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18 January 2023

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Services and Licensing Committee will be held on **THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY 2023** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm**

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.

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AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies of absence.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES (Pages 3 - 8)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2022.
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, 20 January 2023

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

5. **MEMBER QUESTIONS**
See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.
6. **STRATFORD PARK TENNIS COURTS (Pages 9 - 16)**
To approve the refurbishment of Stratford Park Tennis Courts.
7. **MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT (TO NOTE)**
 - (a) Police and Crime Panel (Pages 17 - 18)
 - (b) Cost of Living Crisis (CoL) Briefing (Pages 19 - 26)
 - (c) Update on Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) - Verbal Update
8. **WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 27 - 28)**
To consider the work programme.

Members of Community Services and Licensing Committee

Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Craig
Councillor Kate Crews
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds
Councillor Trevor Hall
Councillor Julie Job

Councillor Beki Aldam (Vice-Chair)

Councillor John Jones
Councillor Gill Oxley
Councillor Nigel Prenter
Councillor Steve Robinson
Councillor Ken Tucker



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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

1 December 2022

7.00 pm - 8.24 pm

Council Chamber

Minutes

Membership

* Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)

- * Councillor Gordon Craig
- Councillor Kate Crews
- Councillor Jonathan Edmunds
- * Councillor Trevor Hall
- Councillor Julie Job
- * Absent

Councillor Beki Aldam (Vice Chair in Chair)

- * Councillor John Jones
- * Councillor Gill Oxley
- Councillor Nigel Prenter
- Councillor Steve Robinson
- Councillor Ken Tucker

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Communities
Licensing Manager
Accountant

Interim Head of Community Services
Democracy & Information Governance Officer

The Vice-Chair in Chair, Councillor Aldam gave best wishes on behalf of the Committee to the Chair, Councillor Brine and his family. She continued and provided an update on the Cost of Living progress since the last Full Council and explained a plan had been produced which included six main areas (customer enquiries, mapping gaps and Parish and Town Councils, warm spaces, Household Support Fund, Comms and Tenants Resilience). Finally, she referred Committee to the printed handout of the Stroud Arts Festival Limited report in front of them who were also looking for Trustees.

CSLC.019 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brine, Craig, Hall, J Jones and Oxley.

As Councillor Brine had provided his apologies for the meeting, Councillor Aldam proceeded as Vice-Chair in Chair for the meeting.

CSLC.020 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

CSLC.021 Minutes

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2022 were approved as a correct record.

CSLC.022 Public Question Time

There were none.

CSLC.023 Member Questions

There were none.

CSLC.024 Performance Monitoring Q1

Councillor Robinson asked for an update relating to the Service Level Agreement for Citizens Advice. The Strategic Director of Communities confirmed it had been signed.

CSLC.025 Performance Monitoring Q2

There were no questions relating to Performance Monitoring Q2.

CSLC.026 Community Services and Licensing Committee Budget Monitoring Q1 2022/23

The Accountant advised Committee that the report had been delayed to December Committee from September as a result of the period of National Mourning following Her Majesty the Queens death. The report outlined the outturn budget variants as at the 30 June 2022.

The following answers were provided to questions asked by Members:

- The Accountant would check with the Senior Community Services Officer in relation to the Public Space budget relating to Ash Dieback and would provide a response outside of Committee.
- The Interim Head of Community Services would provide an update outside of Committee to Councillor Robinson related to the Nailsworth public conveniences planned upgrade as referenced in 3.7 of the report.
- A list of all Stroud District Council (SDC) woodlands would be circulated after Committee.
- A readjustment on the forecast related to the Pulse was made between Q1 and Q2 due to utility costs.
- The Accountant would ask the Revenue and Benefit Manager to provide further overview relating to the Housing Benefit subsidy claims for circulation outside of Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson and Seconded by Councillor Prenter.

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.

CSLC.027 Community Services and Licensing Budget Monitoring Report Q2 2022/23

The Accountant introduced the report and advised Committee of the forecast return as of the 30th September 2022 and brought Members attention to paragraph 3.2 relating to the gas and electric costs of the Council, including the sport centres as direct result of the Cost of

Living crisis. She continued and advised that SDC are liable for and additional charge over the benchmarked consumption at Stratford Park Leisure Centre.

The below answered were given in response to Councillor Prenter's questions:

- Forecast projection had been done until the end of the year for expected energy usage for the Leisure Centres which the Interim Head of Community Services would circulate.
- Increased costs would be present whilst the energy crisis continued.
- Officers continue to look where cost savings could be made through operational procedures.
- SDC were not receiving any additional Government help for energy usage.

Councillor Edmunds asked on progress on Kingshill House Business Plan. The Accountant advised she would contact the Property Manager if there was any further update and circulate outside of Committee.

Proposed by Councillor Edmunds and Seconded by Councillor Robinson.

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

RESOVLED To note the outturn forecast or the General Fund Revenue Budget and the Capital Programme for this Committee.

CSLC.028 Community Services and Licensing Committee Revenue and Estimates – Revised 2022/23 and Original 2023/24

The Accountant introduced the report and highlighted the key variances which included increased energy costs to SDC which included the Leisure Centres and Museum in the Park, any proposed budget adjustments and fees and charges growth of 5% in line with the Budget Strategy for 2023/24 (unless dictated in statue).

Councillor Edmunds queried what progress had been made for securing additional funding for the Lido. The Interim Head of Community Services advised quotes were being obtained relating to the immediate essential work that was required at the Lido which would then allow SDC to apply for additional funding.

Councillor Crews advised the Friends of the Lido continued to ask for longer seasonal hours. The Interim Head of Community Services advised the Task and Finish Group would be reformed in January ahead of the forthcoming season.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson and Seconded by Councillor Edmunds.

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

RECOMMENDED a) The revised Community Services and Licensing revenue budget to Strategy and for 2022/23 and original 2023/24 revenue budget are approved. Resources b) The Fees and Charges list as shown at Appendix is approved. Committee:

CSLC.029 Vehicle Emissions Policy for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles for consultation

The Licensing Manager advised Committee the report aligned with the Council Plan to consider moving from an age condition to emission condition policy for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles. The current policy stated a vehicle could not be more than 5 years old on first

licence and could be renewed up to 10 years old with wheelchair accessible, electric and Elite vehicles being exempt from the age policy.

The Task and Finish Group recommended an interim measure policy based on Euro 6 compliance (latest compliance level for vehicle emissions from 2015 car registrations onwards) on renewal of the licence and to remove the current exemption for Elite vehicles. The group recognised there currently was not the Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure in the district, there were higher costs to purchasing electric vehicles and there was limited second hand purchase availability to enforce mandatory electric taxi and private hire vehicles at this current time. The group also recommended new wheelchair accessible vehicles licences be exempt from the 5 year age policy on first licence but must be Euro 6 compliant and there would be no change to any existing wheelchair accessible licenses. The report sought approval for consultation and to report the findings in March 2023.

In response to Councillor Prenter's question, the Licensing Manager confirmed Uber did not operate in Stroud and they would be required to operate using an operator licence or use a neighbouring authorities operating licence to expand into Stroud.

Proposed by Councillor Prenter and Seconded by Councillor Edmunds.

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

- RESOLVED**
- a) **To approve the Interim Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Emissions policy for formal consultation as laid out in paragraph 6.1 of this report.**
 - b) **Approve the timetable for consultation and adoption as laid in paragraph 6.2 of this report.**

CSLC.030 CCTV in Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles

The Licensing Manager advised the report had been produced following a recommendation from the Department of Transport for Licensing Authorities to consult on whether CCTV should be mandatory in Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles. A public consultation was undertaken in the Summer where 63% of respondents agreed CCTV would improve public safety. Several comments raised concerns around privacy for both the passengers and drivers and taxi drivers raised concerns regarding the cost for purchasing CCTV. A question regarding if there 'were local circumstances to make it proportionate to impose mandatory CCTV' was inconclusive with respondents split equally on their responses as 50% 'yes' and 50% 'no'. The reports decision therefore recommended that there was not enough strong local evidence to make CCTV mandatory and to review and reinforce the current optional CCTV policy.

In response to Members questions, the Licensing Manager responded with:

- SDC could review to explore mandatory CCTV in Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles again at any time.
- The Licensing Officers would take on board feedback from Councillor Crews regarding a question on whether the trade would be more or less likely to implement mandatory CCTV if a grant were to be made available.

Proposed by Councillor Tucker and Seconded by Councillor Prenter.

Councillor Tucker commended the report and gave thanks to the Officers involved. He continued and recommended that an annual report is provided to Committee regarding the welfare of Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle drivers.

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

- RESOLVED**
- a. **To agree that there is not strong enough local evidence to support mandatory CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles**
 - b. **Agree to review and enhance the current policy on optional CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles.**

CSLC.031 Appointments

- a) Appointment to Know Your Patch

Two nominations were received from Councillor Cornell and Drury-Layfield who were duly appointed.

- b) Appointment to Woodchester Park Mansion

A nomination for the second appointment was received from Councillor Percy who was duly appointed.

CSLC.032 Member/Officer Reports (To Note)

- a) Museum in the Park (Cowle Trust)

The Member report had circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions raised.

- b) Police and Crime Panel

The Member report had circulated prior to Committee.

Councillor Robinson advised he spoke with the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) as Chair of the Gloucestershire Panel who advised they would appreciate SDC's Community Safety Partnership to draw down on the funding provided to them on rollout of SOLACE in rural areas for an Officer to be responsible for persistent anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Edmunds asked Councillor Robinson regarding funding available for speed watching. Councillor Robinson advised funding was available for Parish and Towns where they do not already have a speed indicator display, however Parish and Towns can apply for free of charge for the '20 is plenty' signs from the Road Safety Partnership at Gloucestershire County Council. He continued and advised the office of the PCC had funding for Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras.

Councillor Tucker informed Committee the formal rollout of the new Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership were meeting on the 2 December and he would provide a report to Committee.

- c) Citizens Advice

There was no update to provide.

- d) Mental Health Champions

The Member report had circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions raised.

e) Homestart

The Member report had circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions raised.

f) Woodchester Park Mansion

The Member report had circulated prior to Committee.

Councillor Edmunds asked for more information relating to the concerns on the bats. Councillor Robinson advised it was linked to the energy cost and there being no funding from Natural England to keep the area heated.

g) Progress update on Stroud Lido

The Member report had circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions raised.

h) Progress on Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) Information Sheet

The Member report had circulated prior to Committee. There were no further questions raised.

CSLC.033 **Work Programme**

The Vice-Chair in Chair, Councillor Aldam asked for the Cost of Living Crisis be added as an Officer report for future Committees.

RESOLVED **To note the above update to the Work Programme.**

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm

Chair

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY 2023

Report Title	STRATFORD PARK TENNIS COURTS			
Purpose of Report	To approve the refurbishment of Stratford Park Tennis Courts.			
Decision(s)	<p>The Committee RESOLVES to approve the refurbishment of Stratford Park Tennis Courts</p> <p>The Committee RECOMMENDS to Strategy and Resources Committee and to Council that the refurbishment is included within the Capital Programme to be considered in February 2022.</p>			
Consultation and Feedback	Cllr Chris Brine, Interim Head of Community Services, Lawn Tennis Association			
Report Author	Hannah Drew, Physical Activity & Health Development Manager Tel: Email: hannah.drew@stroud.gov.uk			
Options	None			
Background Papers	N/a			
Appendices	Appendix A - Equality Impact Assessment			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	No

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Stratford Park Leisure Centre currently has 6 tennis courts situated within the park that are currently managed by Everyone Active. The surface, fencing and nets on the courts all need improving.
- 1.2 In 2005, Stroud District Council (SDC) were initially approached by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) about making improvements to the courts. Due to financial reasons from the LTA the improvements were unable to be completed.
- 1.3 In June 2022, the LTA restarted their Park Renovation Investment programme following a successful bid for funding from the Department of Culture Media & Sport (DCMS) and informed SDC that Stratford Park was one of its priority projects.
- 1.4 The refurbishment of the courts will involve the following:-
- All 6 courts being resurfaced
 - New posts and nets to all 6 courts
 - New fencing (where required)
 - Gate Access Entry System added to each block of two courts
 - Online Central Booking system
- 1.5 The total cost for the redevelopment works above totals £127,670.10.

- 1.6 On 6th December 2022, SDC were informed that Stratford Park Tennis Court Project had been awarded £115,670.10 towards the refurbishment of the courts by the LTA project board and was one of its priority projects for the South West.
- 1.7 SDC have also been awarded £5,000 towards the project from Active Gloucestershire, meaning the total costs to SDC for the refurbishment of the courts is £7,000 which will come from existing health & wellbeing budget.

2. ABOUT THE GATE ENTRY SYSTEM

- 2.1 Part of the refurbishment of the courts includes the installation of gate access technology to the 6 courts. This new technology will allow us to:
 - Open the courts up to new and wider audiences
 - Allow instant payment for court bookings via online club sparks booking system. (<https://www.lta.org.uk/play/book-a-tennis-court/>)
- 2.2 There will be changes to how residents can book and pay for the courts.
- 2.2.1 Pay
 - Pay as you play (prices to be confirmed).
 - 12-month Annual membership (price to be confirmed). This would allow members to book up to 5 hours per week and bookings can be made up to 14 days in advance with no additional costs.

3. TENNIS DEVELOPMENT

- 3.1 SDC & the LTA will be working in partnership with a local tennis provider to drive the development of tennis on the courts following the refurbishment. This would include the following:
 - Coaching programme for children & young people.
 - Coaching programme for adults.
 - Training of local coaches to support the above programmes.
- 3.2 SDC in partnership with Active Gloucestershire will be conducting a capital investment impact analysis on the redeveloped courts and tennis development plan. analysis of the users at the site and evaluating the impact of the redevelopment.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The refurbishment of the tennis courts at Stratford Park Leisure Centre is long overdue and with the support of the LTA, we will be able to provide 6 top quality tennis courts which will enable more people to play tennis locally.
- 4.2 To approve the refurbishment of the 6 courts at Stratford Park Leisure Centre.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

There are financial implications associated with this report. The project cost (P.1.5) will be majority funded by The Lawn Tennis Association with a small contribution from Active

Gloucestershire. The remaining £7k will be found within the existing Health & Wellbeing Budget.

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5.2 Legal Implications

Under SDC's Contract and Procurement Procedure Rules officers must undertake a full competitive procurement for the carrying out of these works through the Council's portal using an Invitation to Tender.

Officers will work with One Legal to secure the funding from the LTA and Active Gloucestershire and to prepare the documents necessary to put the works contract in place.

One Legal

Tel: 01684 272012 Email: legalservices@onelegal.org.uk

5.3 Equality Implications

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

5.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

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Equality Analysis Form

By completing this form, you will provide evidence of how your service is helping to meet Stroud District Council's General Equality duty:

The Equality Act 2010 states that:

*A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have **due regard** to the need to –*

(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Equality Act 2010.

(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

The protected characteristics are listed in Question 9

Stroud District Equality data can be found at: <https://inform.gloucestershire.gov.uk/equality-and-diversity/>

Please see Appendix 1 for a good example of a completed EIA.

[Guidance available on the HUB](#)

1. Persons responsible for this assessment:

Name(s): Hannah Drew	Telephone:
	E-Mail: hannah.drew@stroud.gov.uk
Service: Communities	Date of Assessment: 20.12.2022

2. Name of the policy, service, strategy, procedure, or function:

Stratford Park Tennis Courts

Is this new or an existing one? **New / (please delete as appropriate)**

3. Briefly describe its aims and objectives

<p>To redevelop the six tennis courts at Stratford Park Leisure Centre in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association. The refurbishment of the courts will involve the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All six courts being resurfaced • New posts and nets for all six courts
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Appendix A

- New fencing (where required)
- Gate Access Entry System added to each block of two courts
- Online Central Booking system

4. Are there external considerations? (Legislation / government directive, etc)

We will ensure the public is informed on the works via signage around the site and through social media.

5. Who is intended to benefit from it and in what way?

The refurbishment of the courts will benefit the residents of the district by providing high quality playing surfaces, gate entry system and a coaching programme on the courts.

6. What outcomes are expected?

The refurbishment of the courts is expected to increase the participation in Tennis at Stratford Park Leisure Centre across all ages.

A tennis development plan will be written to support this.

7. What evidence has been used for this assessment? (e.g., Research, previous consultations, inform (MAIDEN); Google assessments carried out by other Authorities)

- The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), carried out the assessment and ranked the area as one of the preferred areas due to the courts being situated within a park.

8. Has any consultation been carried out?

Not directly for the specific refurbishment but as part of the facility development for Stratford Park when we consulted with the community on barriers to participation.

If NO, please outline any planned activities

We plan to conduct an impact assessment after the works have been completed.

9. Could a particular group be affected differently in either a negative or positive way?

(Negative – it could disadvantage and therefore potentially not meet the General Equality duty.

Positive – it could benefit and help meet the General Equality duty.

Neutral – neither positive nor negative impact / Not sure)

Protected Group	Type of impact, reason, and any evidence (from Q7 & 8)
Age	Positive Impact We anticipate that the refurbishment of the courts will have a positive impact on children, young people and older adults by providing a high quality playing surface and coaching programme.
Disability	Positive Impact We anticipate that the refurbishment of the courts will have a positive impact on people with a disability by providing a high-quality playing surface, and gate access suitable for wheel chair users.
Gender Re-assignment	Neutral Impact
Pregnancy & Maternity	Neutral Impact
Race	Neutral Impact
Religion – Belief	Neutral Impact
Sex	Neutral Impact
Sexual Orientation	Neutral Impact
Marriage & Civil Partnerships (part (a) of duty only)	Positive Impact
Rural considerations: I.e., Access to services; transport; education; employment; broadband;	Neutral Impact

10. If you have identified a negative impact in question 9, what actions have you undertaken or do you plan to undertake to lessen or negate this impact?

Please transfer any actions to your Service Action plan on Excelsis.

Action(s):	Lead officer	Resource	Timescale

Declaration

Appendix A

I/We are satisfied that an Impact Assessment has been carried out on this policy, service, strategy, procedure, or function * (delete those which do not apply) and where a negative impact has been identified, actions have been developed to lessen or negate this impact.

We understand that the Equality Impact Assessment is required by the District Council and that we take responsibility for the completion and quality of this assessment

Completed by: Hannah Drew	Date: 18-01-2023.
Role: Physical Activity & Health Development Manager	
Countersigned by Head of Service/Director: <i>A. G. G.</i>	Date: 18-1-2023.

Date for Review: Please forward an electronic copy to eka.nowakowska@stroud.gov.uk



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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Police and Crime Panel
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	4th November 2022
BRIEF REPORT	
<p>There have been no meetings of the Gloucestershire Police and Crime panel since the last report.</p> <p>Future meetings: There is a presentation by the Commissioner's Office on Friday 20th January to present the draft budget for 2023/4.</p> <p>There is a second meeting at the Subscription rooms in Stroud on Tuesday 24th January at 6.30pm on the subject of attacks on women by men when the Commissioner, Police officers, other experts and representatives from schools and colleges will attend and be on a panel to update residents on action taken since the first meeting in August and take questions. The later in response to concerns about the role schools have in educating boys on their behaviours with women.</p> <p>Connected with the above meeting an independent evaluation of the Government's Safer Streets funding shows it is leading to growing confidence and engagement with the police, and that the £3m secured since January 2020 has been used to prevent and address issues in areas including male violence against women and girls, neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	
REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Martin Percy
DATE	16th January 2023

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INFORMATION SHEET (NO.6)
Wednesday 18 January 2023

COST OF LIVING (CoL) BRIEFING

This briefing covers the period up to mid-January 2023. We will now produce a CoL update once a month for the Stroud District. The CoL response for Stroud is a partnership between the statutory and voluntary sectors. Our efforts have been helped by the working relationships formed through the Community Hubs development project. Many of our partners have turned away from other funded work to respond to the CoL crisis. SDC aims to support with funding, time or influence. Our partners have agreed to provide regular data for these monthly briefings, but at times their capacity may make this difficult.

Data

Stroud Foodbank – 700 Food parcels given out in December and **700** Christmas hampers. See graphs over page for monthly increase data over 2022. In 2022, the Foodbank saw a **73.7%** increase on 2021 and a **123%** increase on 2019 (pre-pandemic).

Stroud Citizens Advice – See detailed data report overleaf. In Quarter 4 of 2022 Stroud Citizens Advice saw a **103% increase** in the number of clients needing to access charitable support and foodbanks compared to the same period in 2021. They also saw a small reduction in the number of clients coming for an initial debt assessment but anticipate this rising in Q1 of 2023 as clients are faced with post-Christmas bills.

SDC Household Support Vouchers – £35,100 of supermarket vouchers distributed to front line services and community groups since October 2022. This includes Community Hubs, Foodbanks and Citizens Advice.

GCC Household Support Fund Individual Grant - GCC are collating data on many Stroud residents who have applied for this emergency funding. Their data should be ready for the verbal update at CS&L Committee.

Energy Vouchers – After a break in provision due to lack of funding, Severn Wye have now received extra funding from GCC so are again supplying energy vouchers by referral. Stroud Foodbank also supply energy vouchers. Verbal data on this to come.

Community Hubs – Community Hubs continue to distribute supermarket vouchers and food through their pay as you feel pantries. Food donations are scarce, so most are paying for food supplies every week. We are seeking more funding for this. Sustainable food pantries are part of our Community Hubs development plan.

Some Hubs chose to close between Christmas and New Year due to worries of volunteer burn out. Since the New Year, demand in the Hubs has been high. One Stroud Hub did 10 energy voucher referrals in one morning in week of 9th January.

Warm Spaces – 15 Warm Spaces have replied with feedback on demand over Christmas. Of those who did offer sessions between Christmas and New Year, a few had only a couple of visitors, many had 10+ and some had more than 25 each session. The learning seems to be that established social groups or clubs get better attendance than venues not used to hosting social groups. While some venues suggested the

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main need for attending was for company, a few said that their visitors had serious need of food and financial support.

Cost of Living Support Developments

Vouchers – SDC have extended the scheme to new partners including schools and organisation supporting young people.

We now supply Iceland vouchers which has been welcomed in Stroud town.

Independent shops – we are trialling a local voucher scheme for Miserden Community Shop as the only shop in a very rural area.

Warms Space Area Coordinators – 4 leaders have come forward from Community Hubs or Town Councils to coordinate Warm Space work for their areas and surrounding parishes, Stroud Town Council, Stonehouse APT Hub, Wotton Keepers Hub and Cam GL11 Hub.

A small payment has been made to coordinators to:

- Disseminate sign posting material
- Gather usage data for Warms Spaces
- Trial methods of evaluating impact
- Develop and deliver ‘one stop’ basic training for Warm Spaces

While Warm Spaces are potentially a short-term measure, the development of the area coordinators group is part of the Community Hubs Development programme and supports the development of the Hubs network.

Cost of Living Working Group

Now that CoL support mechanisms are up and running, the working group agreed to reduce the number of officers attending the meetings. The core group will meet with CS&L and Housing Chairs and Vice-Chairs monthly. Officers and partners involved in specific work streams will meet when needed. Written briefings will be provided to the wider group monthly. Written briefings will also be shared on the SDC Elected Members Hub and the new Town and Parish Council Hub and also via the Community Hubs network and Know Your Patch network to ensure our front line voluntary and community sectors stay informed.

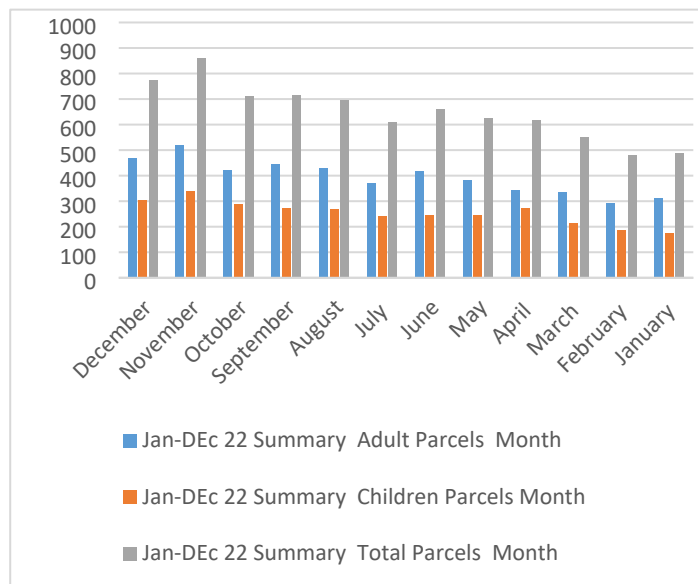
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Stroud Foodbank Data

Jan-Dec 2022 Parcels

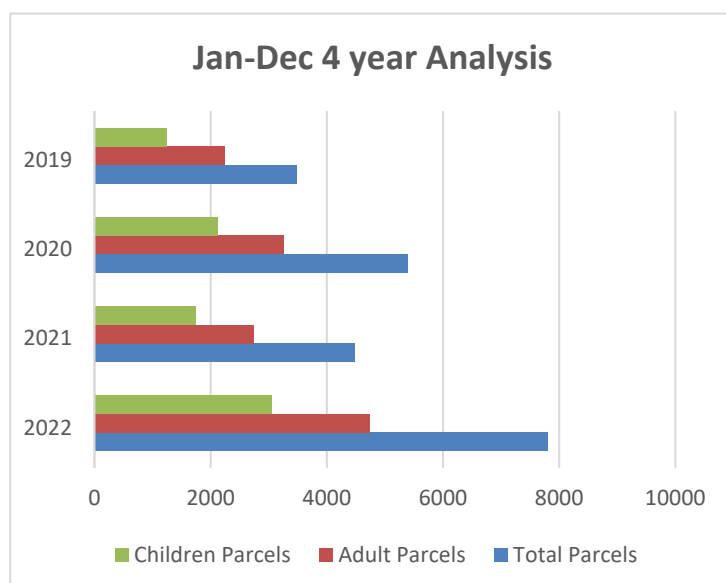
2022 Month	Adult Parcels	Children Parcels	Total Parcels
December	468	304	772
November	518	340	858
October	423	289	712
September	445	271	716
August	428	269	697
July	370	240	610
June	416	245	661
May	382	244	626
April	342	273	615
March	336	214	550
February	293	186	479
January	312	175	487



Jan –Dec 4-year Analysis

(2022-2019)

Jan-Dec	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Parcels	7801	4491	5390	3494
Adult Parcels	4740	2748	3259	2239
Children Parcels	3061	1743	2131	1255



In 2022, Stroud District Foodbank saw a 73.7% increase on 2021 and a 123% increase on 2019 (pre-pandemic).

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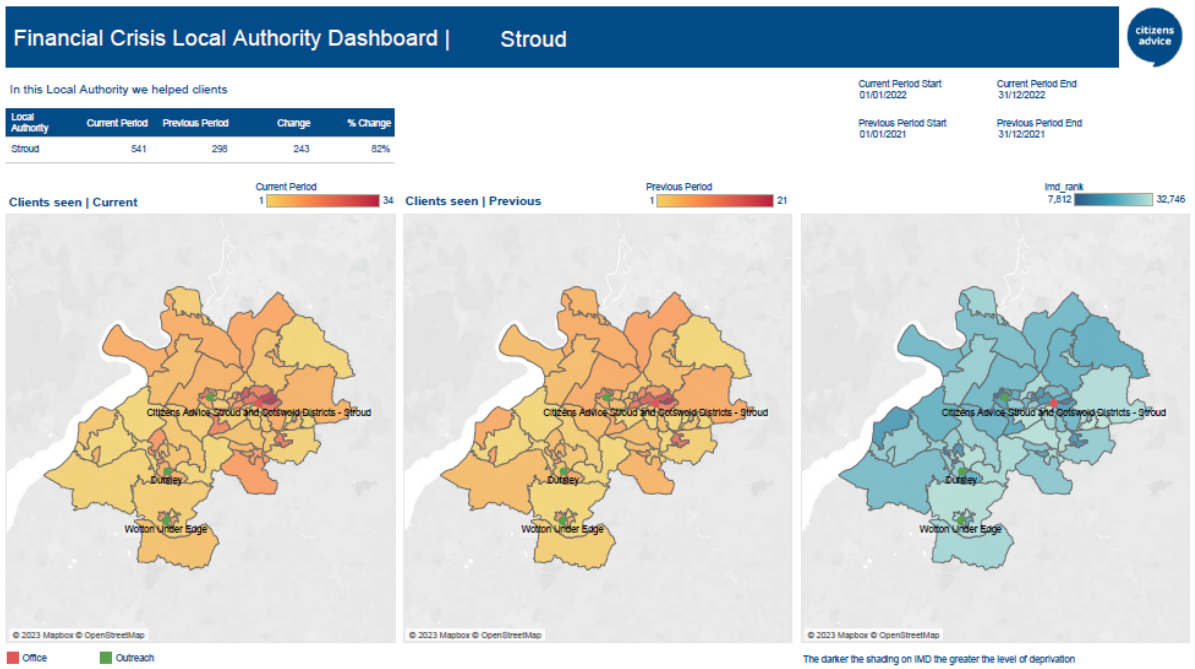
Stroud Citizens Advice Data

Financial Crisis Local Authority Dashboard

This report is based on issues that the national Citizens Advice policy team has identified as indicating a financial crisis. These include:

- Benefits – localised social welfare
- Charitable support and Foodbanks
- Debts – including mortgage and rent arrears; council tax arrears; credit card debt; payday loans, fuel debt etc
- Housing – actual and threatened homelessness
- Utilities – fuel (gas, electricity, oil, coal etc)

This maps below show an 82% increase in the number of Stroud residents who came to the CA for advice on a financial crisis issue in 2022 compared to 2021. The blue map indicates levels for the Index of Multiple Deprivation (darker = more deprivation).



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Financial Crisis by Ward

This table shows the number of clients by ward who are presenting with a financial crisis issue in the current period (1 January 2022 to 31st December 2022) and the number of clients with a financial issue in 2021. This report shows that CA have advised clients in financial crisis in every ward in the Stroud District.

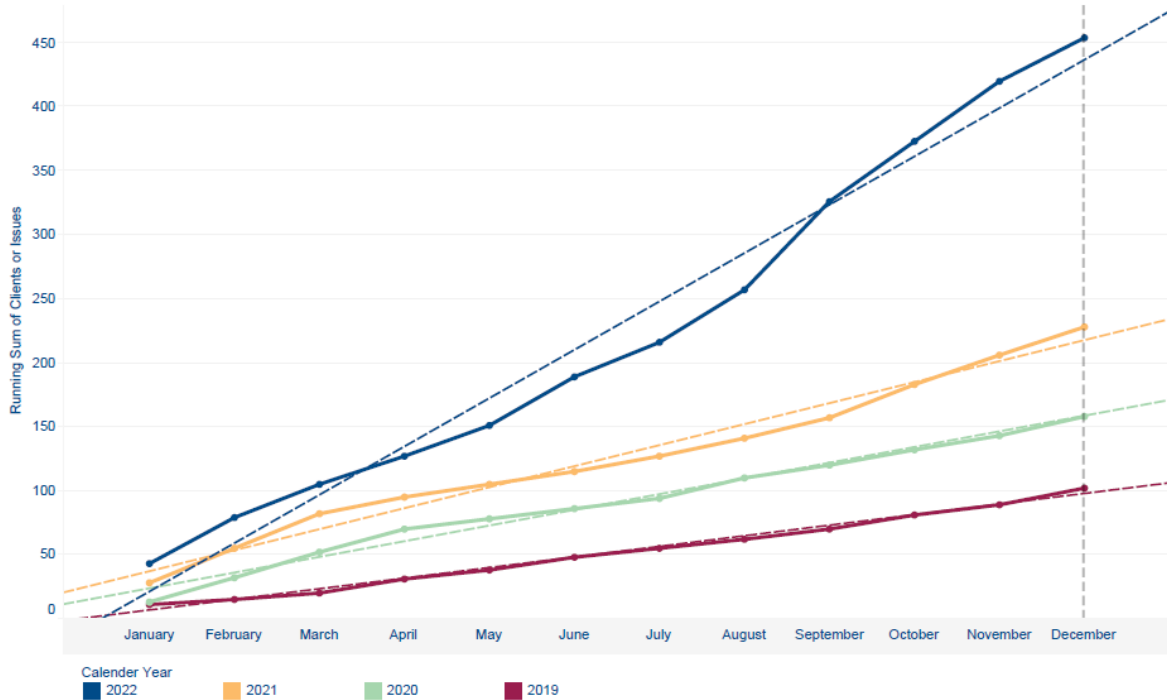
Local Authority Ward	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
Amberley and Woodchester	5	4	1	25%
Berkeley Vale	13	15	-2	-13%
Bisley	8	6	2	33%
Cainscross	43	31	12	39%
Cam East	19	11	8	73%
Cam West	21	8	13	163%
Chalford	14	5	9	180%
Coaley & Uley	5	2	3	150%
Dursley	42	20	22	110%
Hardwicke	16	15	1	7%
Kingswood	5	2	3	150%
Minchinhampton	24	14	10	71%
Nailsworth	38	16	22	138%
Painswick & Upton	21	13	8	62%
Randwick, Whiteshill & Rus..	6	3	3	100%
Rodborough	13	7	6	86%
Severn	21	11	10	91%
Stonehouse	40	31	9	29%
Stroud Central	21	14	7	50%
Stroud Farmhill & Paganhill	30	12	18	150%
Stroud Slade	42	23	19	83%
Stroud Trinity	19	11	8	73%
Stroud Uplands	18	8	10	125%
Stroud Valley	23	16	7	44%
The Stanleys	22	9	13	144%
Thrupp	13	4	9	225%
Wotton-under-Edge	25	13	12	92%
Grand Total	541	298	243	82%

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Year on Year comparison for the month of December, 2019-2022.

Showing clients who came to the CA because they couldn't afford to eat or were in need of other financial assistance.

Crisis | Charitable support & foodbanks & Localised social welfare



Figures for crisis support represent the number of people Citizens Advice helps with either referrals to food banks' or other charitable support (covers any emergency financial support or support in kind people need to make ends meet) and localised social welfare

Briefing from Elizabeth Hall, CEO, Citizens Advice Stroud & Cotswold Districts

Accessing advice

We are advising the majority of clients via telephone and email. We are having to monitor the clients placed on the call back list for advice as we simply cannot always manage the demand. When we reach capacity clients hear a voice message that gives them information as to where they can access help, including the Help Through Hardship Helpline which can issue Trussell Trust foodbank vouchers.

We are seeing clients in our offices in Stroud, Dursley, Stonehouse APT, Wotton and Paganhill. We would like to offer more outreach advice but have struggled to resource outreach work with volunteers. We are now looking at how we can increase our outreach provision, concentrating on those locations where we are most concerned

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about access to advice, for example Berkeley. Rachel, our dedicated foodbank adviser advises clients referred to her by the Stroud Foodbank. She advises clients by email, telephone and in person. Rachel sees clients in our Stroud office, outreaches and also sees clients in community hubs including the Trinity Rooms.

Further information from January 2023

Our Core Service Manager has reported that in January 2023:

- We have seen our usual increase in clients presenting with relationship problems.
- We usually see an increase in the number of debt clients from the end of January and through February. However, the number of clients in financial crisis has increased earlier in January than previous years.
- We are seeing a number of clients who are really fearful about their energy bills and usage -they are not yet in debt but can see that they are going to be in debt in the very near future.
- We are seeing a number of clients in park homes who are really struggling – the government support has not yet kicked in for these clients.
- We are seeing a high number of clients who want to ensure that they are accessing all the benefits they are entitled to. Clients are conscious that the government cost of living payments are made to people on certain benefits and these payments are worth a considerable amount.
- Our Research and Campaigns team are currently looking at cases where clients are presenting with damp and mold issues in their rented property. We are seeing an increase in the number of clients affected and anticipate this rising as clients are unable to afford sufficient heating to prevent damp issues.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022-23

26 JANUARY 2023

Date of meeting	Matter to be considered (i.e. insert report/project title)	Notes (e.g. lead member & officer)
23.03.23	Performance Monitoring Q3	Councillor Job and Prenter
	Budget Monitoring Q3	Accountant
	Review of Street Trading Policy	Licensing Manager
	Vehicle Emissions Policy for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles for adoption	Licensing Manager
	Update on Play Review Spending Allocations	Physical activity & Health Development Manager
	Stroud District Passport to Activity & Wellbeing	Physical activity & Health Development Manager
	Concession Scheme Pricing	Project Manager for Leisure, Health and Wellbeing
	Anti-Social Behaviour Policy	Head of Community Services
	Local Authority Trading Company (LATC)	Head of Community Services/Leisure Consultant
	Member/Officer Reports: a) Gloucestershire Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee b) Museum in the Park (Cowle Trust) c) Police and Crime Panel d) Citizens Advice e) Mental Health Champions f) Cost of Living Crisis update	Councillor Helen Fenton Councillor Nigel Prenter Councillor Martin Percy Councillor Jessie Hoskin Councillors Bennett, Gray & Watson Community Health & Wellbeing Manager

Potential future Informal Information Evenings	
Date	Topic
8 February 2023	Youth Service and Health & Wellbeing (Children) 6.30pm – 8pm
19 January 2023	Police and Crime Commissioner and Director of Public Health 6.30pm – 8pm
TBC	Neighbourhood Wardens and Careline 6pm – 7.30pm

To be allocated to Committee date or Information evening	
Date	Topic
TBC	Cultural Strategy
TBC	Citizens Advice Bureau Level Agreement KPI's
TBC	Update on Tourism in the District

Future Members' Information Sheets		
Topic		Notes (e.g. responsible officer)
Annual Members' Information Sheets from Officers	Feb 2023 - Customer Services - Youth Service - Health and Wellbeing (Children)	- Customer Services Manager -Senior Youth Officer - Health and Wellbeing Development Officer for Children
	March 2023 - Community Grant Allocations (Successful and unsuccessful applicants) - Neighbourhood Warden - Careline - Safeguarding - Abandoned Vehicles	- Community Health and Wellbeing Manager - Senior Neighbourhood Warden - Senior Community Services Officer - Senior Community Services Officer - Senior Community Services Officer

Published Members' Information Sheets		
Date sent (& ref no)	Topic	Notes (eg responsible officer)
CSLC.001 15.6.22	Local Authority Trading Company	Project Manager Leisure, Health and Wellbeing
CSLC.002 15.6.22	Stroud Lido	Project Manager Leisure, Health and Wellbeing
CSLC.003 07.09.22	Local Authority Trading Company	Project Manager Leisure, Health and Wellbeing
CSLC.004 07.09.22	Stroud Lido	Project Manager Leisure, Health and Wellbeing
CSLC.005 05.10.22	Museum in the Park	Museum Manager