at their meeting in January 2022.
- 5.2 **Item d in the decision box** proposes that this Committee recommends to Strategy & Resources that £106k is made available to fund the additional cost of replacing 3 diesel powered vehicles with electric equivalents. The vehicles are included in the existing fleet replacement programme and the £106k represents the additional cost of moving to electric power. This can be funded by increases to the income budget for recycling credits and paper recycling income. It is therefore recommended that the Environment committee request that

Strategy and Resource Committee approve an increase to the capital budget for this vehicle cost.

Capital Schemes	2021/22 Original Budget (£'000)	2021/22 Revised Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Original Budget (£'000)
Canal	6,631	4,814	7,259
Market Town Centres Initiative Fund	50	40	0
Multi-Service Contract Vehicles	859	1,513	466
Rural SuDS Project	30	30	30
Stratford Park Acquisition of Machinery	0	14	0
Stroud District Cycling & Walking Plan	200	404	0
Wallbridge-Gateway	100	0	100
Environment Capital Schemes TOTAL	7,870	6,815	7,855

Table 5 – Capital schemes 2021/22 and 2022/23

5.3 **Canal**

Phase 1B of the Cotswold Canals Connected project is now in the delivery stage, and the capital and revenue budgets have been reprofiled across financial years to reflect the current estimated programme of works. It has been identified that the cost of the project may have increased and the project is currently being fully reviewed. Once the position has been established a paper will be presented to members setting out the overall position along with potential funding options. The Councils commitment to the project remains at a total of £3m plus an additional £161k that was approved for the Interregnum period in 2021/22.

5.4 Market Towns Initiative fund

The Distribution of Market Towns Funding was agreed at the January 2019 by Strategy and Resources Committee. In order to be able to distribute the funds to the relevant Town Councils, written confirmation was sought as to how would spend the funds for agreement. Some responses were received after the relevant financial year, resulting in a variance against the profiled budget, this has been taken into account in 2021/22 with the remaining budget due to be spent in 2021/22.

5.5 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 fleet additions in 2021/22 for a Garden Waste RCV and upgrade to an Electric Street Sweeper. The 2022/23 budget reflects additional cost of replacing 3 diesel powered vehicles with electric equivalents (**Item d in the decision box**) and an increase in fleet prices over the last 12 months as suppliers increase costs to offset material price inflation. The In-Cab technology system is currently being procured by Ubico, this will be a connected working system available to all the shareholders, and is scheduled for 2022/23. The change to budget will be requested to Strategy & Resources in January 2022 and full Council in February 2022.

5.6 Stratford Park Acquisition of Machinery

This amount was allocated as part of the overall Capital project of 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 of £95k. The £14k is earmarked for site enhancements and options are currently being reviewed. It is anticipated to be fully utilised on 2021/22.

5.7 Stroud & District Walking Plan

Progress is being made on delivering improvements to the cycling and walking network, working with Gloucestershire County Council and local groups. Despite some large allocations a significant underspend is currently forecast for 2021/22 due to delays to projects caused by the Covid 19 pandemic and changes to national design guidance on cycling and walking. Future expenditure is expected to be aligned with Local Cycling and Walking Plans (LCWP) which are currently in production. A Cycling and Walking Task & Finish Group has been set up to consider ways of focussing future investment on priority projects and how to unblock constraints and accelerate delivery. Any budget that remains unspent in 2021/22 will be carried forward to 2022/23. The final meeting is due to take place in January 2022, after which the findings and recommendations will be presented to Environment Committee.

5.8 Wallbridge – Gateway

This site and surrounding area is being considered as part of the Levelling Up Fund bid as a gateway site into Stroud town and the design brief is also being updated and further developed by consultants as part of the Canal Strategy. Works are therefore likely to start in 2022/23.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

This report sets out the draft budget relating to the Committee for 2022/23. This will form part of the budget setting process to be considered by Strategy and Resources Committee in January 2022 and Council in February 2022.

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6.2 Legal Implications

None directly arising from this report other than to note that this report forms part of the budget setting process for 2022/23 which involves the Council calculating capital and revenue estimates for its General Fund.

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6.3 Equality Implications

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

6.5 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

Committees Detailed Budgets

	2021/22	2021/22	2022/23
		Revised	Original
	Budget	Budget	Budget
Environment Committee	(£'000)	(£'000)	(£'000)
Canal Restoration Project	379	(120)	170
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Callal	515	(120)	170
Energy Efficiency	110	173	224
Carbon Management	110	173	224
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Development Control	197	197	220
Planning Appeals	0	0	0
Development Control	197	197	220
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Economic Development	45	45	150
Regeneration	66	66	86
Economic Development	111'	111	236
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Contaminated Land	30	30	29
Dog Warden Service	95	95	98
Environmental Protection	182	182	192
Food Safety	151	151	162
Head of Health and Wellbeing	76	76	79
Health & Wellbeing	113	113	110
Health and Safety	82	90	89
Land Drainage	41	145	50
Pest Control	6	6	(4)
Planning Liaison	15	15	16
Port Health	2	2	2
Public Health	36	36	34
Health & Wellbeing	830	941	858
	10	10	10
Land & Property Custodian	12	12	16
Street Naming	(30)	(30)	(30)
Land Charges & Street Naming	(18)	(18)	(14)
Planning Strategy	370	430	365
Planning Strategy/Local Plan	370 370	430 430	365
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Building Control	(179)	(179)	(179)
Building Regulation Enforcement / Advice	32	32	37
Securing Dangerous Structures	10	10	11
Statutory Building Control	(137)	(137)	(131)
	(-)	(-)	(- /
Waste & Recycling: Other	12	12	26
Waste & Recycling: Other	12 12	12	26
MSC: Bulky Waste	10	10	14
MSC: Food Waste	747	747	879
MSC: Garden Waste	(94)	(94)	(148)
MSC: Recycling	1,544	1,544	1,568
MSC: Refuse Collection	1,412	1,412	1,619
MSC: Street Cleansing	710	710	798
Waste and Recycling: MSC	4,329	4,329	4,730
Environment TOTAL	6,182	5,917	6,685

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Environment Committee

Building Control

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge	Charge April 2021 - March 2022	Charge April 2022 - March 2023	Change %
	£ Exc VAT £ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT £ Inc VAT	

Building Control Fee Earning

1.1 Erection of 1 dwelling	591.67	710.00	608.33	730.00	2.8%
1.2 Erection of 2 dwellings	788.33	946.00	812.50	975.00	3.1%
1.3 Erection of 3 dwellings	985.00	1,182.00	1,014.17	1,217.00	3.0%
1.4 Erection of 4 dwellings	1,182.50	1,419.00	1,216.67	1,460.00	2.9%
1.5 Erection of 5 dwellings	1,411.67	1,694.00	1,454.17	1,745.00	3.0%
1.6 Erection of 6 dwellings	1,576.67	1,892.00	1,623.33	1,948.00	3.0%

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	333.33	400.00	343.33	412.00	3.0%
2.2 The conversion in total or part of an attached or integral garage to provide additional habitable accommodation	258.33	310.00	266.67	320.00	3.2%
2.3 The conversion in total or part of a loft where the total floor area of which does not exceed 20m2	426.67	512.00	439.17	527.00	2.9%
2.4 The conversion in total or part of a loft where the total floor area of which exceeds 20m2 but does not exceed 80m2	541.67	650.00	558.33	670.00	3.1%
2.5 Any extension where the total floor area of which does not exceed 20m2 including means of access and works in connection with that extension	426.67	512.00	439.17	527.00	2.9%
2.6 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	591.67	710.00	608.33	730.00	2.8%
2.7 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	716.67	860.00	737.50	885.00	2.9%

Schedule 3 Other Works

3.1 does not exceed £2,000	158.33	190.00	162.50	195.00	2.6%
3.2 exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £5,000	225.00	270.00	233.33	280.00	3.7%
3.3 exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £20,000	275.00	330.00	283.33	340.00	3.0%
Together with for every £1,000 (or part thereof) over £5,000	11.22	13.46	11.67	14.00	4.0%
3.4 exceeds £20,000 but does not exceed £80,000	450.00	540.00	458.33	550.00	1.9%
Together with for every £1,000 (or part thereof) over £20,000	5.61	6.73	5.83	7.00	4.0%
4.1 Replacement of up to 15 No. windows and doors	116.67	140.00	120.83	145.00	3.6%
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	73.33	88.00	3.5%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Charge April 2022 - March 2023		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	162.50	195.00	2.6%
4.4 Inspections outside the scope of the notification framework (per inspection)	70.83	85.00	73.33	88.00	3.5%
4.5 Inspection of dormant projects over 3 years old	92.50	111.00	95.83	115.00	3.6%
4.6 Copy documents on IDOX upto 2006	29.17	35.00	30.00	36.00	2.9%
4.7 Copy documents prior to 2006 (reproduced for conveyance from microfiche) inline with 20 year GDPR retention policy	54.17	65.00	55.83	67.00	3.1%

Building Control Regularisations

1.1 Erection of 1 dwelling	887.50	887.50	913.00	913.00	2.9%
1.2 Erection of 2 dwellings	1,182.50	1,182.50	1,218.00	1,218.00	3.0%
1.3 Erection of 3 dwellings	1,477.50	1,477.50	1,521.00	1,521.00	2.9%
1.4 Erection of 4 dwellings	1,773.75	1,773.75	1,825.00	1,825.00	2.9%
1.5 Erection of 5 dwellings	2,117.50	2,117.50	2,181.00	2,181.00	3.0%
1.6 Erection of 6 dwellings	2,365.00	2,365.00	2,435.00	2,435.00	3.0%

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	515.00	515.00	3.0%
2.2 The conversion in total or part of an attached or integral garage to provide additional habitable accommodation	387.50	387.50	400.00	400.00	3.2%
2.3 The conversion in total or part of a loft where the total floor area of which does not exceed 20m2	640.00	640.00	659.00	659.00	3.0%
2.4 The conversion in total or part of a loft where the total floor area of which exceeds 20m2 but does not exceed 80m2	820.00	820.00	838.00	838.00	2.2%
2.5 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	659.00	659.00	3.0%
2.6 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	912.50	912.50	2.8%
2.7 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	1,107.00	1,107.00	3.0%

Schedule 3 Other Works

3.1 does not exceed £2,000	158.33	190.00	162.50	195.00	2.6%
3.2 exceeds £2,000 but does not exceed £5,000	225.00	270.00	233.33	280.00	3.7%
3.3 exceeds £5,000 but does not exceed £20,000	275.00	330.00	283.33	340.00	3.0%
together with for every £1,000 (or part thereof) over £5,000	11.22	13.46	11.67	14.00	4.0%
3.4 exceeds £20,000 but does not exceed £80,000	450.00	540.00	458.33	550.00	1.9%
together with for every £1,000 (or part thereof) over £20,000	5.61	6.73	5.83	7.00	4.0%
4.1 Replacement of upto 15 No. windows and doors	116.67	140.00	120.83	145.00	3.6%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Charge April 2022 - March 2023		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	70.83	85.00	73.33	88.00	3.5%
(with a cost of work not exceeding £2,000)					
4.3 Domestic thermal insulation upgrade to an individual	158.33	190.00	162.50	195.00	2.6%
element (external walls, floor or roof)	150.55	130.00	102.00	135.00	2.070
4.4 Inspections outside the scope of the notification	70.83	85.00	73.33	88.00	3.5%
framework (per inspection)	70.03	85.00	73.33	88.00	3.576
4.5 Inspection of dormant projects over 3 years old	92.50	111.00	95.83	115.00	3.6%
4.6 Copy documents on IDOX upto 2006	29.17	35.00	30.00	36.00	2.9%
4.7 Copy documents prior to 2006 (reproduced conveyancy					
only copies from microfiche) inline with 20 year GDPR	54.17	65.00	55.83	67.00	3.1%
retention policy					

Appendix B

Environment Committee

Building Control

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

A 3% increase in charges is proposed against the previous year's charges. For building control a biannual increase has been discussed by the shared service board. The fee charging element of building control is a competitive service.

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

A charge is not applicable to building work that benefits a person with disabilities; this could be alterations to increase door widths, a through floor lift or an extension to add a bathroom/bedroom at ground level.

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?

A review of neighbouring local authority charges has been undertaken which indicates that the charges will be toward the upper end assuming our neighbours do not increase their charges.

Equality Impact Assessment

The charges were increased in May 2020 which was the first increase since August 2015. Building Regulations apply to certain building work; the cost of the service is associated with the type of work being carried out. Where work is for the benefit of a disabled person a fee is not charged. This will continue and is set out in our scheme of charges.

Budget Impact

Building Control income is ring-fenced with the aim of achieving full cost recovery. The proposed increase in income is required to offset increased service costs. Some charges are negotiated with customers. Being a competitive service customers have a choice, to appoint the Council or a private approved inspector.

Environment Committee

Community Services - Garden and Bulky Waste

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge		Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Charge April 2022 - March 2023		
	£ 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%	

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Community Services - Garden and Bulky Waste

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

No increase recommended for both garden waste and bulky waste. Garden waste was increased in 2020 above the inflationary rate and the £50 fee currently represents a ceiling charge when benchmarked locally. The bulky waste fee staying at £25 will continue to encourage residents to use this service. We have experienced high levels of flytipping following lockdown 1.0 and any disincentive to use the bulky service should be avoided. The bulky waste service is being very well used and will generate a surplus in 21/22.

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

Cost recovery

Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions

N/A

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?

Yes, other local authority scheme prices monitored – see below

Equality Impact Assessment

N/A

Budget Impact

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Environment Committee

Health and Wellbeing - Dog Warden Service

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

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

Dangerous Wild Animals

First application	180.83	217.00	186.25	223.50	3.0%
Renewal	136.67	164.00	140.83	169.00	3.0%

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	549.17	659.00	565.83	679.00	3.0%
Renewal	499.17	599.00	514.17	617.00	3.0%

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	289.17	347.00	297.92	357.50	3.0%
Renewal	193.33	232.00	199.17	239.00	3.0%

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Environment Committee

Health and Wellbeing - Dog Warden Service

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

3% increase

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?

None

Equality Impact Assessment

Not this year

Budget Impact

Not significant

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41.25

49.50

3.2%

Environment Committee

Health and Wellbeing - Environmental Services

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge	Charge April 2021 - March 2022		Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
Private Water Sampling	58.67	70.40	60.43	72.50	3.0%

39.96

47.95

Private Water Supply Risk Assessment

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Environment Committee

Health and Wellbeing - Environmental Services

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

3% increase

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

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

None

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Environment Committee

Health and Wellbeing - Food Safety

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge	Charge	Charge	Change
	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	%
	£ Exc VAT £ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT £ Inc VAT	

Food Export Health Certificates

			10.00		/
Food Export Certificates (less that 120 a year)	41.67	50.00	42.92	51.50	3.0%
Where more than 120 certificates are issued per vear	33.33	40.00	34.17	41.00	2.5%
For the issue of a Health Certificate where the inspection of a consignment is required	88.33	106.00	90.83	109.00	2.8%
Verification of Organic Shipments	41.67	50.00	42.92	51.50	3.0%

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

Premises	100.00	120.00	102.92	123.50	2.9%
Each person practicing	48.33	58.00	50.00	60.00	3.5%

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	73.75	88.50	2.9%
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme re-score request (per request)	164.17	197.00	169.17	203.00	3.0%
Safer Food Better Business Packs (inc 3 month diary refill)	17.50	21.00	18.00	21.50	2.9%
Safer Food Better Business Diary Refill (12 months)	13.33	16.00	13.75	16.50	3.1%
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	704.17	845.00	3.0%
Annual Renewal Fee	179.17	215.00	184.58	221.50	3.0%
Hourly Rate	60.00	72.00	61.67	74.00	2.8%

Food Hygiene and Health & Safety Training Courses

Full day courses (approx 6 hours)	50.00	60.00	51.67	62.00	3.3%
Half Day Courses (approx 3 hours)	30.83	37.00	31.67	38.00	2.7%
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	322.50	387.00	2.9%

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Health and Wellbeing - Food Safety

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

3.0%

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

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Environment Committee

Health and Wellbeing - Pest Control

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge	Charge	Charge	Change
	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	%
	£ Exc VAT £ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT £ Inc VAT	

Pest Control - DOMESTIC

Rats & Mice

Standard	75.00	90.00	77.50	93.00	3.3%
(extra visit £32)	26.67	32.00	27.50	33.00	3.1%
Benefits – Standard	37.50	45.00	38.75	46.50	3.3%
(extra visit £16)	13.33	16.00	13.75	16.50	3.2%

Wasps

Standard	57.50	69.00	59.23	71.00	3.0%
Standard – additional	18.33	22.00	19.17	23.00	4.6%
Benefits - Single space	28.33	34.00	29.17	35.00	3.0%
Benefit – additional	9.17	11.00	9.58	11.50	4.5%

Fleas / Carpet Moth / Beetle / Cluster Flies / Ants

All Jobs	71.67	86.00	73.75	88.50	2.9%
Benefits	35.83	43.00	37.08	44.50	3.5%
Bedbugs / Cockroaches	28.33	34.00	29.17	35.00	3.0%
Survey - (Quote after visit)	28.33	34.00	29.17	35.00	3.0%

Pest Control - COMMERCIAL

Rats & Mice

Standard	125.83	151.00	129.58	155.50	3.0%
(extra visit £50)	41.67	50.00	42.92	51.50	3.0%
Fleas / Carpet Moth / Beetle / Cluster Flies /					3.2%
Ants	105.00	126.00	108.33	130.00	3.2%

Wasps

Standard	83.33	100.00	85.83	103.00	3.0%
Standard – additional	31.67	38.00	32.50	39.00	2.6%

Bed Bugs

Survey - (Quote after visit)	33.33	40.00	34.17	41.00	2.5%
Call out	33.33	40.00	34.17	41.00	2.5%

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Environment Committee

Health and Wellbeing - Pest Control

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

3% increase as recommended

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

Subsidised

Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions

Half price for customers on certain benefits

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?

South West Pest Liaison Group Members

Equality Impact Assessment

Not this year

Budget Impact

Not significant

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Environment Committee

Health and Wellbeing - Port Health

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

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

Water Sampling PORT (cost per sample)

Bacteriological examination	101.67	122.00	104.58	125.50	2.9%
Legionella examination	113.33	136.00	116.67	140.00	2.9%
Chemical analysis	224.17	269.00	230.83	277.00	3.0%
Organic	40.00	48.00	41.25	49.50	3.1%

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Health and Wellbeing - Port Health

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

Increase of 3%

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

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Environment Committee

Health and Wellbeing - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge		Charge Charge April 2021 - March 2022 April 2022 - March 2023		Change %	
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

From January 2022

Residential properties per m ²	96.52	96.52	96.52	96.52	0.0%
Supermarkets and Retail Warehouses per m ²	90.49	90.49	90.49	90.49	0.0%

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Health and Wellbeing - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

Charges for 2022-23 will remain unchanged until late 2021

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 2022

Description of Charge	Cha April 2021 - I		Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
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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	
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%

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Land and Property

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

No increase for 2022-23

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

Full cost recovery

Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions

N/A

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?

Fees are set to be broadly in-line with and not to exceed our neighbouring authorities in the County.

Equality Impact Assessment

N/A

Budget Impact

N/A

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Environment Committee

Planning - Application Fees

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge	Charge Charge April 2021 - March 2022 April 2022 - March 2023		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 exccess 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/extensisions to single dwellinghouse, including works within boundary	171.67	206.00	171.67	206.00	0.0%	
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Full Applications

Alterations/extensisions to two or more dwellinghouses, including works witin 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, agriculturla, 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	Charge	Change
	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	%
	£ 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 (\pounds 22,859 + additional \pounds 138 for each 0.1 hectare, or part thereof, in excess of 5 hectares to a maximum of \pounds 300,000)	19,049.17	22,859.00	19,049.17	22,859.00	0.0%

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Planning - Application Fees

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

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

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions

N/A

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

Equality Impact Assessment

N/A

Budget Impact

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

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Planning - Applications other than Building Work

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge	Cha April 2021 -	March 2022	April 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%

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)		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	Charge	Change
	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	%
	£ 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 $\pounds 2,028$)	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				

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Planning - Applications other than Building Work

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

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

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions

N/A

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

Equality Impact Assessment

N/A

Budget Impact

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 2022

Description of Charge	Charge	Charge	Change
	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	%
	£ Exc VAT £ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT £ Inc VAT	

Pre-application Advice, Enquiries & Documents Online

Planning permission for dropped kerb	21.67	26.00	22.50	27.00	3.8%
Scheme support indication	53.33	64.00	55.00	66.00	3.1%
Householder proposal enquiry	53.33	64.00	55.00	66.00	3.1%
Non-Householder proposal enquiry	70.00	84.00	72.08	86.50	3.0%
30 Minutes with planner (via a virtual meeting)	63.33	76.00	65.42	78.50	3.3%
60 Minutes with planner (via a virtual meeting)	125.83	151.00	129.58	155.50	3.0%
30 Minutes with planner at applicants property where social distancing can be achieved (not a listed building)	105.00	126.00	108.33	130.00	3.2%
60 Minutes with planner at applicants property (not a listed building)	157.50	189.00	162.08	194.50	2.9%
30 Minutes with a conservation specialist at applicants property where social distancing can be achieved (listed building)	153.33	184.00	157.92	189.50	3.0%
Major housing or commercial projects. First hour of each meeting (additional research £60 per hour)	271.67	326.00	280.00	336.00	3.1%
Planning research	57.50	69.00	59.17	71.00	2.9%
Works to protected trees (history of a site and constraints) per hour and part of thereof	87.50	105.00	90.00	108.00	2.9%
Works to protected trees (TPO and Conservation Areas)	26.67	32.00	27.50	33.00	3.1%
Ecological response on proposed action	41.67	50.00	42.92	51.50	3.0%
Planning Administration Charges (e.g. copy documents) (£20 per half hour plus additional if printed)	18.33	22.00	18.75	22.50	2.3%

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Planning - Pre-Application Fees

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

3%

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

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Planning - Prior Approval

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge	Charge	Charge	Change
	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	%
	£ 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	80.00	96.00	80.00	96.00	0.0%
Registered Nursery 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 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 mot situated on or visible from	110.00	132.00	110.00	132.00	0.0%
the site, directing the public to a business					

Description of Charge	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%

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

		100.00		100.00	0.00/
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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Appendix B

Environment Committee

Planning - Prior Approval

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

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

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions

N/A

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

Equality Impact Assessment

N/A

Budget Impact

These fees are set by central government and cannot be influenced by the Council

Appendix B

Environment Committee

Planning Strategy

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Description of Charge	Charge	Charge	Change
	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	%
	£ 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	C10.00	£12.00	620.00	24.00	100.0%
Local Plan for Public Consultation	£10.00	£12.00	£20.00	24.00	100.0%

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.	£21.25	25.50	£21.67	26.00	2.0%	
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Disbursement Costs (EIR)

A4 Black & White	£0.09	0.10	£0.09	0.11	3.0%
A3 Black & White	£0.21	0.26	£0.22	0.26	3.0%
A4 Colour	£0.43	0.51	£0.44	0.53	3.0%
A3 Colour	£0.85	1.02	£0.88	1.05	3.0%

SATURN Highway Model - Stroud Local Plan forecasts

Access fee	£2,000.00	£2,400.00	£2,000.00	2,400.00	0.0%

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Environment Committee

Planning Strategy

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

3%. Draft Local Plan Review increased substantially due to a much larger draft report document. Stroud District Local Plan and Saturn Highway model no change.

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.

Appendix B

Environment Committee

Private Housing - Land Drainage Consenting

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

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

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Environment Committee

Private Housing - Land Drainage Consenting

Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2022

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year

Not Applicable

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

Statutory Charge

Details of any discretionary discounts or concessions

None

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?

None

Equality Impact Assessment

N/A

Budget Impact

None

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

9 DECEMBER 2021

Report Title	COUNCIL F	PLAN AND	PERFORMANC	E INDICATORS		
	RELEVANT T	O THIS COMI	MITTEE			
Purpose of Report	For the Comm	ittee to agree	Performance India	cators for activities		
	and projects detailed in the adopted Council Plan that relate to					
	this Committee.					
Decision(s)	The Committ	The Committee RESOLVES to agree on the performance				
	indicators that	at are relevan	t to this committe	e.		
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	And					
	The Committ		IENDS to Strate	gy & Resources		
	Committee			•••		
	incorporated	in the Counc	il Plan and update	ed and monitored		
	-		•	ce Management		
	Framework.			5		
Consultation and	Strategic Lead	dership Team	(SLT), Alliance	Leadership Team		
Feedback	(ALT), membe	ers of the C	S&L Committee a	and Lead Officers		
	identified in the	e Council Plan	l.			
Report Author	Sarah Turner,	Senior Policy	and Governance (Officer		
	Email: sarah.tu	urner@stroud.	<u>gov.uk</u>			
Options	None					
Background Papers	N/A					
Appendices			nd performance in	dicators relating to		
	this Committee					
Implications	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental		
(further details at the end of the report)	No	No	Yes	No		

1. BACKGROUND

- **1.1** At its meeting in October Council adopted the Council Plan 2021 2026.
- **1.2** The Council Plan is built on three tiers consisting of our priorities, our objectives and the key projects and activity the council will undertake to achieve our objectives.
- **1.3** To ensure that the council has a co-ordinated approach to delivering its objectives, the key projects and activities have been outlined in the Delivery Plan which also includes the governance arrangements, the timescale for start and completion of the project and the Lead Officer responsible for the successful delivery.

2. MAIN POINTS

2.1 ALT agreed that each committee chair should consult with all members of each committee on the performance indicators, identifying where changes or additions should be made. Appendix A details the delivery plan for this committee with the associated performance indicators.

3. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

- **3.1** The Council's Performance Management Framework has been updated and was agreed at Strategy & Resources Committee in November.
- **3.2** This framework states how the Council Plan will be monitored and reviewed, with the Delivery Plan detailing Performance Indicators against each project or activity to enable progress, or not, to be monitored; the governance arrangements, timescales and lead officer.
- **3.3** The performance indicators are categorised into those that we have direct control over and those we contribute to in partnership but are not wholly responsible for, on a national, regional or local basis, i.e. at county level.
- **3.4** This will be reported by each committee's member performance champions at each cycle of meetings.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications from agreeing a set of performance indicators.

In developing project plans to achieve Council Plan priorities, officers will consider necessary resources and if additional resources are required this will be the subject of a future committee decision.

Andrew Cummings, Strategic Director of Resources Tel: 01453 754115 Email: <u>andrew.cummings@stroud.gov.uk</u>

4.2 Legal Implications

None directly arising from this report but legal advice and support will be provided to lead officers to assist them with the delivery of their performance indicators, as appropriate.

One Legal Tel: 01684 272203 Email: legalservices@onelegal.org.uk

4.3 Equality Implications

There are equality considerations incorporated in the council plan with associated measures, these will be regularly reported.

4.3 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this report, however there are environmental implications within the Council Plan and associated PIs and these will be regularly reported to Committee.

THE DELIVERY PLAN

The Delivery Plan outlines the key projects and activity we are committed to undertaking in order to achieve our objectives. Projects which are contributing to one or more of the priorities are denoted by the use of the related priority colour

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Protecting and enhancing our environment and leading the district to carbon neutrality in 2030

EC1	Tackle the Climate and Ecological Emergency Achieve the commitments set for 2021-2024 of the Strategy to be a carbon neutral and ecologically sound district by 2030						
EC1.1		el strategic overview on delivery, engage with external stakehold		lic, identify fu	nding opportunities and		
			Tir	nescale			
Governance				End	Lead officer		
2030 Core	es Group (Community Engagement Board)	2021	2021	Rachel Brain			
• C	ures: Community Engagement Board work plan identif Community Engagement Board progress to plan i						
• C	Community Engagement Board work plan identif Community Engagement Board progress to plan i		progress towards	the Strategy's	s aims and commitments		
• C • C EC1.2	Community Engagement Board work plan identif Community Engagement Board progress to plan i Establish the performance management of th	ncluded to 2030 annual reporting the 2030 Strategy across the organisation to monitor and report p	-	the Strategy's			
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Plan and implement the community engagement aspect of the Strategy, to include a 2030 community website and direct activities with residents, linking to the \circ Community Engagement Strategy (CW3.1)

Coversance			escale	Lead officer (s)	
Governance		Start	End	Leau Officer (S)	
2030 Core Group (Officer/Member)	Full Council, strategy themes to relevant committee	2021	2022	Georgia Spooner/Liz Shellam	

How will we measure success?

SDC measures:

- 2030 web pages live Spring 2021 •
- Number of activities and residents and other community organisations engaged in community engagement aspect of 2030 strategy ٠

EC	1.5	
\bigcirc	ightarrow	

Explore and progress additional projects for carbon reduction and /or biodiversity net gain and funding opportunities to deliver them.

	Governance		Timescale		Lead officer	
			Start	End		
	2030 Core Group Strategy & Resources Committee / Environment Committee		2021	Ongoing	Rachel Brain	
	How will we measure success?					

SDC measures:

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£s leveraged through successful funding bids and level of associated council investment £s (ongoing 2026) linked to existing and new projects •

EC2	Biodiversity Work with local communities and partners to protect and enhance the district's green infrastructure and biodiversity providing accessible environments that people can enjoy and which positively contribute to their good health and well-being						
EC2.1	Develop a district Local Nature Recovery Strategy (2030 commitment NE7) and seek opportunities for re-wilding to boost biodiversity in partnership						
	Gover	2222	Tim	escale	Lead officer (s)		
	Gover	laite	Start	End	Lead officer (s)		
		Environment Committee	2021	2024	Conrad Moore / Vicki Pettigrew		
How will w	ve measure success?						
• SDC contri	ures: More specific measures being sought for inclus butes to PIs at national, regional or county level: ectarage of re-wilded land	ion here					
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EC2.2	- · · ·	t (Stroud Rural SUDS) for the Frome Valley in Stroud in pa	artnership wi	th the Enviro	nment Agency, working		
	closely with landowners and communities usin	ng innovative flood management techniques	Time	escale			
Governance		Start	End	Lead officer			
Stroud Rural SUDS Project Board Environment Committee			2021	2026	Maria Hickman		
How will w	How will we measure success?						
 SDC measures: Number of interventions installed as part of the natural flood management project Number of landowners engaged with the natural flood management project 							
	Develop and establish an action plan to Increase our tree canopy, woodland and forestry in line with the Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership Tree						
	Governance			escale	Lead officer		
Environment Committee			Start 2021	End 2022	Conrad Moore		
SDC meas	ve measure success? ures: ncrease canopy cover by 20% by 2030 (interim target	s will be identified)					
 EC2.4 Work with partners to protect and enhance green spaces in residential neighbourhoods and town centres, promote 'No Mow May' and adopt best practice for road verges to encourage wildflowers and reduce pesticide use. 							
Governance			Timescale		Lead officer (s)		
Governance		Start	End				
2030 Explore Group on Biodiversity / Market Town Forum Environment Committee			2021	2023	Mike Hammond / Kevin Topping		
How will we measure success? Following a Policy / Strategy being produced then the outcomes could be measured, i.e. how many areas let to grow, possible encourage community groups to be involved							
 SDC measures: Development of a green spaces policy / strategy and implementation of action plan 							

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	Use the Building with Nature standards for I	key regeneration sites across the district			
	Gove	Coversance		escale	Lead officer (s)
Governance			Start	End	
Regeneration and Investment Board Environment Committee / Council			2021	Ongoing	Mark Russell / Alison Fisk
How will w	ve measure success?				
SDC measu	IFOC:				
	of strategic sites in the Local Plan that incorporate	the Building with Nature standards			
	Mobility / transport				
C4		e travel (walking and cycling) and public transport netwo	ork and develop	oment of ele	ctric vehicle charging
	infrastructure working with county and region	•			
EC4.1		& Walking Strategy Task & Finish Group to develop and	•		
		, Dursley and Uley; Wotton-under-Edge and Kingswood,	, support safe o	cycling, and id	dentify and prioritise the
	main strategic cycling routes within the distr	ict.			
	Gove	rnance	Timescale Start End		Lead officer
Cycling & Walking Strategy Task & Finish Group Environment Committee		Environment Committee	2021	2023	Simon Maher
	ve measure success?		2021	2025	Sinon Maner
	&F group allocate funding for cycling and walking p	rojects			
	butes to PIs at national, regional or county level:				
• Pi	rovide input to GCC to aid the production of LCWIP				
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EC5.1	incineration and applying the waste hierarc	chy: prevent, reduce, reuse, recycle, recover a	and as a last resort dispos	al				
• •	Further reduce the quantity of resources discarded as waste and minimise its environmental impact.							
	Governance		Ti	mescale	Lead officer (s)			
			Start	End				
		2021	2023	Mike Towson / Rachel Brain				
How will w	ve measure success?							
SDC meas	ures:							
• N	 NI191 - % total household waste not sent for recycling, reuse, composting add weight or % change 							
EC5.2								
	Work with our partner Ubico to identify join	nt opportunities for carbon reduction projec	ts in household collection	and manager	ment of public spaces			
				and manager				
	Covernance		Ti	mescale	Lead officer			
Governance		Start	End					
		Environment Committee	2022	2025	Mike Towson			
	ve measure success?			2023				
SDC meas	ures: Jumber of carbon reduction projects scoped with Support the phasing out of single use plast	Ubico, including analysis of potential carbon savir ics in the district and encourage and support	ng local initiatives to 'reduce		ecycle'			
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Governance			Timescale		Lead officer		
Govern			Start	End			
		Environment Committee	2022	2023	Mike Towson		
How will v	How will we measure success?						
SDC measures: • NI192 - % of recycling year on year							
EC6	Renewable energy Increase the proportion of energy generated by renewable sources in the district and work on decarbonising existing networks						
EC6.1	Continue to increase renewable generation in the district and to decarbonise existing networks, and support community-owned renewable energy						
	Goveri	220CA	Time	escale	Lead officer		
	Goven	laite	Start	End			
2030 Governance Energy Explore Group		Environment Committee	2021	Ongoing	Rachel Brain		
 SDC measures: Achieve 36% of energy generated from renewable sources (baseline 12%) Number of community owned renewable energy schemes supported 							
EC6.3 Increase the proportion of Council and partner fleet vehicles powered by zero or low carbon technologies							
	Covernance			escale	Lead officer (s)		
Governance			Start	End			
		Environment Committee	2021	Ongoing	Joe Gordon / Mike Hammond / Mike Towson		
How will we measure success? Possible CO ₂ measures SDC measures: • % increase of fleet vehicles powered by zero or low carbon tech							

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PRIORITY: ECONOMIC, RECOVERY AND REGENERATION

Supporting a thriving and resilient economy

ER5	Strategic Planning Adopt the new Stroud District Local Plan				
ER5.1	Progress the Local Plan through public examination and secure its adoption				
	Couerne		Tim	escale	Lead officer
	Governa	nce	Start	End	Lead officer
		Environment Committee / Council	2021	2022	Mark Russell
	e measure success?				
SDC measu • Lo	ocal Plan adopted by 2022				
ER5.2					
	Support the delivery of strategic site allocations	contained within the local plan and the key infrastructu	ire required	to support if	t
	Governance		Timescale		Lead officer
			Start	End	
	e measure success?	Environment Committee / Council	2021	2026	Mark Russell
SDC measu N ER5.3	umber of houses built and hectarage of employment I	and developed rhood Development Plans and Orders to meet local dev	velopment n	eeds	
			Tim	escale	
	Governance		Start	Lead offi	
		Environment Committee / Council	2021	Ongoing	Mark Russell
SDC measu	re measure success? Ires: umber of Neighbourhood Development Plans and Ord	ers progressed or reviewed			

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STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

9 DECEMBER 2021

Report Title	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - SPENDING ALLOCATIONS FOR 2022/2023			
Purpose of Report Decision(s)	 Stroud District Council implemented its CIL Charging Schedule in April 2017 and has been collecting payments on planning permissions implemented since this date. CIL should be used towards providing for any additional demand placed on the local environment and services created by new growth. Project Bids have been received from organisations wishing gain funding support to deliver infrastructure that aligns with planning policy. This report sets out the officers funding recommendations for projects requesting support in 2022/2023 financial year. The Committee RECOMMENDS to Strategy & Resources that 			
Consultation and Feedback	funding commitments are agreed according to the report.1. CIL Bids were passed to Council Officers with a specialist in that particular subject field who were able to pass comment on the contents of bids received and quality of proposed projects.2. An informal members' information session was conducted through Zoom on 11 th November 2021 where the CIL process was explained and project proposals outlined.			
Report Author	Krista Harris, Senior Community Infrastructure Officer Email: krista.harris@stroud.gov.uk			
Options	Options are: 1. Approve the proposed CIL spending allocations; or 2. Amend the proposed CIL spending allocations, or 3. Delay the proposed CIL spending allocations for further internal discussion.			
Background Papers	 The following papers have been placed on the Members Hub: 1. CIL Strategic Funding Guidance Notes for applicant organisations 2022/23 2. Copies of Bids received in this years 2021 funding application round An Information Sheet has also been provided to Environment Committee which provides an update on projects approved in previous CIL funding rounds. 			
Appendices	Appendix A – Summary of Funding Recommendations 2022/23 Appendix B - Infrastructure Needs Identified in next 5 years			
Implications	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
(further details at the end of the report)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced by government in 2010 as a mechanism to fund the infrastructure required to deliver new development achieved under Local Plan growth strategies. Stroud District Council adopted and implemented the CIL charge from April 2017. CIL only partially replaces the S106 arrangements which continue to be used only for the very large strategic sites identified in the Local Plan.
- 1.2 Since the Council first started collecting CIL, the Strategic Infrastructure Budget has received £923,485 (April 2017 to March 2021). For the last two years, the Council has invited partner delivery organisations to bid for CIL funding through a formal bidding process which is explained in the schemes Guidance Notes and accompanied by a Bid Proforma. So far (in 2019 and 2020) £386,050 of strategic CIL has been formally allocated to eligible infrastructure projects; a summary of their progress to date has been provided to Environment Committee.
- **1.3** Earlier this year, the council opened up its 2021 Bidding round. This year's income of £400,787 together with amounts purposefully retained from last year, means the Council have a total available Strategic Infrastructure Budget of £537,435 to commit to priority infrastructure projects.
- **1.4** Copies of this year's bids have been provided to elected Members through the Members Hub. In November, CIL Officers have also lead two informal information sessions for members on the CIL process and the content of this years Bids.
- **1.5** This report covers the results of this year's assessment mechanism and sets out a recommended spend for next financial year 2022/23.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1 The projects that CIL can be spent on are broadly grouped into capital infrastructure items such as education, social infrastructure, transport and strategic flood risk. These are outlined in the Councils Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) and related Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). Projects must also strongly align with the strategic planning objectives set out in the Councils adopted Local Plan.
- **2.2** 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 Strategic infrastructure providers who deliver these service types were contacted with information on the CIL strategic funding opportunity. 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** The CIL Funding Scheme Guidance Notes provide a comprehensive overview of the schemes intentions and conditions. In addition to strongly aligning with essential Planning Policy, the Guidance Notes stress the importance of projects being 'strategic' in scope, and that they must be well defined, deliverable and offer value for money.

- 2.5 Following the closing date for Bids in September 2021, the Council received nine formal bids requesting funding for next financial year April 2022- March 2023. A panel consisting of Planning Managers and CIL Officers then scrutinised the bids according to the assessment matrix previously approved by Council in December 2018.
- **2.6** The assessment process also involved consultation with other specialist officers within the Council who were able to further assess the merits of individual applications. Where necessary applicant organisations received requests for further information.
- **2.7** Of these projects, four strongly aligned with priority planning policy, evidenced strategic need and were accompanied by thorough project/business plans. These are all recommended to receive their full funding requests, these are:
 - Nailsworth Flood prevention and drainage scheme (£52,500)
 - Archway School 3G AstroTurf Pitch (£150,000)
 - Stratford Park's Outdoor Pool heat exchange (£20,000)
 - Cainscross Cycle Scheme Feasibility Study (request for project variation of last year's £75,000 commitment).
- **2.8** The Nailsworth Flood Prevention and Drainage scheme provides for a critical missing link in what is a huge undertaking by the Environment Agency (EA) and GCC in the Nailsworth Valley area. EA funding primarily focusses on protecting residential dwellings, whereas this CIL funded project (that would otherwise miss out on support), focusses on alleviating key blockages to water drainage within the town centre. Affected businesses, key transport routes, and the communities' ability to access the town centre will be particularly positively affected by these proposed works.
- **2.9** The 3G AstroTurf Pitch at Archway School is a very exciting opportunity not only for the pupils of the school who would greatly benefit, but also for the wider community of Stroud who are invited to use the facility outside school hours. This kind of sports pitch has been identified as a priority need within the Councils Local Plan and Health and Wellbeing Sports Strategies. This state-of-the-art facility is due to benefit from £600k Sports England Funding if a commitment from CIL is secured. This is a time-critical opportunity which would turn what was an 'expression of interest' into a project promising delivery next year.
- **2.10** Stratford Parks Outdoor Pool is a popular and iconic recreational destination for people of the Stroud District, with a visitor reach far beyond Stroud Town. This project will utilise waste heat from the CHP to help heat the outdoor pool by around 3 degrees. The current temperature of the pool is well known to be very cold, which heavily restricts its use despite interest. This project promises quick delivery and a great value return for the investment.
- 2.11 The Bid for the 'Cainscross Cycle Scheme Feasibility Study' is slightly different in that that is requests the re-purposing of the project Bid approved in last year's CIL funding round. The former Bid requested £75k towards soft cycle segregation measures along Cainsross Road, which is a key travel route but notoriously dangerous for cyclists. Since the Bid was approved however, the Government introduced new cycle legislation meaning that the approved proposal was non-compliant. GCC have requested that the money be used to create a feasibility study which would enable design schemes that could be implemented. After detailed consideration and consultation, it is recommended that this request be approved as it will undoubtedly help unlock solutions to what is a critical area of need and will contribute towards increased cycle use.

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- 2.12 Whilst the other 5 Bids were welcomed, the Bids themselves either did not fully meet the Schemes conditions or criteria, or had important elements in need of further development. These included GCC's Educational places at Tilsdown, GCC's Stroud's Fire and Rescue Station Community Hub, GCC's Relocation of Stroud Library, Stroud Subscription Rooms and Stroud Valleys Project Tree Planting. All project groups will be provided with constructive feedback on where the Bids could be improved and will have the opportunity to re-apply next year.
- **2.13** Of course with CIL partially replacing S106 agreements, the County Council has indicated a significant need for investment schools, libraries, 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. A list of these forthcoming investment areas is given at the end of Appendix B. The ability for CIL 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. The suggested CIL project investment for 2022/23 is £222,500, which will come from the secured CIL budget of £537,435 available.
- **3.2** Not all of the available funding is proposed to be spent this year; instead, it is considered prudent to retain £314,935 in recognition of the important projects that have expressed an interest in CIL but are currently in the stages of more detailed development.
- **3.3** Whilst these future infrastructure needs are supported through the Councils Planning Policies, the level of financial support required is likely to be far in excess of what can be collected by Stroud District Council's CIL. Those organisations must understand the limitations of Stroud District Councils CIL income and the need for them to seek additional funding from other sources.

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 the Council 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 transport, flood defences, schools hospitals and other health and social care facilities pursuant to Section 216(2) of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 59 of the Regulations.

The levy can, therefore, be used to fund a very broad range of facilities such as play areas, open spaces, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, healthcare facilities,

academies and free schools, district heating schemes and police stations and other community safety facilities. This flexibility gives the Council the ability to choose what infrastructure it needs to deliver the Local Plan.

Charging authorities may not use the levy to fund affordable housing.

The levy can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure, if that is necessary to support development.

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

CIL funding is based on growth and infrastructure requirements set out in the Local Plan, which has been subject to EIA. Consequently, there are no actions in or as a result of this report that will have a negative impact on Equalities or any groups recognised in an EIA.

4.4 Environmental Implications

The recommended projects invest in infrastructure that promise to bring significant positive benefits to the Environment. Facilities that reduce the need for motorised travel, supporting public transport and promoting clean travel (walking and cycling) and flood management schemes.

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

Recommended Project Approvals for 2022/23 Financial Year

CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme – 2021 Bid round

Project Name & Applicant Organisation	Brief Description of Project Proposal	CIL Funding Requested	Recommended CIL funding allocation for 22/23
Nailsworth drainage improvement scheme. Applicant Organisation: Gloucestershire County Council	Responding to the flooding in 2020 where 38 businesses and 8 homes we affected due to localised rainfall. This project will upgrade highway infrastructure and provide significant improvements to drainage. It forms a small part of a much wider schemed funded by the Environment Agency and GCC.	£52,500	£52,500
Archway School and Sports Centre 3G Astroturf Pitch. Applicant Organisation: Gloucestershire County Council	The creation of a 3G Astroturf Pitch which is desperately needed in the area as evidenced by planning policy. The pitch has a well-developed Business Plan which includes public use of the facility outside school hours. The CIL funding will help secure considerable funding support from Sports England to help deliver the scheme.	£150,000	£150,000
Stroud Outdoor Pool / Lido. Applicant Organisation: Stroud District Council	Using waste heat from the CHP, an exchange unit will pipe warmed water to the outdoor pool, increasing the water temperature by 2-3 degrees. This slight heating would make a big impact for user comfort and help make the outdoor pool a more useable venue for wider use and increasing opening times.	£20,000	£20,000
Cainscross cycle scheme feasibility study. Applicant Organisation: Gloucestershire County Council	Request to repurpose funding allocated last year to provide for detailed feasibility study to find schemes to resolve cycle safety issues along the Cainscross Road; a key travel arterial route for Stroud. This is required due to a change in National Cycle Legislation making the original proposal non-compliant and solutions remain in urgent need of specialist review.	£75,000	Project Variation Agreement request: Approval Recommended

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Project Bids <u>not recommended</u> for funding in 2022/2023

CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme – 2021 Bid round

Project Name & Applicant Organisation	Brief Lescription of Project Proposal	
Additional education places at Tilsdown School Applicant Organisation: Gloucestershire County Council	Contribution to provide additional education place local to the outline planning application known as Tilsdown (15 dwellings, full planning permission is not yet approved so commencement/new residents are a few years away). Actual project works are not defined within the bid which is a requirement of the scheme. This Bid is considered to be slightly premature.	£257,159
Stroud Fire & Rescue Community Hub Applicant Organisation: Gloucestershire County Council	This proposal is to develop a 'Community Hub' at Stroud Fire Station working with other organisations. There are some concerns over possible duplication of services with established Community Hubs at Paganhill and Cashes Green who have not yet been consulted with. Further feasibility works are considered necessary.	£325,000
Relocation of Stroud Library Applicant Organisation: Gloucestershire County Council	Relocation of Stroud Library to Five Valleys Shopping Centre, providing more accessible, spacious facilities and new community initiatives such as flexible workspace. GCC confirmed that negotiations are at an early stage; GCC capital funds have not been finalised and will not be known until February 2022. With funding plans and the funding need for CIL unclear, this bid is considered to be premature.	£339,000
Stroud Subscription Rooms Applicant Organisation: Stroud Town Council	Refurbish and re-equip George Rooms, increase capacity of ball room by renovating balcony, installation of footfall counters. Some concerns how the proposed projects relate to priority infrastructure needs identified within planning policy and relationship to mitigating the impacts of growth. The use of the balcony also raises concerns with SDC licensing Officers on the basis of noise management which is not addressed in the bid.	£70,000
Stroud District Tree Planting Scheme Applicant Organisation: Stroud Valleys Project	Tree planting at multiple sites across the district by the very well regarded Stroud Valleys Project. Despite recognition of the project merits, half of the requested funding is for salary costs which cannot be supported by CIL. The remaining capital funding requirements are not large enough to be considered for the CIL Strategic Infrastructure Scheme. The Bid has been passed to other SDC Service areas to seek other support avenues.	£17,000

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Potential future project investment areas for CIL Strategic Funding

as identified through Expressions of Interest forms or Bid related correspondence during the CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme Bid rounds.

Project name & Location	Estimated funding need
A419 Golden Valley Cycle Route - Stroud to Chalford	£20 million
B4066 corridor improvements, Berkeley	tbc
Brimscombe Port Regeneration	£500k
Cainscross Roundabout design	tbc
Cam & Dursley Greenway Capital Delivery	£10 million
Canal Infrastructure	£1 million
Community Tree Planting by Stroud Valleys Project	£20,000
Cycle access improvements Stroud Corridor	tbc
Development of new waste treatment site at Frampton	£300,000
Electric Vehicle Charging Point Role-Out (GCC Highways)	tbc
Bus Stop Infrastructure works (GCC Highways)	£25,000
THINK Travel Cycle parking / School crossings (GCC Highways)	£30,000
Glos Police Community CCTV	tbc
Kingswood Primary School relocation and expansion	£3.2 million
Leonard Stanley Primary School expansion	£1.4 million
M5 Junctions 12, 13 & 14 capacity improvements	tbc
Merrywalks Roundabout Redesign	£1 million
Nailsworth Roundabout - GCC Highways	tbc
New railway station(s) south of Gloucester, north of Bristol	tbc
Redevelopment of Stroud Library	£50-£100k
River Frome Restoration (Environment Agency and Rivers Trust)	£100,000
Route 45 Cycle Track Improvements	tbc
Rural Suds (annual programme)	£30,000
Standish to Gloucester Greenway	tbc
Strategic Park & Interchange hub scheme for M5 J13 / A419	tbc
Stratford Park Outdoor Pool improvements	£40,000
Stroud Museum in the Park collections centre (SDC)	£5 million
Stroud Station Integrated Transport Hub	£4 million
Stroud Subscription Rooms	£1 million
SVP Development of a new Green Burial Ground	£15,000
The Pulse, Dursley - Pool upgrade	£ millions
Wotton Community Sports Foundations - new pavilion	tbc

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

9 DECEMBER 2021

Report Title	ESTABLISHME	NT OF STRAT	EGIC PLANNIN	IG ADVISORY
	BOARD			
Purpose of Report	To seek the Committee's approval for the establishment			ablishment of a
	Strategic Plannir	ng Advisory Boar	d, as an officer/m	nember advisory
	body considering matters of strategic planning policy a			ing policy and
	reviewing their in	mplementation.		
Decision(s)	Environment C	ommittee RESC	LVES to:	
	a) Establish th	o Stratogic Plan	ning Advisory	Board
		e Strategic Flan	ining Advisory	board
	b) Approve the	e draft Terms o	f Reference for	the proposed
		attached as App		
Consultation and	The proposal and draft Terms of Reference have been discussed			
Feedback	with the Council's Strategic Leadership Team as well as a cross-			
	party group of elected members.			
Report Author	Brendan Cleere, Strategic Director of Place			
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Options	The option of not establishing the Board has been considered.			
		nmended becaus		,
		elop policy, adv	•	d to matters of
	importance to the strategic planning of the area.			
Background Papers	None			
Appendices	Appendix A – Draft Terms of Reference for Strategic Planning			
	Advisory Board			
Implications	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
(further details at the end of the report)	No	No	No	No

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members of the Committee will be aware that a Planning Review Panel (PRP) existed previously, with a remit to examine key issues affecting local and national planning policies and to consider their impact upon the Council's strategic planning work.
- 1.2 PRP was first formed in 2014 and, in recent years, has played an important formative role in the development of the draft new Local Plan, approved by Environment Committee and Full Council and recently submitted to Government.
- 1.3 Originally, PRP had been established as an advisory body to Strategy and Resources Committee. However, the responsibility for strategic planning policy now rests with

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Environment Committee. It is important that linkage to a committee is clear, both in terms of the proposed function and membership.

1.4 This report now proposes the establishment of a Strategic Planning Advisory Board, linked more clearly to Environment Committee.

2. THE PROPOSED STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

- 2.1 The proposed new Strategic Planning Advisory Board will act as an officer/member advisory body to Environment Committee, considering matters of strategic planning policy and reviewing their implementation. A draft Terms of Reference is attached as Appendix A.
- 2.2 Separately, and outside matters relating to strategic planning policy, it is acknowledged that concerns have been raised by members about the Council's development management (planning applications) service, including the planning enforcement function. These matters, which are the responsibility of the Development Control Committee (DCC), have recently been the subject of an in-depth review by the Council's Internal Audit Service, with recommendations presented to Audit and Standards Committee on 30 November 2021. One of the key recommendations was for the establishment of a new member/officer working group, with elected members drawn from DCC to oversee performance management of the Development Management Service and other issues. Work is now under way to establish this Group and a report will come to DCC in early 2022.
- 2.3 To provide clarity and avoid any potential confusion with the development management service and the separate matters referred to in para 2.2 above, it is proposed that the new body is titled the *Strategic Planning Advisory Board*.
- 2.4 Further details of the proposed new Board's role, membership and reporting arrangements are provided within the draft Terms of Reference attached as Appendix A.

3. IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this decision.

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3.2 Legal Implications

There are no significant legal implications arising directly from this report. The proposed Board will be purely advisory and as such the Board will not have any decision making power.

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3.3 Equality Implications

An EIA is not required because there are no any specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision. However, equality impact assessments may be carried out in the future, based on activities and recommendations of the proposed Board.

3.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant environmental implications at this time, arising from a decision to establish a Board. However, the activities and recommendations of the proposed Board will be likely to have environmental implications which will be assessed at the appropriate time.

Strategic Planning Advisory Board

Terms of Reference (Draft)

Purpose

The Strategic Planning Advisory Board will act as an officer and member working group, considering matters of strategic planning policy, reviewing their implementation and recommending accordingly to the Environment Committee.

Functions

The Board will carry out the following functions:

- To provide input to the development of the Council's strategic planning policies and consider issues affecting their delivery.
- To advise on responses to national/regional/county consultation exercises in relation to strategic planning.
- To review planning appeal decisions (of the Council and potentially other authorities) which have key implications for the Council's strategic planning policies and their delivery.

Membership

Membership of this officer/member advisory body will be as follows:

Elected Members

There will be up to eight elected members on the Board, with the majority being drawn from Environment Committee. It will be a cross-party board, comprising three members from the main opposition party/parties and four members from the administration party/parties. One of the Board members will be the Chair of Development Control Committee.

Members will be nominated by Political Group Leaders, in consultation with the Chair of Environment Committee.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Board will be appointed by the Chair of Environment Committee.

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Officers

Officer members of the Board will comprise:

- Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development.
- Head of Development Management.
- Planning Strategy Lead.
- Other officers as required, to attend for specific items.

Confidentiality

The Board's meetings will be confidential.

Meeting Frequency and Papers

The Board will meet on a quarterly basis. Meetings may be held more often should the need arise, or be cancelled if there is not sufficient business, by agreement with the Chair.

Agendas and supporting papers will be circulated in a timely manner, ideally one week in advance of any meeting.

Reporting Back to Environment Committee

As an advisory body, the Board will report back to Environment Committee, summarising broad items discussed, advising on strategic planning matters and making recommendations where appropriate. The Board will have no decision making powers and any matters requiring decision will be taken by Environment Committee.

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET (NO.1) 9 November 2021

Project delivery update: CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was first adopted by Stroud District Council in 2017. Environment Committee approved the first 2 years of funding allocations for its for Strategic Infrastructure Projects in December of 2019 and 2020, these are shown in Appendix 1

This information sheet aims to give a brief update on the progress made on delivering those projects and the subsequent financial claims.

2019 allocations: River Frome Restoration, Rural SuDS & SVP Tree Planting.

The delivery of all three projects were dependent on people being able to meet on site and working alongside each other, so it is understandable that physical works programmed to be undertaken between April 2020 and March 2021 faced significant disruption and delays due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

These projects are now progressing very well with at least 50% of physical works completed. Full project completion is assured by the end of this financial year March 2022 and all financial commitments are expected to be claimed.

Hardwicke Youth Centre. The Parish Council are working closely with SDC's Youth Services team where a tour of youth facilities has been arranged to help design the facility. Since the bid was submitted, another potential property has become an option, so additional time is needed to assess the best option with architects. This may subsequently impact on the projected capital delivery timescales, but is necessary work to get the best result.

<u>Uley, Cam to Dursley Greenway (Design).</u> GCC's design contractor has commenced preliminary assessments that will inform the rest of the work including timescales. This initial assessment should evaluate the impact of recent changes to cycleway legislation (LTN 1/20) which have caused concerns of resulting works being delivered to the new required standards.

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<u>Cam & Dursley Rail Station Enhancements.</u> GCC's Integrated Transport Unit confirmed expenditure of £8,110 on cycle shelter improvements and motorcycle parking racks. The existing on-site bus shelter will be replaced before March 2022. The carpark expansion (eastern section) requires further assessment with contractors due to the limited amount of land available.

Cainscross segregated cycleway. This bid was originally approved to deliver physical safety improvements for cyclists along Cainscross Road. National cycleway legislation has since changed meaning that the project intentions became non-complaint with the new regulations (LTN 1/20). GCC have therefore requested that SDC consider agreeing to repurpose the allocated CIL funding to provide an in-depth feasibility study that would result in a workable and compliant project design. This revised proposal has the support of SDC Officers.

Stroud to Nailsworth Cycletrack Upgrade. GCC report that project works are proceeding well; the re-decking of Birds Crossing footbridge and ramps by the Priory Woodchester are completed which is a substantial achievement. The contract has been let for the work between Birds Crossing and Station Road to widen the available path and planning permission has been granted for works on Newman-Henders Bridge, which is on course to start in February 2022.

Frampton Cycle Path. Frampton Parish Council continue to work very closely with GCC Highways who will be undertaking the delivery of the physical works. A Stage 1 Safety Audit to be followed by the final public engagement period with local residents. The 8 week programme is on track to commence in February 2022.

Waste Vehicle In-Cab Technology. SDC Community Services and IT Services have been progressing through the project development phase which has complex technical demands. Unforeseen software and legal considerations have been identified which will require further work and is therefore likely to cause slight delays to anticipated delivery timescales. Working with Ubico, the next step is to procure an appropriate system. Software design and implementation is expected to commence in 2022/2023.

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CIL Funding Commitments 2020-2022

2020/21 Project allocations	Outline	Total Project Costs	CIL Funding Approved
Environment Agency and Rivers Trust Stroud to Salmon Springs – River Restoration	Physical works to address problems on the River Frome with restoration measures and conservation objectives.	£600,000	£60,000
Stroud Valleys Project Strategic Tree Planting	Planting of between 4000-5000 trees and hedges to improve green infrastructure across the District. Helps reduce flood risk, mitigate carbon emissions.	£20,000	£14,000
Rural SuDS Partnership project (lead SDC)	Working with natural processes to elevate flooding and to protect/enhance riverine habitats.	£85,000	£30,000
		Total	£104,000

2022/22 Project allocations	Outline	Total Project Costs	CIL Funding Approved
Hardwicke Youth Centre (Hardwicke PC & SDC Youth Services)	Construction of a designated Youth Centre.	£90,000	£15,000
Uley, Cam to Dursley Greenway - Design Phase (GCC Highways)	Design work to help plan for the construction phases of the Greenway, particularly the central "missing link" between the two settlements.	£50,000	£25,000
Cam & Dursley Rail Station Enhancements (GCC Highways)	Creation of a 25 space car park on GCC owned land, cycle racks and passenger shelter.	£71,050	£71,050
Cainscross segregated cycleway (GCC Highways)	Upgrade 1.25km of exiting cycle lanes to provide light segregation between Lansdown and Cainscross Roundabout, connecting to onward strategic routes.	£75,000	£25,000
Stroud to Nailsworth Cycletrack Upgrade (GCC Highways)	A key cycle route in the district, funding to make the Newman Henders Bridge safe to use and essential track maintenance.	£169,000	£116,000
Frampton Cycle Path (Frampton PC & GCC Highways)	Creation of a safe link between the village and the canal in association with the complete canal restoration work. The area is seeing increased numbers in visitors.	£57,500	£10,000
In-Cab Technology for Waste Vehicles (SDC Community Services)	Provision of IT infrastructure and associated software within the district wide waste collection vehicles.	£120,000	£20,000
		Total	£282,050

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

9 DECEMBER 2021

WORK PROGRAMME

Date of meeting	Matter to be considered	Notes (e.g. lead Member/Officer)
03.02.22	Member Reports a) Planning Review Panel b) Stroud Regeneration Committee c) Performance Monitoring	Councillor Layfield Councillors Bennett and James
31.03.22	Budget Monitoring Q32030 Annual ReportLitter Bin PolicyMitigation Strategies – RodboroughCommon, Severn Estuary and CotswoldBeechwoods	Accountant Senior Carbon Neutral Officer Community Services Manager Principal Planning Officer
51.03.22	 Member Reports a) Cycling and Walking Strategy Task and Finish Group b) Planning Review Panel c) Stroud Regeneration Committee d) Performance Monitoring 	Councillor Turner (Chair) Councillor Layfield Councillors Bennett and James

Reports for future meetings

- Community Involvement
- Report on Glover Review
- Building Back Better Strategy
- District Nature Recovery Strategy
- Tree Strategy
- Stroud District Canals Strategy May 2022
- Draft Mitigation Strategy Spring/Summer 2022

Published Members' Information Sheets			
Date sent (& Ref No)	Торіс	Notes (e.g. responsible officer)	
E-2021/22 – 001	CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme	Krista Harris	

Information Sheets for Future Meetings:

Marine Management Organisation and Marine Management Plan – TBC Ubico Fleet Electrification – December 2021