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30 November 2022

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on **THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2022** 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.

If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk. This is to ensure adequate seating is available in the Council Chamber.

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 4 October 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, 2 December 2022

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. **UBICO ANNUAL PRESENTATION (Verbal Report)**
To receive a verbal annual update from the Managing Director at Ubico.
7. **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q2 2022/23 (Pages 9 - 16)**
To present the 2022/23 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.
8. **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REVENUE ESTIMATES – REVISED 2022/23 AND ORIGINAL 2023/24 (Pages 17 - 40)**
To present to the committee the revised estimates for 2022/23 and original estimates for 2023/24.
9. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - SPENDING ALLOCATIONS FOR 2023/2024 (Pages 41 - 56)**
Stroud District Council has been collecting CIL payments on planning permissions implemented since 2017. CIL should be used towards providing for any additional demand placed on the local environment and services created by new housing growth. Project bids have been received from infrastructure providers seeking funding support to deliver projects that align with planning policy. This report sets out the officers funding recommendations for projects requesting funding support in 2023/2024 financial year.
10. **MEMBER / OFFICER REPORTS**
 - (a) Strategic Planning Advisory Board (Verbal Report)
 - (b) Stroud Regeneration Committee (Verbal Report)
 - (c) Performance Monitoring (Pages 57 - 70)
 - (d) Update on the Stroud Valley Natural Flood Management Project Information Sheet (Pages 71 - 72)
 - (e) A Strategic Action Plan for the River Frome by the Severn Vale catchment Partnership Information Sheet (Pages 73 - 74)
 - (f) Climate Leadership Group (Pages 75 - 76)
11. **WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 77 - 78)**
To consider the work programme.

Members of Environment Committee

Councillor Chloe Turner (Chair)

Councillor Martin Brown
Councillor Christopher Evans
Councillor Lindsey Green
Councillor Steve Hynd
Councillor George James
Councillor Haydn Jones

Councillor Robin Drury-Layfield (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Norman Kay
Councillor Ashley Smith
Councillor Haydn Sutton
Councillor Brian Tipper
Councillor Tricia Watson



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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

04 October 2022

7.00 - 9.01 pm

Council Chamber

Minutes

Membership

Councillor Chloe Turner (Chair)

Councillor Christopher Evans
Councillor Lindsey Green
Councillor George James
Councillor Haydn Jones
Councillor Norman Kay
Councillor Martin Brown*

*= Absent

Councillor Robin Drury-Layfield (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Norman Kay
Councillor Ashley Smith
Councillor Brian Tipper
Councillor Tricia Watson
Councillor Steve Robinson*
Councillor Haydn Sutton*

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Place
Principal Planning Officer
Principal Accountant

Head of Planning Strategy & Economic
Development
Democracy & Information Governance Officer

EC.011 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brown, Robinson and Sutton.

EC.012 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

EC.013 Minutes

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2022 were approved as a correct record

EC.014 Public Question Time

There were none.

EC.015 Environment Committee Budget Monitoring Report Q1 2022/23

The Accountant introduced the report and advised there was a projected net revenue underspend of £87K and highlighted to Committee a number of the more significant overspend and underspend variances. He explained that a 3% increase on the Garden Waste Service

was recommended for approval to fund the raising inflation costs, rising the service cost to £51.50 annually for 2023.

Councillor Kay asked whether Parish and Town Councils were still able to apply for funding for walking and cycling schemes. The Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development confirmed that they were and advised an event was being coordinated to encourage proposals from Parish and Town Councils for prospective schemes on the 18 November 2022.

Councillor Jones enquired whether projected forecasts had been considered for the number of future Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) coming forward to constitute the need for an additional Officer. The Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development confirmed and explained he was aware of several proposed NDP's coming forward in the future.

Proposed by Councillor Kay and seconded by Councillor Tipper.

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

- RESOLVED**
- a) **To note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital Programme for this Committee.**
 - b) **Agree the subscription fee for the garden Waste changing to £51.50 for 2023.**

EC.016 **Stroud Canals Vision and Strategy**

The Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development introduced the report and explained that;

- The current Council Plan identified the need to develop a long-term Vision and Strategy for the Canals Network to support the current Cotswold Canal Connected Project, to achieve broader social, economic and environmental objectives for future projects and open funding opportunities.
- Strategy & Resources Committee in January 2022 approved the Draft Canals Vision and Strategy for public consultation and 115 consultation representations were received.
- Local Plan Policy (both in the current and draft new Local Plan) supported the restoration of the Canal and it was emphasised that there was not a specific proposal to restore a navigable link East of Brimscombe, connecting to the River Thames at Lechlade. It was noted that policies and allocations in the local plan needed to be realistically deliverable within a 20 year time frame.
- The Strategy is a supplementary planning document that supplements the current Local Plan, reinforces the Councils 2030 Strategy and emphasised the ecological emergency.
- Finally, if adopted the Strategy would support policy ES11 (maintaining, restoring, and regenerating the District Canal) of the current Local Plan providing weight in the planning system for future development in the canal corridor to take account of the Strategy.

The Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development responded to Members questions with the following responses:

- Members would be required to approve a change to the Local Plan if they wanted to include the restoration of a navigable link East of Brimscombe or for it to be included in a future review of the Local Plan.
- The action plan permitted collaboration with local groups on specific projects relating to the canal and workshops with Parish and Town Councils and Community Groups.

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- There was not a specific Officer at Stroud to encourage community involvement relating to equality, however Cotswold Canals were looking to recruit an Engagement Manager. Networks were also being developed with the Community Hubs in the district to encourage engagement with the canal.
- The Canal Strategy must align with the Local Plan policies and therefore cannot include a proposal to restore a navigable link East of Brimscombe. As noted earlier, the current and emerging Local Plan does not include a specific proposal to restore this section of canal. If Members wanted to explore this, the mechanism to do so would be either a review of the policy in the Local Plan after the emerging plan had been adopted, or through Full Council via a motion or decision.

Proposed by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Drury-Layfield.

Councillor Jones proposed amendments to specific paragraphs identified in the Strategy. He proposed paragraph 1 of page 43 to read: 'Between the three centres of Frampton, Slimbridge and Purton, there exists a number of popular recreation and historical destinations offering a variety of facilities and activities that are sometimes canal-focussed. These diverse service points are more intimately related to the communities of Frampton and Purton due to their proximity to those settlements, with the canal being enjoyed by local and visitors alike. They can be rich in their use, but the associated pressure on infrastructure, community and natural environment presents a challenge. They require integrated public transport provisions, appropriate traffic management and design that recognises the local impact and limited imposed by lack of facilities available in these rural locations. Any use should properly consider local community impact of all recreational activities and demonstrably add to local village character and the communities they serve'

Paragraph 4 of page 43 to read: 'WWT Slimbridge is a well-known landmark destination in the locality. Canal-based projects to enhance biodiversity for the wider area and enlarge habitats for wildlife go hand-in-hand with growing canal-focussed activities and recreation outcomes associated with WWT visitors enjoying the wider area along the canal. The associated increase recreational impact on habitat, environment, landscape and community is a consequence that requires consideration. If projects are deemed worthy of progress appropriate practical management must accompany proposals to avoid appropriately fully mitigate any impact'.

Paragraph 4 on page 44 to include at the end of the second sentence ending 'notwithstanding the constraints on development to protect local habitats' 'together with the areas immediately adjoining to the west that are nationally and internationally protected'.

The decision box was amended to include 'in addition to providing delegation regarding any changes identified at Environment Committee on the 4 October 2022' at the end of point 'c'.

The amendment was proposed by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor James.

Councillor Jones informed Committee that there was still great ambition from past and current Members and from the Political Parties for the East of Brimscombe to be restored to connect the River Thames and River Severn.

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

The Motion with the included amendment was proposed by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Drury-Layfield.

- RESOLVED**
- a. To approve the Council response to representations made during the public consultation process, as set out within the Consultation Report in Appendix A; and
 - b. Approve the Final Canals Strategy set out in Appendix B as a Supplementary Planning Document to the adopted Stroud District Local Plan;
 - c. Delegate to the Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Environment Committee, the ability to agree minor textual and formatting changes to the final document for publication in addition to providing delegation regarding any changes identified at Environment Committee on the 4 October 2022.

On being put to the vote, there were 6 votes for, 4 against and 0 abstentions.

EC.017 Cotswold Beechwoods and Rodborough Common SAC Mitigation Strategies

The Principal Planning Officer introduced the report and advised that under the Habitats Regulations all plans and projects must give consideration whether they are likely to have significant effect on protected habitats sites. The Mitigation Strategies were measures intended to reduce or prevent any adverse significant effect to these habitats from any planning projects. An Interim Rodborough Mitigation Strategy had been in force since 2015 and the Cotswold Beechwood Mitigation Strategy was new and required a partnership approach in Gloucestershire between Local Planning Authorities.

In response to Member questions, the Principal Planning Officer responded by advising:

- Cotswold Beechwoods zone of influence was broadly worked out on where 75% of visitors originated from.
- As to the current uncertainty on the future of Habitats Regulations, it was explained that the Council can only operate on current regulations and guidance in place on the national habitat sites.
- Any future proposals from Central Government on habitat protections would require the Strategies to be reviewed.

Councillor Jones advised Committee he had a potential amendment and asked for Officers advice on the legitimacy of either excluding affordable housing or a mitigation contribution under HC4 of the Local Plan or giving Officers provision to use the Country Surveyor viability reports to exempt affordable housing making the contribution. The Principal Planning Officer responded that he hasn't heard of an exclusion for affordable housing under these regulations. The Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development advised the Council must demonstrate Local Plan developments were viable with policy requirements as part of the draft Local Plan evidence. There was no requirement on developers to pay money towards the Mitigation Strategies if their own schemes could mitigate adverse impacts.

Councillor Jones proposed an amendment that Community Land Trusts were excluded from making the mitigation contribution but welcomed officers' advice. The Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development advised alternative ways could be more appropriate to address the impact of costs on Community Land Trusts developments. The mitigation strategy was a statutory requirement and focussed on nature conservation. The Chair, Councillor

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Turner suggested Councillor Jones and the Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development discuss outside of Committee based on Officer feedback.

Based on Officer feedback, the amendment did not proceed and Councillor Kay proposed and Councillor Drury-Layfield seconded the original motion. Councillor Jones informed Committee he would have preferred to have deferred the report to seek Legal Advice to try and accommodate the exclusion on affordable housing.

On being put to the vote, there were 6 votes for, 3 against and 1 abstention.

- RESOLVED**
- a. **To Adopt the Cotswold Beechwoods SAC Recreation Mitigation Strategy; and**
 - b. **Rodborough Common SAC Recreation Mitigation Strategy for avoidance of likely significant adverse effects on these Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)**
 - c. **The Director of Place be delegated to determine the membership of the Oversight and Working Groups in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Environment Committee.**

EC.018 **Appointment to the Stroud Valleys Canal Company**

A nomination was received for Councillor Drury-Lafyfield who was duly appointed.

EC.019 **Appointment of Performance Monitor for Civic Year 2022-23**

A nomination was received for Councillor Evans who was duly appointed.

EC.020 **Member / Officer Reports**

- a) Strategic Planning Advisory Board

The Chair, Councillor Turner advised an extraordinary meeting was held in July regarding an update on the Canal Strategy and a meeting held in September for an update on the Local Plan examination process, Canal Strategy and Mitigation Strategies.

- b) Stroud Regeneration Committee

The report was published as part of the document pack. There were no further questions.

- c) Performance Monitoring 2022-2023 Q1

The Chair, Councillor Turner, advised providing narrative against objective was crucial and in particular against those objectives where there were currently no performance indicators. She advised the Youth Council input would form part of the next performance monitoring report.

EC.021 **Walking and Cycling Task & Finish Group Recommendations - Officer update on progress**

The report was published as part of the document pack. There were no further questions.

EC.022 **Lower Severn Drainage Board**

The report was published as part of the document pack. There were no further questions.

EC.023 **Work Programme**

The Chair, Councillor Turner informed Committee the Air Quality Information Evening would be announced imminently and would either take place on the 21st or 23rd November. She continued and advised an information report on Natural Flood Management would be added to the December Work Programme.

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

EC.024 **Member Questions**

Member questions were submitted, They were asked by Councillor Evans and Watson. ([Refer to the Council's recording and Agenda Item 12](#)).

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm

Chair

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

08 DECEMBER 2022

Report Title	ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q2 2022/23			
Purpose of Report	To present the 2022/23 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.			
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital Programme for this Committee.			
Consultation and Feedback	Budget holders have been consulted about the budget issues in 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 Tel: 01453 754109 Email: adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk			
Options	None			
Background Papers	None			
Appendices	Appendix A – Detailed breakdown of revenue position			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	No

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This report provides the second monitoring position statement for the financial year 2022/23. 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 2022 shows a **projected net revenue underspend of (£125k)** against the latest budget, as summarised in Table 1.
- 2.2 The capital programme is showing a forecast spend of £3.656m against a budget of £3.990m. The variance of (£334k) relates mainly to the potential underspend on the Multi Service Vehicles Capital project.

2.3 Table 2 shows the capital spend and projected outturn for the Environment Committee for 2022/23.

3. REVENUE BUDGET POSITION

3.1 Council approved the General Fund Revenue budget for 2022/23 in February 2022 including budget proposals of the administration.

3.2 The latest budget for Environment Committee is £6.671m (Original Budget was £6.465m). This considers any MTFP adjustments, carry forwards, re-profiling of corporate maintenance budgets and Development Control moving across to DCC. The recently agreed pay award (£1,925) which is funded from reserves as set aside by Strategy & Resources Committee will be reflected in the quarter 3 report.

3.3 In response to the impact of the cost of living crisis, a detailed exercise examining the effect on the gas and electric services within the Council has been undertaken. Estimates have been included within the budget forecast outturn position where applicable.

3.4 The monitoring position for the committee at 30th September 2022 shows a **projected net underspend of (£125k)** against the latest budget, as summarised in Table 1, this will be reported in the overall position on the General Fund to Strategy and Resources Committee.

3.5 The outturn position is mainly attributable to those items outlined in Table 1 with an explanation of the significant variances that have arisen (a significant variation is defined as being +/- £20,000 on each reporting line).

3.6 Appendix A provides a more detailed breakdown on the Committee’s budgets.

Table 1 – Environment Revenue budgets 2022/23

	2022/23 Original Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Revised Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Forecast Outturn (£'000)	2022/23 Reserve Transfers (£'000)	2022/23 Outturn Variance (£'000)
Environment Committee					
Canal	170	20	20	0	0
Carbon Management	224	224	156	64	(5)
Economic Development	236	286	572	(292)	(6)
Health & Wellbeing	858	909	893	0	(16)
Land Charges & Street Naming	(14)	(14)	(23)	0	(9)
Planning Strategy/Local Plan	365	621	749	(67)	61
Statutory Building Control	(131)	(131)	(134)	45	42
Waste & Recycling: Other	26	26	28	0	2
Waste and Recycling: MSC	4,730	4,730	4,535	0	(195)
Environment TOTAL	6,465	6,671	6,795	(249)	(125)

note: table may contain rounding differences

3.7 Carbon Management – £64k reserve transfer (Rachel Brain xtn 4521, rachel.brain@stroud.gov.uk)

This is predominately focused around the Innovate to Renovate scheme which includes activity at a county level to develop Retrofit Centre services for householders and, 2030

delivery and coordination for SDC. The funding from WECA providing the 50% (match to SDC reserves contribution) to help administer and support the project work. All roles are fixed term in line with the Innovate to Renovate grant provision.

3.8 Economic Development – (Levelling up) £303k reserve transfer (Leonie Lockwood xtn 4153, Leonie.lockwood@stroud.gov.uk)

The budget for the submission of the bid to the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) is made up of an original budget of £50k, and a further £275k was approved to be allocated from the Business Rates Pilot funding at the Strategy and Resources Committee on the 7 April to support project development costs, giving a total budget of £325k.

The bid was submitted on the 29 July and the total forecast spend for the LUF bid in 2022/23 is £203k. The main items this covers are design fees for the Wallbridge Public Realm improvements, consultant fees for the due diligence for the purchase of the Bath Place site at Cheapside and highways feasibility and business case works through GCC and their appointed consultants, Atkins, as set out in the April S&R report. As reported in quarter 1, in addition, a further £100k is forecast to be spent against this code to support feasibility work to assess the options of step free access across the platforms at the station, either by ramps or a lift, for a bid to the Department for Transport Access for All bid. The final figure to support this work has not yet been confirmed by GWR and so this is still the current estimate. This results in a total forecast spend of £303k in 2022/23. This will support the wider master planning work at the station to be done through the Council's Memorandum of Understanding with Network Rail and London Continental Railways (LCR).

3.9 Planning Strategy - £61k overspend (Mark Russell xtn 4305, mark.russell@stroud.gov.uk)

The District Council's role in supporting parish councils to produce NDPs is a statutory requirement. Funding was previously secured when the Government set up a grant system to support their delivery. Under this system, the District Council received £5k each time a neighbourhood area was designated, £5k for each NDP reaching publication stage and £20k for each NDP reaching the referendum stage. This has subsequently been reduced to a payment only when the NDP has reached the referendum stage. Over time the number of NDP's has also declined. A recent aggravating factor has been that the Standish NDP failed its examination in 2022, meaning that the District Council has received no grant to cover the costs of supporting the parish council through the process to date.

The 2022/23 budget is projected to identify a loss with the reserve budget now exhausted. In order to continue to support NDPs (a Council Plan priority and statutory requirement) for future years, it is strongly recommended that as part of the budget setting process this year that a budget is considered for core funding the NDP officer on an ongoing basis from 2023/24.

A salary underspend (£37k) has also been forecast in Nature Recovery & Biodiversity. Recruitment for the role is underway with a view to start mid 2022-23. This in-year saving has been attributed to the overall salary saving reported through to Strategy & Resources Committee.

The £60k transfer from the Climate Change and Recovery reserve is to support the Place Prospectus.

3.10 Statutory Building Control – £45k reserve transfer

(Paul Bowley xtn 4520, paul.bowley@stroud.gov.uk)

The Building Control fee earning service is required to breakeven over a period of time. There is a significant risk that this will not be achieved in 2022/23 and that the reserve will be depleted this financial year. With this in consideration, there are two vacancies within the service remaining unfilled and will be addressed as part of the budget setting process.

3.11 Waste and Re-cycling - Multi Service Contract – (£195k) additional income/overspend

(Mike Towson xtn 4336, michael.towson@stroud.gov.uk)

This underspend is made of several offsetting variances. Recycling markets in particular the market for paper and cardboard have been strong in the first half of the financial year, with income from the sale of material and recycling credits, predicted to surpass budget by (£256k). The renewed dry mixed recycling contract has improved costs by (£189k). However, the position should be somewhat cautioned with the knowledge that a downturn in markets has now commenced; this could impact the final year end picture. Additional income on Bulkies (£14k) continues to be forecast and an additional (£15k) on the Garden Waste scheme. Budget pressures of £70k have been identified on the provision of receptacles, with dramatic cost increases being reflected across all bin/box types. As previously, lower incentive payments from the County Council are expected £34k due to higher residual waste volumes.

The quarter two Ubico report is forecasting a £160k overspend over the whole of the contract (which impacts other Committees as well). £93k of this due to rising fuel costs nationally. Vehicle hire and repair costs are forecast to overspend £74k due to ageing fleet that has been impacted by the global delays on procurement of new vehicles. The general trend is that costs have increased across all services. We continue to work closely with the partnership and monitor forecasts on a monthly basis.

4. CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Table 2 below shows the Capital Outturn forecast for 2022/23 with a projected outturn variance of (£3.656m).

Table 2 – Environment Committee Capital Programme

Environment Capital Schemes	2022/23 Original Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Revised Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Forecast Outturn (£'000)	2022/23 Outturn Variance (£'000)
Canal	7,259	2,532	2,532	0
Multi-Service Contract Vehicles	466	1,232	868	(364)
Rural SuDS Project	30	70	100	30
Stroud District Walking & Cycling Plan	0	130	130	0
Wallbridge-Gateway	100	27	27	0
Environment Capital Schemes TOTAL	7,855	3,990	3,656	(334)

4.1 **Canal**

Projects that were estimated to fall in this financial year have slipped into subsequent years, the whole project is now expected to be completed by 2026. The budget has been revised to reflect this position. Some major elements in the project will be finished including restorations of Pike Lock, Blunder Lock and Newtown Lock this year. Land acquisition is still expected to complete in this financial year. Planning permission for the Missing Mile is still awaited therefore consent to start from the Lottery is impacted. A full update on the financial position of the project, including revised costs and funding, was presented to Strategy and Resources Committee in November 2022.

4.2 **Multi- Service Contract – Vehicles**

The capital programme for Ubico fleet replacement is showing an underspend of (£364k). This is predominantly in light of supply chain issues, impacting delivery times and increased prices. The overall spend is being procured in conjunction with Ubico and any underspend will be re-profiled into 2023/24, depending on vehicle delivery as at 31 March 2023.

4.3 **Rural SuDS**

In the first quarter of this financial year, the project has engaged with 12 new landowners for future works and contracts have been issued for three sites with works scheduled to begin in early September in the Slad and Painswick Valleys on a range of interventions including earth bunds, leaky woody dams, de-culverting a stream, creating a raised hedge bank and building several ponds.

Previously planted trees in the upper Painswick valley have been maintained by volunteers from the Stroud Valleys project, including weeding to promote growth and removing plastic tree guards and stakes for recycling. The project has also worked with volunteers at the Cranham Scout centre to construct a pond, gave evidence to the House of Lords Land Use Committee inquiry and hosted a study visit for 32 Hungarian visitors from a range of National and local Government organisations. Finally, we are also entering into new partnerships with the Environment Agency and the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust to put in place hydrological monitoring to help us measure the benefits of the project for both flood and drought resilience.

The additional £30k spend will be funded by GCC in this financial year.

4.4 **Stroud District Walking and Cycling Plan**

Essential maintenance work on Newman Henders Bridge on the Dudbridge Nailsworth cycle trail has been completed following contributions from CIL and the capital budget. A new round of CIL bids for cycling and walking projects is being considered, with a view to contribute match funding from the cycling and walking budget. A CIL bid for feasibility work on redesigning Dudbridge Steps has been fully funded from the cycling and walking budget. A successful event for Towns and Parishes has been held with a view to encourage local cycling and walking projects throughout the district.

4.5 **Wallbridge Gateway**

The £26.5k spend is for design/consultancy with DHUD. Then the remaining balance of the planned spend is match funding and has been re-profiled to 2023-24 to allow for the LUF bid outcome, which is due to be known in December 2022.(announcement could be pushed into the new year), with no work due to start until 2023/24 even if this is successful.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report as it reports on previous financial activities, and expected forecasts.

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5.2 Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications arising from the report recommendation.

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5.3 Equality Implications

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

5.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

	2022/23 Original Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Revised Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Forecast Outturn (£'000)	2022/23 Reserve Transfers (£'000)	2022/23 Outturn Variance (£'000)
Environment Committee					
Canal Restoration Project	170	20	20	0	0
Canal	170	20	20	0	0
Energy Efficiency	224	224	156	64	(5)
Carbon Management	224	224	156	64	(5)
Economic Development	150	200	490	(292)	(2)
Regeneration	86	86	82	0	(4)
Economic Development	236	286	572	(292)	(6)
Contaminated Land	29	29	25	0	(4)
Dog Warden Service	98	98	106	0	8
Environmental Protection	192	192	197	0	5
Food Safety	162	185	157	0	(28)
Head of Health and Wellbeing	79	79	79	0	0
Health & Wellbeing	110	110	96	0	(15)
Health and Safety	89	89	82	0	(8)
Land Drainage	50	78	67	0	(11)
Pest Control	(4)	(4)	26	0	30
Planning Liaison	16	16	16	0	(0)
Port Health	2	2	(2)	0	(4)
Public Health	34	34	44	0	11
Health & Wellbeing	858	909	893	0	(16)
Land & Property Custodian	16	16	7	0	(9)
Street Naming	(30)	(30)	(30)	0	0
Land Charges & Street Naming	(14)	(14)	(23)	0	(9)
Nature Recovery & Biodiversity	0	52	52	0	0
Planning Strategy	365	569	697	(67)	61
Planning Strategy/Local Plan	365	621	749	(67)	61
Building Control	(179)	(179)	(168)	45	55
Building Regulation Enforcement / Advice	37	37	28	0	(9)
Securing Dangerous Structures	11	11	7	0	(5)
Statutory Building Control	(131)	(131)	(134)	45	42
Waste & Recycling: Other	26	26	28	0	2
Waste & Recycling: Other	26	26	28	0	2
MSC: Bulky Waste	14	14	5	0	(9)
MSC: Food Waste	879	879	995	0	116
MSC: Garden Waste	(148)	(148)	(141)	0	7
MSC: Recycling	1,568	1,568	1,196	0	(372)
MSC: Refuse Collection	1,619	1,619	1,670	0	51
MSC: Street Cleansing	798	798	810	0	12
Waste and Recycling: MSC	4,730	4,730	4,535	0	(195)
Environment TOTAL	6,465	6,671	6,795	(249)	(125)

Note: table may contain rounding differences

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STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2022

Report Title	ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REVENUE ESTIMATES – REVISED 2022/23 AND ORIGINAL 2023/24			
Purpose of Report	To present to the committee the revised estimates for 2022/23 and original estimates for 2023/24.			
Decision(s)	<p>The Committee RECOMMENDS to Strategy and Resources Committee that:</p> <p>a) The revised Environment revenue budget for 2022/23 and original 2023/24 revenue budget are approved.</p> <p>b) The Fees and Charges list as shown at Appendix B is approved.</p>			
Consultation and Feedback	Consultation has been undertaken with residents and businesses. Feedback on the outcome of the consultation will be provided to members in January 2023 prior to setting the budget in February 2023.			
Report Author	Adele Rudkin, Accountant Email: adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk			
Options	To recommend to Strategy and Resources:			
	a) Reduced or increased capital and revenue expenditure b) Increased Fees & Charges for Environment Committee			
Background Papers	None			
Appendices	Appendix A – Committees Detailed Budgets Appendix B – Schedule of Fees and Charges			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	No

1 **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update report to Strategy and Resources Committee in September 2022 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 2022/23 budget and MTFP (approved in February 2022) and the MTFP Update reports, the Council is facing a number of financial challenges in 2023/24 and future years. A budget deficit has been forecast 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 2022/23 (Revised Estimates) and 2023/24 (Original Estimates).

- 1.4 The Committee’s service revenue budgets have been prepared in accordance with the budget framework set out in the Budget Strategy report. They are presented in draft format and are subject to further change as the budget setting process progresses. Any subsequent changes will be included in the MTFP report to Strategy and Resources and Council.
- 1.5 **It would be helpful where members have questions on matters of detail if they could be referred to the report author or the appropriate service manager before the meeting.**

2 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The original budget for the Environment Committee was £6.465m. This has subsequently been used as the base estimate for both 2022/23 revised and 2023/24 original estimates. The revised estimates incorporate changes arising from budget pressures and efficiency savings. The original budget approved in February 2022 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 2023/24 is **£7.241m an increase of £499k** on the base budget. This is largely due to the following budget changes, as outlined in table one below.

Table 1 – Summary of changes from the 2022/23 Original Budget

Environment Committee	para	2022/23 Revised Estimate (000's)	2023/24 Original Estimate (000's)
Base Budget		6,465	6,742
Virements/adjustments	3.1	207	(159)
Recurring changes:			
Pay increases	3.3	71	109
Fees and charges growth	3.4		(30)
Contract increases	3.5		606
Proposed budget adjustments	4		(28)
Net Service Budget		6,742	7,241

(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 2022/23 and 2023/24. This budget is fully funded within the Cotswold Canal Connected Phase 1B Delivery programme and so does not affect the revenue position of the General Fund. Further detail on the canal project is included in paragraph 5.2.
- 3.2 **Inflation**
- 3.3 **Pay Inflation - £180k**
This reflects the recently agreed 2022/23 pay award (£1,925) which is funded from reserves in 2022/23, as set aside by Strategy & Resources Committee, but will need to be funded going forward.

The 2023/24 salary budgets have been increased by an initial 5% in line with budget strategy.

3.4 Fees & Charges Growth – (£30k)

Fees and charges budgets have been inflated by 5% 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 - £606k

A 9.9% increase directly attributable to the Ubico (Multi Service Contract) for this Committee. The overall change in budget on the contract is £877k. (Table 2). This figure includes and additional general costs associated with the Contract. This is an overall change and incorporate increases that fall within other Committees (building cleaning & grounds maintenance). The asset charge identified in table 2 is a net nil cost to the project as this amount is invoiced back to Ubico with the income recognised in Strategy & Resources Committee.

Table 2- Changes to Ubico Budget

UBICO	(£000's)
2022/23 Budget	6,922
Employment costs (£1925 (22-23) & 5% (23-24))	508
Diesel	169
Premises (incl Gas & Electric)	57
General	18
Vehicle Repairs	11
Vehicle Hire	(27)
Asset Charge	99
Corporate Support	42
2023/24 Budget	7,799

4 PROPOSED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (BUDGET PRESSURES/SAVINGS)

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

Table 3 - Budget Pressures/Savings

SERVICE	Para	PRESSURES	2023/24 (£'000)
Neighbourhood Planning	4.1	Neighbourhood Planning Officer (1 year)	20
Multi Service Contract	4.2	Additional budget for receptacles (growth & cost of containers)	78
UBICO MSC Contract	4.3	Additional Contract Costs (excludes inflation)	182
SAVINGS			
Planning	4.4	CIL	(50)
MSC Contract	4.5	Additional Recycling income	(195)
Building Control	4.6	Savings achieved	(39)
Various	4.7	Minor adjustments over all services	(24)
Total Environment Committee			(28)

Pressures

4.1 Neighbourhood Planning

The District Council's role in supporting parish councils to produce NDPs is a statutory requirement, in order to continue to support NDPs (a Council Plan priority) for future years, funding needs to be made available to support the role of the officer. The current £20k grant for each NDP only covers the examination, referendum and publicity costs. As a result, the initial rolling reserve budget established in 2013 has declined over time it is strongly recommended that a budget is established for core funding the NDP officer on an ongoing basis from 2023/24 as Government funding is no longer sufficient to cover salary.

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.

4.3 Ubico Contract

The additional cost includes the asset charge (capital & depreciation) identified in table 2 which is a net nil cost to the Council as this amount is invoiced back to Ubico, with the income recognised in Strategy & Resources Committee. The key areas of increase are identified as employment costs (which incorporates the £1,925 pay award for 2022/23 and

a 5% uplift for 2023/24), fuel costs and Premises & Insurance. This pressure is attributable to those services directly relating to the Environment Committee.

Savings

4.4 Planning Strategy – CIL

Application fee income to date in 2022/23 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 2023/24 seeks to acknowledge this.

4.5 Multi Service Contract

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 2023/24.

4.6 Building Control

The Building Control fee earning service is required to breakeven over a period of time. There is a significant risk that this will not be achieved in 2022/23 and that the reserve will be depleted this financial year. With this in consideration, there are two vacancies within the service that have now been offered up as savings as part of the budget setting process which will reduce overheads going forward, however income targets have also been reduced in line with the forecast with potential income streams in 2023-24.

4.7 Various

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

5 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

5.1 Table four 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 February 2023.

Table 4 – Capital schemes 2022/23 and 2023/24

	2022/23 Original Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Revised Budget (£'000)	2023/24 Original Budget (£'000)
Environment Capital Schemes			
Canal	7,259	2,532	4,030
Multi-Service Contract Vehicles	466	1,232	3,620
Rural SuDS Project	30	70	30
Stroud District Walking & Cycling Plan	0	130	265
Wallbridge-Gateway	100	27	74
Environment Capital Schemes TOTAL	7,855	3,990	8,018

5.2 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. The total cost of the project has increased by an estimated £10.2m, with a revised budget and capital financing of the project approved by Strategy and

Resources in November 2022. The Councils commitment to the project has now increased by £1m, to a total of £3m plus an additional £161k that was approved for the Interregnum period in 2021/22. The remainder of the funding is expected from external sources.

2023/24 will see major works started in Section 2 (the missing mile between the A38 and Westfield Lock) and further works in Section 3 (Westfield Lock to the already completed Ocean Jubilee Bridge), along with ongoing community engagement and biodiversity works.

5.3 **Multi Service Contract Vehicles**

Ubico fleet replacement is mapped on a 5 year rolling capital programme. In 2023/24 a substantial proportion of the fleet is due for replacement. Inflationary pressures, post covid, have increased the budget requirements for this, from £2.96m to £3.62m. As is the case with all vehicle replacement, opportunities to rationalise are being investigated. However, overall fleet numbers are likely to continue to increase as a direct correlation to property numbers.

5.5 **Stroud & District Walking & Cycling Plan**

Essential maintenance work on Newman Henders Bridge on the Dudbridge Nailsworth cycle trail has been completed following contributions from CIL and the capital budget. A new round of CIL bids for cycling and walking projects is being considered, with a view to contribute match funding from the cycling and walking budget. A CIL bid for feasibility work on redesigning Dudbridge Steps has been fully funded from the cycling and walking budget. A successful event for Towns and Parishes has been held with a view to encourage local cycling and walking projects throughout the district.

5.8 **Wallbridge – Gateway**

£27k spend on 2022/23 is for design/consultancy with DHUD. Then the remaining balance of the planned spend is match funding and has been re-profiled to 2023/24 to allow for the LUF bid outcome, which is due to be known in December 2022 (announcement could be pushed into the new year), with no work due to start until 2023/24 even if this is successful.

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**

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report recommendation

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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.

	2022/23 Original Budget (£'000)	2022/23 Revised Budget (£'000)	2023/24 Original Budget (£'000)
Environment Committee			
Canal Restoration Project	170	20	183
Canal	170	20	183
Energy Efficiency	224	231	246
Carbon Management	224	231	246
Economic Development	150	203	156
Regeneration	86	90	40
Economic Development	236	293	196
Contaminated Land	29	30	21
Dog Warden Service	98	101	112
Environmental Protection	192	198	201
Food Safety	162	191	176
Head of Health and Wellbeing	79	80	83
Health & Wellbeing	110	116	108
Health and Safety	89	92	95
Land Drainage	50	81	58
Pest Control	(4)	(1)	9
Planning Liaison	16	16	17
Port Health	2	2	(2)
Public Health	34	35	45
Health & Wellbeing	858	940	923
Land & Property Custodian	16	20	24
Street Naming	(30)	(30)	(30)
Land Charges & Street Naming	(14)	(10)	(6)
Nature Recovery & Biodiversity	0	52	64
Planning Strategy	365	575	403
Planning Strategy/Local Plan	365	627	468
Building Control	(179)	(165)	(173)
Building Regulation Enforcement / Advice	37	40	31
Securing Dangerous Structures	11	12	10
Statutory Building Control	(131)	(114)	(132)
Waste & Recycling: Other	26	26	26
Waste & Recycling: Other	26	26	26
MSC: Bulky Waste	14	14	23
MSC: Food Waste	879	879	1,023
MSC: Garden Waste	(148)	(148)	(23)
MSC: Recycling	1,568	1,568	1,621
MSC: Refuse Collection	1,619	1,619	1,817
MSC: Street Cleansing	798	798	877
Waste and Recycling: MSC	4,730	4,730	5,338
Environment TOTAL	6,465	6,742	7,241

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Environment Committee
Community Services - Garden and Bulky Waste
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Charge April 2023 - March 2024		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

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%

Description of Charge	Charge October 2022 - Sept 2023		Charge October 2023 - Sept 2024		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
Garden Waste – annual charge	42.92	51.50	45.07	54.00	5.0%

Environment Committee
Community Services - Garden and Bulky Waste
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
Garden waste at 3% as advised to Environment Committee in October 2022. 5% increase from October 2023

Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)
Cost recovery.
Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
Garden waste at 3% as advised to Environment Committee in October 2022. 5% increase from October 2023

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?
Previous substantial benchmarking

Equality Impact Assessment
N/A

Budget Impact

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Dog Warden Service
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Charge April 2023 - March 2024		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Dangerous Wild Animals

First application	186.25	223.50	195.83	235.00	5.0%
Renewal	140.83	169.00	147.92	177.50	5.0%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		0		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Application for grant of new licence	565.83	679.00	594.17	713.00	5.0%
Renewal	514.17	617.00	540.00	648.00	5.0%

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	297.92	357.50	313.33	376.00	5.0%
Renewal	199.17	239.00	209.17	251.00	5.0%

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Dog Warden Service
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
5.0%

Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)
Cost recovery
Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
None

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?
Not formally

Equality Impact Assessment
Not formally carried out this year, however - this fee increase is less than the rate of inflation

Budget Impact
No significant impact

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Environmental Services
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Charge April 2023 - March 2024		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Private Water Sampling	60.43	72.50	63.33	76.00	5.0%
Private Water Supply Risk Assessment	41.25	49.50	43.33	52.00	5.0%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		0		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Environmental Services
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
5%

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

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
5%
None

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?
No

Equality Impact Assessment
Assessment not carried out, however - this fee increase is less than the rate of inflation

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

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Food Safety
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Charge April 2023 - March 2024		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Food Export Health Certificates

Food Export Certificates (less that 120 a year)	42.92	51.50	45.00	54.00	5.0%
Where more than 120 certificates are issued per year	34.17	41.00	35.88	43.05	5.0%
For the issue of a Health Certificate where the	90.83	109.00	95.38	114.45	5.0%
Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		0		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

(inc Ear Piercing) Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring, Electrolysis / Tattooing

Premises	102.92	123.50	108.06	129.70	5.0%
Each person practicing	50.00	60.00	52.50	63.00	5.0%

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)	73.75	88.50	77.44	92.95	5.0%
Food Hygiene Rating Scheme re-score request (per request)	169.17	203.00	177.63	213.15	5.0%
Safer Food Better Business Packs (inc 3 month diary refill)	18.00	21.50	18.90	22.70	5.0%
Safer Food Better Business Diary Refill (12 months)	13.75	16.50	14.44	17.35	5.0%
Food Health and Safety: Primary Authority Partnership – establishing a long term single point of contact for your business to receive UK wide assured advice. The suggested cost is for; setting up, assessment of initial needs and the provision of 12 hours of officer time - Set up	704.17	845.00	739.38	887.25	5.0%
Annual Renewal Fee	184.58	221.50	193.81	232.60	5.0%
Hourly Rate	61.67	74.00	64.75	77.70	5.0%

Food Hygiene and Health & Safety Training Courses

Full day courses (approx 6 hours)	51.67	62.00	54.25	65.10	5.0%
Half Day Courses (approx 3 hours)	31.67	38.00	33.25	39.90	5.0%
On-site training courses: Rate per day (Charged pro-rata for shorter courses) plus the cost of materials and examination fees.	322.50	387.00	338.63	406.35	5.0%

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Food Safety
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
5.0%

Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)
Cost recovery
Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
None

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?
Not this year.

Equality Impact Assessment
None

Budget Impact
No significant impact

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Pest Control
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Charge April 2023 - March 2024		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Pest Control - DOMESTIC*Rats & Mice*

Standard	77.50	93.00	81.38	97.65	5.0%
Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		0		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Wasps

Standard	59.23	71.00	62.19	74.65	5.0%
Standard – additional	19.17	23.00	20.13	24.15	5.0%
Benefits - Single space	29.17	35.00	30.63	36.75	5.0%
Benefit – additional	9.58	11.50	10.06	12.10	5.0%

Fleas / Carpet Moth / Beetle / Cluster Flies / Ants

All Jobs	73.75	88.50	77.44	92.95	5.0%
Benefits	37.08	44.50	38.94	46.75	5.0%
Bedbugs / Cockroaches	29.17	35.00	30.63	36.75	5.0%
Survey - (Quote after visit)	29.17	35.00	30.63	36.75	5.0%

Pest Control - COMMERCIAL*Rats & Mice*

Standard	129.58	155.50	136.06	163.30	5.0%
(extra visit £50)	42.92	51.50	45.06	54.10	5.0%
Fleas / Carpet Moth / Beetle / Cluster Flies / Ants	108.33	130.00	113.75	136.50	5.0%

Wasps

Standard	85.83	103.00	90.13	108.15	5.0%
Standard – additional	32.50	39.00	34.13	40.95	5.0%

Bed Bugs

Survey - (Quote after visit)	34.17	41.00	35.88	43.05	5.0%
Call out	34.17	41.00	35.88	43.05	5.0%

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Pest Control
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
5%

Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)
cost recovery
Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
Discounts applied to recipients of certain benefits

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?
Not this year.

Equality Impact Assessment
None carried out this year

Budget Impact
No significant impact.

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Port Health
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Charge April 2023 - March 2024		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Water Sampling PORT (cost per sample)

Bacteriological examination	104.58	125.50	109.81	131.80	5.0%
Legionella examination	116.67	140.00	122.50	147.00	5.0%
Chemical analysis	230.83	277.00	242.38	290.85	5.0%
Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		0.00		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Gross Tonnage of Vessel

up to 1000	£110.00	£110.00	110.00	110.00	0.0%
1001 - 3000	£150.00	£150.00	150.00	150.00	0.0%
3001 - 10000	£220.00	£220.00	220.00	220.00	0.0%
10001- 20000	£285.00	£285.00	285.00	285.00	0.0%
20001 - 30000	£365.00	£365.00	365.00	365.00	0.0%
over 30000	£425.00	£425.00	425.00	425.00	0.0%
Vessels with 50 - 1000 persons	£425.00	£425.00	425.00	425.00	0.0%
Vessels with over 1000 persons	£725.00	£725.00	725.00	725.00	0.0%
Extensions	£80.00	£80.00	80.00	80.00	0.0%

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Port Health
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
approx 5% NB: ship sanitation charges are fixed nationally (not yet announced)

Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)
Cost recovery or statutory charge)
Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
None

Has any benchmarking or consultation been undertaken?
None this year.

Equality Impact Assessment
None

Budget Impact
No significant impact.

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Charge April 2023 - March 2024		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

From January 2022

Residential properties per m ²	96.23	96.23	96.23	96.23	0.0%
Supermarkets and Retail Warehouses per m ²	90.22	90.22	90.22	90.22	0.0%

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		0		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	

Environment Committee
Health and Wellbeing - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
Charges for 2023/24 will not be known until late 2022

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
Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
Charges for 2023/24 will not be known until late 2022

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 2023

Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		Charge April 2023 - March 2024		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
Standard Search (LLC1 + CON29R)	148.00	172.60*	148.00	172.60*	0.0%
LLC1 Only	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.0%
CON29R	123.00	147.60	123.00	147.60	0.0%
CON290 Enquiries Questions 4-21 each	11.00	13.20	11.00	13.20	0.0%
CON290 Enquiry 22 (Commons Registration)	22.00	26.40	22.00	26.40	0.0%
Description of Charge	Charge April 2022 - March 2023		0		Change %
	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	£ Exc VAT	£ Inc VAT	
Official address for a new or existing property (each) - 26-75 properties	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.0%
Official address for a new or existing property (each) - 76+ properties	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.0%
Naming a new street (charge to the developer)	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.0%
Naming an existing unnamed street (charge to Parish or Town Council)	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	0.0%
Naming an existing unnamed street (charge to Parish or Town Council) - plus £30.00 for each affected property thereon	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.0%
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Renaming an existing named street (charge to Parish or Town Council) - plus £30.00 for each affected property thereon	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.0%
Address amendments (e.g. revised street and postcode)	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	0.0%

Environment Committee
Land and Property
Schedule of Fees and Charges from 1 April 2023

Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
No increase for 2023/24

Basis of charge (eg full cost recovery, statutory charge, subsidised service)
Full cost recovery
Proposed increase in fee/charge from previous year
No increase for 2023/24
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

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

8 DECEMBER 2022

Report Title	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - SPENDING ALLOCATIONS FOR 2023/2024			
Purpose of Report	Stroud District Council has been collecting CIL payments on planning permissions implemented since 2017. CIL should be used towards providing for any additional demand placed on the local environment and services created by new housing growth. Project bids have been received from infrastructure providers seeking funding support to deliver projects that align with planning policy. This report sets out the officers funding recommendations for projects requesting funding support in 2023/2024 financial year.			
Decision(s)	The Committee RECOMMENDS to Strategy & Resources that funding commitments are agreed according to the report.			
Consultation and Feedback	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CIL bids were passed to Council Officers with specialist knowledge in that subject field. Officers have provided comment on the contents of bids and quality of proposed projects. 2. An informal members' information session was conducted through Zoom on 12th October 2022 where the CIL process was explained, and the contents of this year's project bids were outlined. Copies of the bids were also placed on the Members Hub. 			
Report Author	Krista Harris, Senior Community Infrastructure Officer Email: krista.harris@stroud.gov.uk			
Options	Options are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 were made available on the Members Hub: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CIL Strategic Funding Guidance Notes for applicant organisations 2023/24 2. Copies of bids received in this year's 2022 funding application round 			
Appendices	Appendix A – Summary of Funding Recommendations for 2023/24 Appendix B – List of identified future infrastructure needs Appendix C – CIL funding project progress update information sheet			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

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 £1,849,710 (April 2017 to March 2022). The Council invites partner delivery organisations to bid for CIL funding through an annual formal bidding process, the first year of which was in 2019. The funding scheme is explained in comprehensive Guidance Notes and accompanied by a bid Proforma. So far £593,550 of strategic CIL has been formally allocated to eligible infrastructure projects; a summary of their progress to date as attached in Appendix C.
- 1.3 Earlier this year, the council opened its 2022 bidding round. The last financial year's income together with amounts purposefully retained from last year, means the Council have a total available Strategic Infrastructure Budget of £1,126,160 to commit to priority infrastructure projects.
- 1.4 Soon after the bid closing date, copies of this year's bids were uploaded onto the Members Hub with a link sent by email. Officers then held an informal information session for members on the CIL process and the content of this year's bids. Members questions about the project were followed up by officers and reported back to members via the CIL folder on the members hub.
- 1.5 This report covers the results of this year's assessment and sets out a recommended scheme spend for next financial year 2023/24.

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), copies of which are available on the council webpages. 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 are contacted each year with information on the CIL strategic funding opportunity. These providers included GCC (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 scheme's intentions and conditions. They stress the importance of projects being 'strategic' in scope and how they must strongly align with planning policy. Projects are expected to be capital in nature and be well defined and planned for, offering good value for money.

- 2.5 Following the closing date for bids in September 2022, the Council received seven formal bids requesting funding for next financial year April 2023- March 2024.
- 2.6 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. 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 were contacted with requests for further information.
- 2.7 Seven project bids were received in this 2022 funding round. Of these, four strongly align with planning policy and were good quality projects accompanied by thorough project/business plans, and as such are recommended to receive CIL Funding support as set out in Appendix A attached. One bid (Dudbridge Steps) is being supported by an alternative SDC budget. Two bids were concluded to be insufficiently advanced in their project planning and feasibility phases, so are not favoured for funding support in this year. Key considerations for each bid are summarised below.
- 2.8 **Berkeley Town Improvement Project** - £40,239 is requested towards the preliminary design works to redesign Berkeley town centre. The Public Realm improvements concept supports the delivery of a wide range of important planning policy objectives, particularly improving the functioning and vitality of the town centre as a local service centre for surrounding communities by making it a safer and more pleasant place to visit. Given that the project includes a focus on enhancing pedestrian and cycling provision, SDC's walking and cycling budget will also be contributing towards requested costs.
- 2.9 **Dudbridge to Ryeford Cycle Trail Surface Improvement** - £220,000 worth of resurfacing works are needed to this important strategic route identified in the Sustainable Transport Strategy as part of a wider connecting network. Being a priority low carbon active-travel route, it supports numerous Local Plan policies and it will require investment for it to continue to be a safe and desirable alternative to road use. Officers are recommending a SDC contribution of £150k split across CIL and the Councils walking and cycling budget. Members have asked for clarity on whether GCC would fund the remaining £70k; a response to this query is awaited from GCC at the time of writing this report.
- 2.10 **SGS Stroud College 14-16 Create Centre (toilet provision)**. The '14-16 Create project' provides an alternative education route for young people otherwise excluded from mainstream education, as such it encourages inclusive growth of the District. Alongside core qualifications in Maths and English, young people will receive a high quality vocational education they will be able to take forward into their working lives. To meet safeguarding requirements, toilet provision within the Create Centre will be essential, particularly as many of these school age students have special care considerations and the wider college is also open to adults. Whilst this project is supported by Local Plan policies that promote economic inclusivity, officers feel that the project cannot fully be attributed to housing growth, as such a part funding offer is recommended which would hopefully help attract further inward investment from other sources.
- 2.11 **Wotton Community Sports Foundation – The New Barn**. This will provide a new build recreation pavilion with sports changing, community facilities and a café. It will provide a much-needed addition to a strategic recreation area that attracts users from a large catchment area and currently has no user facilities on site. The project is supported by a range of planning policies and wider SDC service areas. Project feasibility and project planning work has been undertaken to an excellent standard and the group have made impressive advances in securing match-funding. At the CIL information evening, elected members acknowledged the remaining funding gap for the project and, in recognition of the quality of the project and what it will offer residents, they asked that our CIL contribution be

slightly increased to express the councils strong support for the project and better enable delivery. Given the strength of the project, a CIL contribution of £75k is recommended.

- 2.12 **Dudbridge Steps Cycle Link Feasibility Study** - This requests funding support for the development of an options report, to either replace or provide an alternative to the Dudbridge Steps barrier on the cycle link along the old railway alignment; a key corridor route within the Stroud Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). Whilst this is considered to be a valuable project, its relative location means it is considered to be a more suitable fit within the councils walking & cycling budget which is intended to support initiatives with a more local focus. This has been discussed and agreed with the walking and cycling budget holders, therefore no strategic CIL funding is required.
- 2.13 **Stroud EV Taxi Scheme** - The bid requests funding to install 'fast-charge' EV points for Taxi use within Stroud Town Centre, the precise locations are not yet identified. Consultation has taken place with senior officers in SDC's Property Services and Licensing Services, and concerns have been raised about how this proposal links in with the Urban Realm concept works planned for the Town Centre. Proposed EV charge locations need to be fully researched before project deliverability can be assured. This bid is therefore considered to be premature, and no CIL funding recommendation is made in this year's bid round although the applicant is invited to continue constructive working relations with SDC Officers and a revised bid can be made in future funding rounds.
- 2.14 **Stroud Community Fire & Rescue Station** - Stroud Fire Station submitted a bid for the creation of a 'community hub' in last year's funding round 2021. This concluded that the 'project need' could not be evidenced and project planning work was considered to be inadequate, and as such funding was not recommended. SDC officers subsequently provided constructive feedback, especially with regards to the importance of consulting with potential user groups and partners. This year's bid is very similar to that of 2021 and does not illustrate any advancement in project planning, and particularly shows no regard to the OPE (One Public Estate) works taking place. Members have also questioned whether this project relates to 'providing for the pressures created by growth in the district' (a requirement of CIL funding), and whether works outlines should be provided within existing GCC Asset Management & Property Services budgets. GCC have been contacted with these questions and a response is awaited.
- 2.15 **Expressions of Interest (EOI)**. The following 'expressions of interest' for subsequent funding years were also received. These have been noted in the 'List of identified future infrastructure needs' in Appendix B, these were for
- Education Places in Cam & Dursley (£257,159)
 - Education Places at Leonard Stanley (£1,400,000)
 - Kingswood Primary School relocation and expansion (£3,200,000)
 - Rodborough–Stroud Cycle Link design and implementation (£150,000)
- 2.16 Members are asked to note the considerable level of funding interest expressed by GCC Education for increased school provision. The 'Education Places for Cam and Dursley' EOI was originally submitted as a bid for 23/24 funding, however at this time GCC are not able to fully detail a CIL bid and instead requested that it be considered as an EOI for future financial years funding instead.
- 2.17 GCC have also indicated a significant need for highways improvements and sustainable travel provision. The IDP expresses a need to further provide for strategic waste treatment sites, flood risk management infrastructure, social infrastructure, the canal and health and wellbeing services and facilities. A list of known future project investment areas is given in

Appendix B. The ability for CIL to accommodate forthcoming priority infrastructure projects will be an important consideration in deciding CIL funding allocations.

- 2.18 Whilst these future infrastructure needs are supported in principle through the Councils Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) and Planning Policies, the level of financial requests is likely to be more than can be collected by Stroud District Council's CIL alone. Organisations must understand the limitations and Government intentions of CIL income and the need for them to seek additional funding from other sources.

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 2023/24 is **£195,239**, which will come from the secured CIL strategic budget of £1.26 million.
- 3.2 The walking and cycling infrastructure projects are either funded, or part funded, by SDC's walking and cycling budget which is managed separate to and outside of the CIL funding remit.
- 3.3 Projects not recommended for funding in this current funding round were considered slightly premature in that the project feasibility and project planning needed further preparation work. Representatives of these project are invited to continue to work positively with SDC officers and resubmit a revised funding bid next year.
- 3.4 Not all of the available funding is proposed to be spent this year; instead, it is considered prudent to retain £930,921 in recognition of the strategically important projects that have expressed an interest in CIL funding but are not yet in a position to deliver. SDC CIL Officers welcome the opportunity to work with infrastructure organisations on the development of infrastructure projects and advise on the potential for CIL funding support.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

There are financial implications associated with this report. The suggested CIL investment figure of £195,239 can be funded from existing CIL receipts. Any match funding referred to in the body of the report and appendices will need to be brought back through Committee and recommended to Council to approve. This will also have to be reflected in the current Capital Programme

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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.

Project Name	Applicant	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested from CIL	Suggested Officer Rec.	Notes
SGS Stroud College '14-16 Create Centre'	SGS Stroud College	£250,000	£100,000	£25,000	Other funding options are being actively investigated, with the Barnwood Trust expressing an interest. GCC funding support is likely to be in the form of ongoing revenue for place provision, not capital set up costs.
Dudbridge to Ryeford Cycle Trail Surface Improvements	GCC Public Rights of Way Unit	£220,000	£220,000	£75,000	£75k match funding from SDC's walking and cycling budget. £70k match from GCC has been queried, response awaited.
Berkeley Town Improvement Project - Preliminary Design	Berkeley Town Council	£50,239	£40,239	£20,239	£20k match funding from SDC's walking and cycling budget. £10k match funding from Berkely Town Council.
WCSF 'The New Barn'	Wotton Community Sports Foundation	£1,327,225	£50,000	£75,000	The project has an identified shortfall of £146,100 at present, but in the current climate costs are rising. Their funding request was modest in the hope it may be more successful. Members have proposed an increase in the CIL funding offer which is supported by officers.

£195,239 = Total commitment for 2023/2024 spend

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Stroud District future infrastructure funding needs

This list identifies some of the known future infrastructure needs that could be funded, or part funded, through Stroud District Council's (SDC's) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Projects are listed against the infrastructure type as set out in the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) published on the Council's website.

Its purpose is to simply illustrate the range and scale of projects that infrastructure provider organisations have told us they have ambitions to deliver in the Stroud District over the next 10 years. It is continually refreshed as infrastructure providers inform us of project updates.

Projects have been expressed to SDC Officers in a variety of formats since SDC adopted its CIL charging schedule in April 2017, and the list reflects projects known about at December 2022. Projects may be at various stages of project planning or feasibility, so full project details may not yet be known to SDC.

The ordering and wording used in this document does not imply any form of judgement by SDC or its officers and there is no expression of acceptability, deliverability, importance or priority towards any individual project. This list therefore does not in any way suggest any future support that Stroud District Council may or may not choose to give, financially or otherwise.

Index : Infrastructure types and item number

1. Education (ages 2-19)
2. Social infrastructure
3. Transport infrastructure
4. Canals infrastructure
5. Green infrastructure
6. Strategic flood risk management infrastructure
7. Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
8. Health & Wellbeing infrastructure
9. Renewable or low carbon energy infrastructure
10. Strategic waste and recycling infrastructure

1. Education

Primary and secondary school schemes covering ages 2-19, excluding new primary schools required by strategic site allocations.

- Education Places in Cam & Dursley (£257,159)
- Education Places at Leonard Stanley (£1,400,000)
- Kingswood Primary School relocation and expansion (£3,200,000)

2. Social infrastructure

Social infrastructure, including community facilities, burial grounds, sports, recreational, play infrastructure, youth provision, public realm, art and cultural facilities (excluding on site provision)

- Stroud Museum in the Park collections centre (£30,000)
- Stroud Subscription Rooms (costs not yet quantified)

3. Transport infrastructure

Transport infrastructure including highway improvement schemes, cycling and walking infrastructure and public transport (excluding specific mitigation works on, or directly related to, a development site)

- Rodborough – Stroud Cycle Link design and implementation (£150,000)
- M5 Junctions 12, 13 & 14 capacity improvements (costs not yet quantified)
- B4066 corridor improvements, Berkeley (costs not yet quantified)
- Cycle access improvements to Stroud Road, Gloucester - Stroud Corridor (costs not yet quantified)
- Strategic Park & Interchange hub scheme for M5 J13 / A419 (costs not yet quantified)
- New railway station(s) south of Gloucester, north of Bristol (costs not yet quantified)
- A419 Golden Valley Cycle Route - Stroud to Chalford (£20 million)
- B4066 corridor improvements, Berkeley (costs not yet quantified)
- Cainscross Roundabout design
- Cam & Dursley Greenway Capital Delivery (£10 million)
- Bus Stop Infrastructure works (£25,000)
- THINK Travel Cycle parking / School crossings (£30,000)
- Merrywalks Roundabout Redesign (costs not yet quantified)
- Route 45 Cycle Track Improvements (costs not yet quantified)
- Standish to Gloucester Greenway (costs not yet quantified)
- Stroud Station Integrated Transport Hub (costs not yet quantified)

4. Canal infrastructure

Infrastructure associated with improving or re-opening the Stroudwater Navigation, the Thames and Severn Canal or the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal including towpaths

- Brimscombe Port Regeneration (£500k)
- Canal Infrastructure (£1 million)

5. Green infrastructure

The creation, improvement and maintenance of accessible natural greenspace, woodland and river corridors, for biodiversity, Water Framework Directive waterbody improvements and flood risk enhancements (excluding on site provision)

- Community Tree Planting by Stroud Valleys Project (£20,000)
- New Green Burial Ground (£15,000)

6. Strategic flood risk management infrastructure

Improvements to Severn Estuary and other flood defences, river corridors and restoration of canal network for flood risk enhancements including the Rural SuDS scheme and as set out in the Stroud Valleys Initiative (excluding on site provision)

- Rural SuDS (costs not yet quantified)

7. Emergency Services (Police, Fire and Ambulance)

- Police Mobile Community CCTV (£300,000)
- Stroud Fire Station (£325,000)

8. Health and wellbeing infrastructure

- Stratford Park Outdoor Pool improvements (costs not yet quantified)
- The Pulse, Dursley - Pool upgrade (£5 million)

9. Renewable or low carbon energy infrastructure

- Electric Vehicle Charging Point Roll-Out (£300,000)

10. Strategic waste and recycling infrastructure

- Waste Depot Expansion (£300,000)

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CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme

Project delivery update

SDC has been collecting Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies on implemented planning permissions since adopting its charging schedule in April 2017. The Council have approved project funding allocations under its Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

This information sheet aims to give a brief update on the progress made on delivering those projects from previous approved rounds.

The 2022 funding decisions are made at Environment Committee in December 2022 and Strategy & Resources Committee in February 2023.

2019 project allocations for delivery in 2020-21 financial year

River Frome Restoration *(Completed)*

The Severn Estuary performs a vital role for migratory fish, acting as a 'superhighway' linking breeding and spawning grounds. Water barriers built at cloth mills in the district during the industrial revolution created significant difficulties for riverine ecosystems. CIL Funding provided for the detailed designs, consents and construction-ready drawings necessary for the installation of fish passage solutions at four important historic sites; Ryeford Mill, Arundel Mill, Whitminster Mill and Fromebridge Mill. These works formed part of the catchment wide Severn Vale 'waterscape' programme to regenerate biodiversity into these critical freshwater habitats. The CIL investment has helped to secure significant match-funding for the capital delivery phases of these projects as well as engaging local people in associated nature recovery community initiatives.

Rural SuDS *(Completed)*

More than nine locations across the district, including the Slad Valley, Toadsmoor, Ebley and Painswick, benefitted from a series of natural flood management projects that act together to provide flood alleviation benefit. SDC's Rural SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) Team worked with local landowners to create 'leaky dams' that help to slow the flow of flood waters, reduce the movement of silts downstream and create habitat enhancement. Works also included tree planting and earthen bunds which also create additional habitat, carbon reduction, cross slope interception of surface water and create storage.

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SVP Tree Planting *(Completed)*

The Stroud Valleys Project (SVP) used the CIL Funding to plant over 7000 trees at key locations across the district, an important aspect of delivering the councils green infrastructure policy objectives. Working in partnership with the Local Authority Tree Fund, The Woodland Trust and Conservation Volunteers, 34 species of native woodland plants and trees were planted, many of which have the potential to cope with a changing climate. One of the key delivery sites was Salmon Springs, where 5 acres of trees were planted with the aim of absorbing carbon and creating habitats for wildlife. Part of SVP's tree planting work will also be the careful monitoring of tree success and survival rates, and to look at and review the anticipated increases in biodiversity created.

2020 project allocations for delivery in 2021-22 financial year

Hardwicke Youth Centre *(Withdrawn)*

Following the receipt of detailed architect's drawings and costings, Hardwicke Parish Council have decided to not continue with this project as they regretfully felt the costs became unfeasible. The CIL funding allocation has been returned to the Strategic Infrastructure Budget.

Uley, Cam & Dursley Greenway *(in progress)*

Overseen by GCC, the feasibility and design study is progressing well and is expected to be completed by March 2023. The work is being undertaken by Atkins 'Active Travel Team' who offer a specialist advisory and design service. They will produce a study that results in an overall view of all road sections of the Greenway route, linking up between Cam and Dursley Station and the Uley Road, whilst developers will deliver on other sections of the Greenway. Having a study that looks at the whole route should enable future funding opportunities to be more targeted.

Cam & Dursley Rail Station *(completed)*

Project works are almost all completed, with the final additional parking spaces expected to be created by the end of December 2022. The resulting project works have been extremely well received by rail-users and the wider community. The station now boasts a new cycle shelter, motorcycle parking racks, additional car parking spaces and a host of new pedestrian access improvements. The area has also benefitted from a range of upgraded features such as new barriers, fencing and vegetation clearance that will help to make the area a safer, smarter and a more inviting travel facility to use.

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Cainscross segregated cycleway *(in progress)*

The study links with the Gloucester - Stonehouse - Stroud connectivity options, which are also being looked at by GCC as part of their wider 'cycle spine work' and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the area. This in-depth study for Cainscross will identify the specific requirements for detailed design including the impacts on utilities, traffic signals and difficulties around the structure that passes over the culvert. The study is essential for enabling GCC to access further funding opportunities needed to complete the design process (est.300k) and ultimately construct a scheme that will cost over £3 million. SDC's CIL investment to the Cainscross section illustrates local commitment to the area's objectives, which will hopefully be viewed positively by the DfT during the Active Travel Funding Bid assessment taking place early next year.

Stroud to Nailsworth Cycletrack Upgrade *(completed)*

Project works were all undertaken to a very high standard and included the re-decking of Birds Crossing footbridge, ramps by the Priory Woodchester, path improvement work between Birds Crossing and Station Road and the installation of an entirely new bridge at Newman-Hender, in Inchbook. This project has been positively received by all and has been widely celebrated in the local press and on social media.

Frampton Cycle Path *(in progress)*

Frampton Parish Council continue to work very closely with GCC Highways who will be undertaking the delivery of the physical works. They have employed a design consultant (Vale Consultancy) to complete the surveys and detailed design for the footpath project, this started in October and is progressing well. The Stage 1 Safety Audit and subsequent public engagement period with local residents created some delays to delivery timescales, so construction works have now had to be re-scheduled for the end of 2023.

Waste Vehicle In-Cab Technology *(in progress)*

The software solution has now been procured by Ubico, with input from partners across Gloucestershire, including SDC. A company called Yotta has been selected to provide the solution. The software build and integration will be taking place over the next few months, ensuring SDC workflows are reflected accurately. Current expectations are for the new software to be available in test at the start of February 2023 to ensure that SDC can switch off existing arrangements for Apr 2023.

2022 project allocations for delivery in 2022-23 financial year
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GCC held a public information event to explain the nature of the planned works along with the pedestrian improvements being delivered at the same time, which was very well attended. Works around the cattle grid area started in September and installation of associated the drainage infrastructure has gone well. The upgrading of drainage at the roundabout end of George Street have begun, along with improvements to the shop front area which will help to reduce the flood risk to those properties. Drainage repairs at Spring Hill to reduce the rate of water flow getting to the Town Centre have also been completed. The next phase will involve upgrading the drainage on Bridge Street to direct surface water into the watercourse and off the road. The programme is running on schedule and is expected to be fully delivered by the end of this year 2022.

Stroud Outdoor Pool / Lido *(completed)*

The recent Leisure and Wellbeing strategy identified Stratford Park's outdoor pool as key strategic asset for the district and a prime leisure facility for the council to further develop to increase participation in physical activity. The previously unheated pool now uses existing pipework to connect together the indoor and outdoor plant rooms and a 400-kilowatt heat exchanger. This new system better utilises waste heat, where the collected energy now generates an additional 2-3 degrees of heat into the natural spring water pool. The improvements to user comfort in the outdoor pool will be appreciated by both residents and visitors to the park.

3G Astro turf Pitch, Archway School *(in progress)*

This project is strongly supported by the Councils Playing pitch strategy and is noted to be a great example of a 'sports hub', where it promises to offer a range of sporting activities to the public outside of school hours. The new 3G Astro turf will help to free up playing pitch space which is under increasing public pressure at Stratford Park. Archway school have had several positive meetings with the Football Foundation in recent months and they have now entered into the Football Foundation Framework, working towards its spring 2023 funding application. Site surveys showed that the moving the turf was possible and ensures no net loss of grass. Stroud Athletics have also expressed a keenness to investigate whether a running track could go alongside the pitch. Construction on site is expected to start in summer/autumn 2023.

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Performance Monitoring Report Q2: Environment Committee

Date of Meeting		
Performance Monitors & Officer(s)	Councillors: Chloe Turner; Christopher Evans Lead Officer: Brendan Cleere	
Performance Update (<i>See report below for details</i>)		
Council Plan Priorities	Summary:	Progress & RAG Status
	Action Plans (21):	20 On Target
		1 Completed EC1.2
Council Plan Performance Measures	Summary:	Progress & RAG Status
	Milestones (26):	19 On Target
		6 Completed
		1 Not started
	Performance Indicators (20):	2 Reported for Q2:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » CDPEC2.2a On Target » CDPEC2.2b Above target » CDPEC5.4 Below target (Q1 data) 		
	17 Not yet available (commentary provided)	
Reports being presented to this Committee associated with Council Plan:	None	
Risks	Corporate Risk Register presented to Audit & Standards Committee.	

Code	Risk	Lead	Prob	Sev	Score	Control	Target	Review date	
CCR9	Cost of providing waste and recycling services to the district currently constitutes around a third of the organisations budget. As such any budgetary implication is of significant consequence to the MTFP. An emerging facet of this risk is the Environment Bill that could include	Mike Towson	3	2	6	Monitor and manage new garden waste customer requests to maximise revenue from the service.	2	12/01/2023	
						Effective management of UBICO contract.			Mike Towson
						Maximise effective use of existing resources.			Mike Towson

	legislative changes impacting our financial position.					Keeping up to date with emerging legislative changes and good practice.	Mike Towson		
CCR18	The loss of income from recycling/incentive credits and the potential for increased costs of recyclate processing.	Mike Towson	3	3	9	Effective management of the UBICO contract	Mike Towson	6	12/01/2023
						Keeping up to date with emerging legislative changes and good practice.	Mike Towson		
						MRF Contract - the value of recyclates collected by the Council are determined by industry benchmarks, this may have an impact of the amount received (income) or the costs incurred of disposal	Mike Towson		
						To keep lines of communication open with the County Council to maximize the lead in time for any changes to payment received	Mike Towson		



Relevant finance issues	See Environment Committee Budget monitoring report Q2 2022/23
Any other service issues considered at the meeting (eg staffing / resources)	
Follow up (any issues for consideration at the next meeting)	

Any issues of significant concern to be reported to Audit and Standards	
N/A	
Any actions/recommendations for the Committee	
None	
Report submitted by	Cllrs Chloe Turner and Christopher Evans
Date of report	November 2022


Action Plans, Milestones & Indicators (67)



EC1: Tackle the Climate and Ecological Emergency: Achieve the commitments set for 2021-2024 of the Strategy to be a carbon neutral district by 2030







Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	% Complete	Lead Officer	Status	Comments
EC1.1	Set up a 2030 Core Group to provide high level strategic overview on delivery, identify funding opportunities and develop communication and community engagement	31/03/2024	90	Rachel Brain	On Target	18/10/2022: Quarter 2: The core group has been formed under the name "2030 Community Engagement Board" and has begun to collaborate on the development of their work plan
» EC1.1.1	Establish the Community Engagement Board with a cross-section of community members.	31/03/2022	100	Rachel Brain	Completed	10/10/2022: The Community Engagement Board was established before the deadline and is operating successfully
» EC1.1.2	Community Governance Group work plan identified and reviewed quarterly by Spring 2022	31/03/2023	50	Rachel Brain	On Target	18/10/2022: The group was formed this year, have their first meeting with a facilitator to help them identify their workplan in collaboration with the communities they represent in July and the whole process is planned to take a year with the plan to be ready in 2023.
» EC1.1.3	Community Governance Group progress to plan included to 2030 annual reporting to Full Council in October	31/03/2022	100	Rachel Brain	Completed	10/10/2022: Completed in 2022. Annual reports will continue to be submitted in Spring each year.
» EC1.1.4	Participation in Climate Leadership Gloucestershire Group and leader / convenor of retrofit theme (C)	31/03/2024	100	Rachel Brain	Completed	10/10/2022: SDC is leading on the retrofit theme and presents regular updates to Climate Leadership Gloucestershire.
» CDPEC1.1	% of CEG members who demonstrate participation in engagement with external stakeholders through participation in county / regional groups per year	N/A	N/A	Rachel Brain	Target: Actual:	The Community Engagement Board has been established (EC 1.1.1) and a meaningful target for this KPI is currently under review. The workplan for CEB is not due until 2023
EC1.2	Establish the performance management of the 2030 Strategy across the organisation to monitor and review progress towards the Strategy's aims and commitments	31/12/2022	100	Rachel Brain	Completed	18/10/2022: Quarter 2: We continue to report via the council plan and excelsis
» EC1.2.1	Completed for Q2 and progress will continue to be reported quarterly, and in the annual 2030 report.	31/03/2022	100	Rachel Brain	Completed	01/09/2022: A new report delivered each quarter via committee



EC1.5	Explore and progress additional projects for carbon reduction and /or biodiversity net gain and funding opportunities to deliver them.	31/03/2026	50	Rachel Brain	On Target 	18/10/2022: Quarter 2: Bid development in progress to 3 funds to support our retrofit work to support private households. Partnership working progress with Highways around EV Infrastructure funds. UKSPF possibilities being explored.
» EC1.5.1	Money leveraged through successful funding bids and level of associated council investment approved by Councillors £s (ongoing 2026)	31/03/2025	20	Rachel Brain	On Target 	18/10/2022: Last quarter we identified funding streams to support with our retrofit coordination and support to the able to pay. Bids are in preparation for the IP of UKSPF; a charitable trust and to county councils Climate Reserves fund.
» CDPEC1.5 (C)	Number of external projects SDC has worked on with partners for carbon reduction (C)	N/A	N/A	Jenny Youngs	Target: Actual:	KPI and progress against it under review as projects specifically linked to carbon reduction as a primary purpose are few and we are working to orientating all council projects to limit carbon through design stage but it will only be possible to monitor carbon reductions in a very small number of cases.
» CDPEC1.5 a	Money leveraged through successful funding bids and level of associated council investment approved by Councillors (ongoing 2026)	N/A	N/A	Rachel Brain	Target: Actual:	KPI and progress against it under review in consideration of the parameters for which project development areas should be in focus.
» CDPEC1.5 b	Number of additional projects established or supported with an estimate given of bio-diversity net gain and / or carbon savings that will be achieved.	N/A	N/A	Jenny Youngs	Target: Actual:	KPI and progress against it under review, to bring in line with metrics that are available to us.

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



Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	% Complete	Lead Officer	Status	Comments
EC2.1	Develop a district Local Nature Recovery Strategy (2030 commitment NE7) and seek opportunities for re-wilding to boost biodiversity in partnership with landowners, businesses, the farming community, parish and town councils and local environmental organisations.	31/03/2024	15	Conrad Moore	On Target 	17/10/2022: Quarter 2: 06/10/22: Quarter 2: In Gloucestershire work is progressing. GCER continue to refine its local nature recovery network map layers. The NRN mapping together with the Ecosystem service mapping on the Natural Capital pages will be used as the mapping for the Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS). Discussions are taking place with Gloucestershire County on biodiversity and climate change delivery aspects to identify opportunities in the county. A new post Strategic Lead Biodiversity and Nature Recovery post is being advertised with interviews in October.

» EC2.1.1	District document developed, aligned with Gloucestershire Nature Recovery Strategy	31/03/2023	50	Conrad Moore	On Target 	18/10/2022: Gloucestershire Centre for Environmental Records (GCER) has now incorporated online mapping work and updates into the SDC Service Level Agreement. The new Strategic Lead will look to develop and finalise the Strategy once in post.
» EC2.1.2	Progress on recreation and mitigation strategy works for the Severn Estuary, Rodborough Common and Cotswold Beechwoods	31/03/2024	80	Conrad Moore	On Target 	18/10/2022: Work progress reported to Strategic Planning Advisory Board (SPAB) in June and September. Information note circulated to Councillors. Initial draft Severn Estuary visitor report produced in July for internal discussion in the County. Discussions taking place on potential Zone of Influence linked with Functionally linked land work undertaken by NE. Workshops anticipated in Autumn. Cotswolds Beechwoods. Final Draft Mitigation Strategy agreed between LPAs involved and County and approved by Environment Committee in October. Work progressing on governance structures. Rodborough Common. Final Draft Mitigation Strategy produced and approved by Environment Committee in October. Work progressing on governance structures.
» CDPEC2.1 (C)	Hectarage of re-wilded land	N/A	N/A	Conrad Moore	Target: Actual:	Work on the Nature Recovery Strategy has yet to develop meaningful targets for delivery.
» CDPEC2.1 a	Number of re-wilding and bio-diversity partnerships and projects supported.	N/A	N/A	Conrad Moore	Target: Actual:	Work on the Nature Recovery Strategy has yet to develop meaningful targets for delivery.
» CDPEC2.1 b	Estimate of bio-diversity net gain and/or carbon saving that will be achieved through strategy implementation.	N/A	N/A	Conrad Moore	Target: Actual:	Work on the Nature Recovery Strategy has yet to develop meaningful targets for delivery.

EC2.2	Deliver the natural flood management project (Stroud Rural SUDS) for the Frome Valley in Stroud in partnership with the Environment Agency, working closely with landowners and communities using innovative flood management techniques.	31/03/2026	50	Maria Hickman	On Target 	21/10/2022: Quarter 2: "Q2 was largely spent developing a portfolio of projects to be delivered from Autumn and through to winter. A number of new sites and projects have been worked up including projects in the Slad, Painswick and Nailsworth Valleys and on the Holy Brook upstream of Chalford. Eight new interventions were constructed at an existing site on the Horsley Brook in August. The project has also been working with Environment Agency and WWT colleagues to develop a monitoring plan to take advantage of £80k worth of equipment that the EA are donating to the Stroud Valleys NFM project. Finally, the project officer has also been working with the Severn Vale Catchment Partnership on the drafting of a Strategic Vision for the River Frome, which is currently being consulted on."
» CDPEC2.2 a	Number of interventions installed as part of the natural flood management project	N/A	N/A	Maria Hickman	Target: 2 Actual: 2 	2 projects completed this quarter; 450 trees planted and 1 pond created Due to biodiversity issues project work is limited in this quarter
» CDPEC2.2 b	Number of landowners engaged with the natural flood management project	N/A	N/A	Maria Hickman	Target: 5 Actual: 12 	The NFM project continues to progress well, attracting interest and participation locally and further afield.
EC2.3	Develop and establish an action plan to Increase our tree canopy, woodland and forestry in line with the Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership Tree Strategy ambition for 20% canopy cover across the County by 2030.	31/03/2023	30	Conrad Moore	On Target 	18/10/2022: Quarter 2: County wide collaboration and discussions continue on future monitoring, implementation and delivery through Gloucestershire Nature and Climate Fund (GCNF). SDC Strategic Lead once in post will give direction and coordinate Council department actions for delivery.
» EC2.3.1	Increase canopy cover in Stroud District, towards the target of 20% county wide coverage by 2030 (interim targets for Stroud District will be identified)	31/03/2023	30	Conrad Moore	On Target 	18/10/2022: Strategic Lead once in post will take forward such schemes in partnership and ensure effective co-ordination in implementation and delivery between Council services.
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.	31/03/2023	13	Mike Towson	On Target 	12/10/2022: Quarter 2: As per Q1, but agreement has now been reached with GCC to reduce verge cutting by a third. T&PCs will be updated by GCC at the Forum Meeting on 8th December. They will also be asked to put forward any other areas of amenity grass cutting within their parish that they think would benefit from a reduced cutting regime.






» EC2.4.1	Development of a green spaces policy / strategy and implementation of action plan, conforming with the draft new Local Plan policies and thresholds on green infrastructure.	31/03/2023	1	Mike Towson	On Target 	10/10/2022: On target for Environment Cttee - Spring 2023
EC2.5	Use the Building with Nature standards for key regeneration sites across the district	31/03/2026	60	Mark Russell	On Target 	03/10/2022: Quarter 2: The output specification for Brimscombe Port includes using the Building with Nature Standards. The Draft Local Plan requires the standard for the proposed new settlements sites and strongly recommends it for other strategic sites.
» CDPEC2.5	% of strategic sites in the Local Plan that incorporate the Building with Nature standards	N/A	N/A	Mark Russell	Target: Actual:	The draft target in the Draft Local Plan requires 2 of 12 strategic sites to meet this standard and the rest are "strongly encouraged" to meet it. The draft target has yet to be endorsed by the Inspector.


EC3: Sustainable Construction and Retrofit: Work with partners to retrofit our council housing stock and other public sector buildings, and investing in the skills and capacity in the local economy so all buildings across the district can become energy efficient

Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	% Complete	Lead Officer	Status	Comments
EC3.5	Develop planning policies and developer guidance to enable all new buildings to achieve a net zero carbon standard.	31/03/2023	30	Mark Russell	On Target 	03/10/2022: Quarter 2: Planning policies have been drafted and are included within the Draft Local Plan, submitted to Government in October 2021. The public examination is likely to continue through 2022 until early 2023. Guidance will be produced once the policies have been approved.
» EC3.5.1	Develop Policy and guidance by 2023	31/03/2023	30	Mark Russell	On Target 	04/07/2022: Planning policies have been drafted and are included within the Draft Local Plan, submitted to Government in October 2021. The public examination is likely to continue through 2022 until early 2023. Guidance will be produced once the policies have been approved.
» CDPEC3.5	Number of new dwellings that have achieved a net zero carbon standard by 2026	N/A	N/A	Mark Russell	Target: Actual:	The draft target in the Draft Local Plan is 100% of major development (dwellings of 10+ dwellings and employment floorspace of 1000 sq.m or sites of 1 Ha or more). The draft target has yet to be endorsed by the Inspector.





EC4: Mobility / Transport: Support development of an integrated active travel (walking and cycling) and public transport network and the development of electric charging infrastructure working with county and regional partners.




Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	% Complete	Lead Officer	Status	Comments
EC4.1	Work with GCC and through the new Cycling & Walking Strategy Task & Finish Group to develop and implement three Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) for Stroud; Cam, Dursley and Uley; Wotton-under-Edge and Kingswood, support safe cycling, and identify and prioritise the main strategic cycling routes within the district.	31/03/2023	60	Simon Maher	On Target	14/10/2022: Quarter 2: Cam and Dursley LCWIP has now been published
» EC4.1.1	T&F group to recommend a prioritisation methodology to allocate funding for cycling and walking projects by March 2022	31/03/2022	100	Simon Maher	Completed	
» EC4.1.2	Allocate funding to deliver improved and new priority strategic and local walking and cycling schemes by March 2023	31/03/2023	50	Simon Maher	On Target	14/10/2022: £130k of capital funding is due to be distributed throughout the district for a variety of local and strategic projects
» EC4.1.3	Provide input to GCC to aid the production of LCWIPs (C)	31/03/2023	60	Simon Maher	On Target	13/07/2022: Input to Stroud LCWIP and Can-Dursley LCWIP. Discussions held regarding plan for future Wotton-Kingswood LCWIP.
» EC4.1.4	Prioritise main strategic walking and cycling routes within the district, including accessibility (C)	31/03/2023	60	Simon Maher	On Target	14/10/2022: Assessment being carried out of some CIL applications related to strategic cycling and walking projects. Possible allocation pending outcome of UKSPF application.
» EC4.1.5	Identify local cycling and walking routes which link to, or will help to deliver strategic routes (C)	31/03/2023	40	Simon Maher	On Target	14/10/2022: A Cycling and Walking event for Parish and Town councils earmarked for November will aim to help Parish and Town councils identify projects

EC4.2	In partnership with the County Council, encourage the expansion and improvement of public transport and links to walking and cycling routes – to include bus services and railway stations and services, and bids for new facilities that benefit residents of the District.	31/03/2026	55	Conrad Moore	On Target 	18/10/2022: Quarter 2: Levelling Up Bid submitted to Government in August which includes proposals for investment in walking and cycling improvements and real time bus information in Stroud town centre. Discussions with Network Rail underway to submit an Access for All bid to Government in the autumn for improved access and lifts at Stroud railway station. A Strategic Outline Business Case for reopening Stonehouse Station was finalised and submitted to Department for Transport on 30 September 2022. Sustainable Transport Study addendum completed to support the Local Plan and provide the justification for policies and proposals for modal shift to public transport and active travel.
» EC4.2.1	Publicity/information campaign promoting the use of public transport and links to active travel across the district	31/03/2023	30	Conrad Moore	On Target 	18/10/2022: Workshop being planned for promoting walking and cycling with Town and Parishes in November. Discussions taking place regarding future active travel investment with County.
» EC4.2.2	Submission of strategic outline business case to Department for Transport for the reopening of Stonehouse Bristol Road station by September 2022	30/09/2022	80	Conrad Moore	On Target 	18/10/2022: A Strategic Outline Business Case for reopening Stonehouse Station was finalised and submitted to Department for Transport on 30 September 2022.
» EC4.2.3	Development of a prioritised programme of investment in walking and cycling projects by March 2022	31/03/2022	100	Simon Maher	Completed 	
» CDPEC4.2 a(C)	5% Increase in public transport links to walking and cycling routes year on year	N/A	N/A	Conrad Moore	Target: Actual:	The Draft Local Plan requires a number of strategic housing and employment allocations to include multi-modal interchanges and contributions to enhanced bus services, to ensure future bus services are connected to active travel routes. The draft requirements are yet to be approved by the Inspector. Discussions continue in various Transport Group Meetings held in District and at County.
» CDPEC4.2 b(C)	Number of new or improved facilities such as cycle lanes, cycle tracks, walking trails	N/A	N/A	Conrad Moore	Target: Actual:	See EC4.1.4 and EC 4.1.5 above. Latest position summarised in Walking and Cycling Update Report (September 2022).
EC4.3	Working with partners, expand the network of Electric Vehicle charging points and increase support for low carbon transport, and a reduction in private car use and explore measures to reduce air pollution such as no-idling zones.	31/03/2023	20	Mike Towson	On Target 	12/10/2022: Quarter 2: Report from Element Energy due by the end of October. This will recommend a rollout strategy in SDC car parks. Working closely with GCC to complement on street rollout.


» EC4.3.1	Low Carbon Transport Strategy with agreed targets in place • Quarterly reporting to targets in the Low Carbon Transport Strategy	31/03/2023	1	Mike Towson	On Target 	08/07/2022: See EC4.3 update. Outcome will be an SDC EV Strategy.
» CDPEC4.3	Number of EV charge points installed in SDC car parks, work with town and parish councils	N/A	N/A	Mike Towson	Target: Actual:	Targets will be guided by the consultant's work referenced above (ED.4.3/4.3.1)


EC5: Circular economy: Develop the foundations of a sustainable circular economy for the district by minimizing consumption, reducing the quantity of resources sent to incineration and applying the waste hierarchy; prevent, reduce, reuse, recycle, recover and as a last resort, disposal.

Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	% Complete	Lead Officer	Status	Comments
EC5.1	Further reduce the quantity of resources discarded as waste and minimise its environmental impact.	31/03/2023	15	Mike Towson	On Target 	12/10/2022: Quarter 2: Business case being put forward to introduce a Waste Education Officer, tasked with maximising use of the existing recycling provision and minimising the creation of waste in the first place. Due to the financial implications, if any post could impact recycling rates, even to a relatively small degree, it would effectively be self funding.
» CDPEC5.1, NI191	% total household waste not sent for recycling, reuse or composting	N/A	N/A	Gemma Webb	Target: Actual:	Q1 figure not yet available
EC5.2	Work with our partner Ubico to identify joint opportunities for carbon reduction projects in household collection and management of public spaces.	31/03/2025	10	Mike Towson	On Target 	12/10/2022: Quarter 2: SDC are considering the introduction and use of HVO fuel in Ubico fleet vehicles. Officers have attended a workshop with the Energy Saving Trust and Ubico Fleet are working on figures, both environmental and financial, so that assessment can be made. HVO fuel carries a circa. 20% price premium but reduces "well to wheel" carbon emissions by around 80%.
» CDPEC5.2	Number of carbon reduction projects scoped with Ubico, including analysis of potential carbon saving	N/A	N/A	Mike Towson	Target: Actual:	Work is under way to scope and fully cost the use of alternative to diesel fuel.
EC5.3	Support the phasing out of single use plastics in the district and encourage and support local initiatives to 'reduce, repair and recycle'.	31/03/2023	10	Mike Towson	On Target 	12/10/2022: Quarter 2: Regular countywide campaigns now undertaken as per the GRWP communications plan. Existing campaign is focused on "Wear not Waste", encouraging the re-use of clothes, instead of the throwaway culture.
» EC5.3.1	Local initiatives identified and promoted to reduce, reuse and recycle	31/03/2023	8	Mike Towson	On Target 	08/07/2022: Ongoing initiatives.





» CDPEC5.3(a)	Reduction in the percentage of plastic as a part of the overall composition of dry mixed recycling, against a 2020/21 baseline.	N/A	N/A	Mike Towson	Target: Actual:	The 2020/21 baseline figure has been calculated at 32.04% (provisional) and when full Q1 figures are available a comparison will be made and realistic future target set.
EC5.4	Continue to increase recycling rates across the district.	31/03/2023	8	Mike Towson	On Target 	12/10/2022: Quarter 2: NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS UPDATE - Working towards accepting an additional material at the kerbside. This will be housed in vehicle cages, which are being specified for the next round of capital fleet expenditure. Note* scheme change is the only recognised way to radically increase recycling rates. Rates tend to plateau and decline after scheme change and that is the current stage of the cycle. As per EC5.1 a business case is being worked up to introduce an additional post, which will help to fully promote the recycling scheme we have.
» EC5.4.1	Introduction of an additional material at the kerbside	31/03/2023	10	Mike Towson	On Target 	08/07/2022: There is a clear pathway to enable this at the time of recycling fleet renewal. Orders to be placed in 2nd half of 2022.
» CDPEC5.4.NI192	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	N/A	N/A	Gemma Webb	Target: 60 Actual: 59.27 	Q1 Data (Q2 not yet available_




EC6: Renewable energy: Increase the proportion of energy generated by renewable sources in the district and work on decarbonizing existing networks.

Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	% Complete	Lead Officer	Status	Comments
EC6.1	Continue to increase renewable generation in the district and to decarbonise existing networks, and support community-owned renewable energy schemes	31/03/2026	40	Rachel Brain	On Target 	18/10/2022: Quarter 2: Within our 2030 Strategy "3 E's" approach we are focused on enabling and encouraging in-district renewable generation and being exemplar on our own estates. Our main delivery areas at the moment are in social housing where we are looking for opportunities for PV and battery storage and in our work to encourage able to pay sector to invest in their own homes. We are also supporting a partnership led by Transition Stroud and Big Solar Co-Op to scope for potential community energy projects.
» CDPEC6.1	Number of community owned or other renewable energy schemes supported by the council and the reported carbon saved/avoided.	N/A	N/A	Rachel Brain	Target: Actual:	KPI under review, To be reported in Q3

EC6.3	Increase the proportion of Council and partner fleet vehicles powered by zero or low carbon technologies.	31/03/2026	10	Keith Gerrard	On Target 	
» CDPEC6.3	% increase of fleet vehicles powered by zero or low carbon tech	N/A	N/A	Keith Gerrard	Target: Actual:	

ER5: Strategic Plan: Adopt the new Stroud District Local Plan

Code	Action Required / Description	Deadline	% Complete	Lead Officer	Status	Comments
ER5.1	Progress the Local Plan through public examination and secure its adoption.	31/12/2022	30	Mark Russell	On Target 	03/10/2022: Quarter 2: The draft Local Plan is progressing through public examination. The Inspectors are carrying out their initial assessment before hearing sessions are organised. The Council has been asked to carry out a focussed consultation on updated evidence documents published during July/August at the request of the Inspectors before a hearings timetable is published, expected during winter 2022/23.
» ER5.1.1	Local Plan recommended for adoption by Government Inspector	31/12/2022	30	Mark Russell	On Target 	01/11/2022: The draft Local Plan is progressing through public examination. The Inspectors are carrying out their initial assessment before hearing sessions are organised, anticipated during winter 2022/23.
» ER5.1.2	Local Plan adopted within 3 months of receiving the Inspector's Report	31/12/2022	0	Mark Russell	Not Started 	
ER5.2	Support the delivery of strategic site allocations contained within the local plan and the key infrastructure required to support it.	31/03/2026	70	Mark Russell	On Target 	03/10/2022: Quarter 2: As part of the Local Plan public examination process, the Council is working with site promoters and with stakeholders to resolve outstanding issues. The Council is also responding to formal scoping and pre-application requests through the development management process. A small number of planning applications on strategic sites have been submitted and are being considered.

» ER5.2.1	Number of houses built and hectareage of employment land developed annually compared with Local Plan requirements	31/03/2026	50	Mark Russell	On Target 	03/10/2022: The number of homes and employment land delivered annually are set out in the Housing and Employment Land Availability Reports, commencing in April of each year, and published during the summer/autumn. The 2021/22 Housing Land Availability Report has been published and shows 771 homes were built during 2021/22 against an adopted Local Plan requirement of at least 456 homes and a draft Local Plan requirement of at least 630 homes. The 2021/22 Employment Land Availability Report is expected to be completed during Quarter 3.
ER5.3	Work with parish councils to develop Neighbourhood Development Plans and Orders to meet local development needs.	31/03/2026	50	Simon Maher	On Target 	14/10/2022: Quarter 2: Brimscombe and Thrupp: SEA/HRA screening complete. Reg 14 consultation complete. Slimbridge: SEA/HRA screening commenced. Standish: Feedback on revised NDP provided.
» ER5.3.1	Number of Neighbourhood Development Plans and Orders progressed or reviewed	31/03/2026	50	Simon Maher	On Target 	14/10/2022: Brimscombe and Thrupp: SEA/HRA screening complete. Reg 14 consultation complete. Slimbridge: SEA/HRA screening commenced. Standish: Feedback on revised NDP provided.

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Update on the Stroud Valleys Natural Flood Management work.

Stroud District Council started the “Stroud Rural Sustainable Drainage project in 2014, using funding provided by the Severn and Wye Regional Flood and Coastal Committee’s (RFCC) local levy. The project was one of the first nature-based solutions flood risk management projects to be implemented by a local authority in England. During the first 6 years of the project, over 750 interventions were installed throughout the catchment of the River Frome and working with over 25 local farmers and landowners managed to reduce peak flows in the Slad Valley by a significant volume, and contributed to the restoration of nature along 20km of stream and river.

The project, now renamed as the Stroud Valleys Natural Flood Management project, gained a further six years funding from the same source in 2021 and in January 2022, Chris Uttley, the original project officer, was reappointed to the role. The project now receives £80kpa from the RFCC and Gloucestershire County Council contributes a further £30kpa towards capital costs.

A partnership approach is key to achieving the project objectives, and there is close working with a wide range of public and third sector organisations, in addition to working directly with farmers and landowners, on whose land the interventions are installed, and the residents’ flood action groups. All works are allowed voluntarily onto land owned by others, but we are hopeful that changes to agricultural policy and funding to provide greater support for natural flood management in the coming years.

The table below shows the number of new interventions installed throughout the catchment since April 2021. It also shows the lengths and areas of stream and habitat created or restored, which are criteria on which our funding is partially based.

Waterbody	Length of watercourse restored (Km)	Area of water dependant habitat created (Ha)	Total area of habitat restored (Ha)	NFM measures implemented
Frome	0.16	0	0.17	20
Nailsworth	0.13	0	0.34	8
Slad	0.76	0.1	1.02	35
Painswick	1.99	0.4	0.44	54
Totals	3.04	0.5	1.97	117

So that SDC can monitor the success of the NFM work, the project is also initiating a new monitoring partnership with the national groundwater team of the Environment Agency and the science and research department of the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust in Slimbridge. The

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EA are donating monitoring equipment worth £80k to the project, to allow us to collect data about the impact the work is having on both reducing flood risk and increasing resilience to drought. The WWT will be working with SDC to deploy the equipment and record and analyse the results until 2027.

The Stroud Valleys Natural Flood Management project is a national exemplar for this type of work, and features as the case study within the new National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England. The project also receives international attention. For example, it was one of the case studies within the US Army Corps of Engineers “Engineering with Nature” Atlas and in July, the project hosted 32 visitors from National and Regional Government organisations from Hungary.

For further information, please see the SDC website:

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/flooding-and-drainage/stroud-rural-sustainable-drainage-rsuds-project>

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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
 INFORMATION SHEET (NO.1)
 30 NOVEMBER 2022**

Development and consultation on a Vision and Strategic Action Plan for the River Frome by the Severn Vale Catchment Partnership

The Catchment Based Approach is an inclusive, civil society-led initiative that works in partnership with Government, Local Authorities, Water Companies, businesses and more, to help manage and restore catchments in England. Catchment partnerships are actively working in all 100+ river catchments across England and cross-border with Wales, directly supporting achievement of many of the targets under the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan, including in the Severn Vale.

The [Severn Vale catchment partnership](#) (SVCP) is hosted jointly by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and the Severn Rivers Trust, with membership drawn from a wide range of public, private and third sector organisations, including Stroud District Council.

The SVCP has developed a [draft Vision and Strategic Action Plan](#) for the River Frome, and recently carried out a public consultation on the draft plan. The draft vision and action plan contains a series of ambitious objectives and actions for the Stroud River Frome. Examples of Actions include:

- Seek funding for at least 5 additional barrier removals or easements across the catchment
- Re-naturalise the river channel by introducing woody debris at 30 sites
- Reconnect 5km of headwater river with the floodplain by removing embankments and remeandering straight sections of
- Run annual Yellow Fish and misconnection campaigns, engaging 10 schools, residential and business communities
- To double the current number (750) of natural flood and drought management measures across the catchment
- Seek funding to identify the causes of zero flows in at least 2 sections of the river and, where possible, develop proposals to reduce or reverse these impacts.

Stroud District Council has responded positively to this consultation as it fits well with our own 2030 Strategy, particularly in the way it combines actions that will help mitigate both the climate and ecological emergencies and includes ambitious objectives and actions on natural flood management, nature recovery and community involvement in these.

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Climate Leadership Group
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	2 nd October 2022

BRIEF REPORT

The Climate Leadership Group sits below Leadership Gloucestershire, and brings together the county's councils and other strategic partners, including the NHS, GFirstLEP, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and the Police, to work together on solutions to tackle the climate emergency.

The objectives and responsibilities of the Group are set out here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/climate-change/greener-gloucestershire-climate-dashboard/our-partners/climate-leadership-gloucestershire-clg/objectives-and-responsibilities/objectives/#main>

The Group meets approximately every two months. Its strategic climate action work is structured around ten themes, and each theme is led by a partner or group of partners. Stroud District Council is leading on the Retrofit theme.

Climate Action Theme	Theme Lead
1. Adaptation	Gloucester City Council
2. Behaviour Change	Gloucestershire Constabulary & NHS Partners
3. Biodiversity	Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership
4. Economy	GFirst LEP
5. Energy	Forest of Dean District Council
6. Food & Farming	Cotswold District Council
7. Planning	Cheltenham Borough Council
8. Retrofit	Stroud District Council
9. Transport	Gloucestershire County Council
10. Waste	Tewkesbury District Council

The agenda for each meeting focusses in detail on up to two themes and also includes a progress report which summarises progress to date within each of the themes.

Further information about Group, including the meeting notes to date, is available here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/climate-change/greener-gloucestershire-climate-dashboard/our-partners/climate-leadership-gloucestershire-clg/>

The Countywide Climate Change Coordinator, Julian Atkins, acts as Secretariat for the Group, supported by the CN2030 climate officers' group as necessary. The Secretariat is developing and managing a shared action plan, and will work with partners and stakeholders to support the delivery of recommended actions identified in the plan and agreed by the Group.

The shared action plan focusses on:

- areas that are difficult to deliver individually or where shared delivery increases cost effectiveness and efficiency,
- actions delivered by bodies other than councils but which will be significantly strengthened by council sponsorship, and
- areas likely to be politically or publicly contentious but where shared delivery will gain better traction and support for action.

The next meeting of the Group is the first AGM, to be held in person in Gloucester on 31st January 2023, at which it is anticipated that the action plan will be reviewed and discussions held regarding the resourcing of the recommended actions.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Chloe Turner
DATE	24 th November 2022

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE****8 DECEMBER 2022****WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022-23**

Date of meeting	Matter to be considered (i.e. insert report/project title)	Notes (e.g. lead member & officer)
09.02.2023	Severn Estuary Mitigation Strategy	Principal Planning Officer
	Anti Social Behaviour Policy	TBC
	Electric Vehicle Charging Points	Community Services Manager
	Member/Officer Reports: a) Strategic Planning Advisory Board b) Stroud Regeneration Committee c) Climate Leadership Group	TBC Councillor Drury-Layfield Councillor Turner
	Work Programme	Chair/Strategic Director of Place/Committee
30.03.2023	Budget Monitoring Q3	Accountant
	2030 Annual Report	2030 Strategy Manager/Community Engagement Board Representatives
	Member/Officer Reports: a) Strategic Planning Advisory Board b) Stroud Regeneration Committee c) Performance Monitoring d) Climate Leadership Group e) Walking and Cycling Annual Report	TBC Councillor Drury-Layfield Councillor Turner & Councillor Evans Councillor Turner Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer

Reports for Future Meetings – Date TBC

- Community Involvement
- Building Back Better Strategy
- District Nature Recovery Strategy
- Tree Strategy
- Local Plan – Spring 2023
- Standish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Information Sheets for Future Meetings:

Marine Management Organisation and Marine Management Plan – TBC

Published Members' Information Sheets		
Date sent (& ref no)	Topic	Notes (eg responsible officer)

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