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Performance Monitoring Report Q4: Environment Committee

Date of Meeting		
Performance Monitors & Officer(s)	Members: Natalie Bennett & George James Lead Officer: Brendan Cleere	
Performance Update (See report below for detailed updates)		
Council Plan Priorities (see performance management system)	Summary:	Progress & RAG Status
	Action Plans:	21 On Target
		Total 21
Council Plan Performance Indicators or Milestones (see performance management system where applicable)	Summary:	Progress & RAG Status
	Milestones:	6 On Target
		5 Completed
		2 Overdue
		13 Not started
	Performance Indicators:	2 Reported for Q4:
		» CDPEC2.2a Below target
		» CDPEC2.2b Below target
	18 Not yet available	
	Total 46	
Reports being presented to this Committee associated with Council Plan:	EC2.2: Flood Risk Management Plan EC5.1: Litter Bin Policy ER5.3: Standish Neighbourhood Development Plan: Progress to Referendum	
Risks	Corporate Risk Register presented to Audit & Standards Committee. List any relevant Service specific risks.	

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



Relevant finance issues	See Q4 Budget monitoring report
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	
Any actions/recommendations for the Committee	
Report submitted by	
Date of report	





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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		09/05/2022: Quarter 4: The core group has been formed under the name "2030 Community Engagement Board" and had their first formal meeting 01/03/2022. This group is formed from community representatives that have been recruited to help us bring those people in the district not yet responding to the call for 2030 action into the development of a workplan to be in place by early 2023. The board is cross-political and representation is from leaders or their nominated colleagues.
» EC1.1.1	Establish the Community Engagement Board with a cross-section of community members.	31/03/2022	100	Rachel Brain	Completed		04/03/2022: The first meeting of this board was held 01/03/2022
» EC1.1.2	Community Governance Group work plan identified and reviewed quarterly by Spring 2022	31/03/2022	40	Rachel Brain	On Target		06/05/2022: Facilitators to work with the Board on this plan are currently submitting proposals with a view to begin work at next meeting 8/06
» 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		06/05/2022: Annual Report Approved 28/04/22
» EC1.1.4	Participation in Climate Leadership Gloucestershire Group and leader / convenor of retrofit theme (C)	31/03/2024	100	Rachel Brain	Completed		04/03/2022: Brendan Cleere and Cllr Chloe Turner have taken their places on this group and SDC is retrofit theme lead.


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» 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:	Annual figure not yet available
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	85	Rachel Brain	On Target 	06/05/2022: Quarter 4: Council Plan reporting is in progress through Excelsis. Carbon accounting is framed through Climate Disclosure Project. SAR support for gap analysis as a starting point for ISO work is scheduled for July.
» EC1.2.1	Quarterly PM update reports on Council Plan to relevant Committee on progress for each activity / project	31/03/2022	100	Rachel Brain	Completed 	26/04/2022: 2030 Strategy actions are included in The Council Plan and quarterly updates are provided to all relevant Committees.
EC1.5	Explore and progress additional projects for carbon reduction and /or biodiversity net gain and funding opportunities to deliver them.	31/03/2026	40	Rachel Brain	On Target 	06/05/2022: Quarter 4: 2030 Team capacity for project development this quarter has been focused on works in progress including technical review and support to Brimscombe tender process and One Public Estate scoping proposal. Local Partnerships strategic investigation on retrofit is also being led by 2030 Strategy Manager and the coordination work on Innovate 2 Renovate continues. SDC have contributed match to Transition Stroud/Big Solar Coop initiative and this is due to have its launch next quarter.
» EC1.5.1	Money leveraged through successful funding bids and level of associated council investment approved by Councillors £s (ongoing 2026)	31/03/2025	0	Rachel Brain	Not Started 	
» 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:	Not yet available


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» CDPEC1.5a	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:	Not yet available
» CDPEC1.5b	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:	Not yet available






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	20	Conrad Moore	On Target 	25/04/2022: Quarter 4: In discussion with LNP and County. The Secretary of State for DEFRA is mindful to name Gloucestershire County Council as the responsible body for compiling/publishing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Gloucestershire. Stroud District Council officers have agreed this proposal with County. Cotswolds Nature Recovery Forum held a meeting in April for LNRS practitioners and this was valued by those who attended. It was agreed to hold another LNRS practitioners meeting in September hopefully following the formal roll out of formal guidance in August.




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» EC2.1.1	District document developed, aligned with Gloucestershire Nature Recovery Strategy	31/03/2023	20	Conrad Moore	On Target 	10/03/2022: Discussions have taken place in the County regarding a Gloucestershire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). Ahead of formal appointments of responsible authorities by the Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), they have confirmed under the terms of the Environment Act 2021 that Gloucestershire County Council is considered the provisional responsible authority for the LNRS for Gloucestershire. The Local Nature Partnership (LNP) and wider partners will be instrumental in confirming the contents of the LNRS and owning it. The LNRS will probably need to be adopted formally by GCC before going live. SDC still await the legal regulations and guidance from the govt. however.
» EC2.1.2	Progress on recreation and mitigation strategy works for the Severn Estuary, Rodborough Common and Cotswold Beechwoods	31/03/2024	40	Conrad Moore	On Target	25/04/2022: Footprint Ecology working with other Councils in Gloucestershire and Natural England on Severn Estuary evidence updates. Severn Estuary Visitor Surveys undertaken in period up to 01.04.22. Data collected currently being analysed. Anticipate visitor survey report by early Summer. Mitigation Strategy will then follow. Commented on drafts of Rodborough and Cotswold Beechwoods Mitigation Strategies. Footprint Ecology taking account of feedback from landowners and citizen space/ community groups. SDC speaking with NE and other LPAs on governance and administration matters. May lead to delay in adoption until late Summer/early Autumn.
» CDPEC2.1(C)	Hectareage of re-wilded land	N/A	N/A	Conrad Moore	Target: Actual:	Working with Development Management to agree methods of recording re-wilding associated with development. Aim to have baseline figure by Q1
» CDPEC2.1a	Number of re-wilding and bio-diversity partnerships and projects supported.	N/A	N/A	Conrad Moore	Target: Actual:	Subject to discussion with partnership members, we aim to have data available for Q2 2022/3.


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» CDPEC2.1b	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:	Awaiting Government guidance. Council responded to consultation last month regarding biodiversity net gain. Aim to have some data by Q2 2022/23.
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	99	Maria Hickman	On Target 	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: 2 projects completed and further projects being identified with landowners as new project officer now in post
» CDPEC2.2a	Number of interventions installed as part of the natural flood management project	N/A	N/A	Maria Hickman	Target: 3 Actual: 2 	New project officer settled into post and starting to identify new projects for 22/23. 2 of the 3 projects already identified completed but one cancelled as landowner no longer wishes to go ahead
» CDPEC2.2b	Number of landowners engaged with the natural flood management project	N/A	N/A	Maria Hickman	Target: 3 Actual: 2 	3 landowners agreed to have works undertaken this quarter
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	10	Conrad Moore	On Target 	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: Further discussions to take place with Gloucestershire LNP and SDC Arboriculturist to develop the action plan.
» 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	0	Conrad Moore	Not Started 	Not yet available


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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	10	Mike Hammond	On Target 	20/04/2022: Quarter 4: Community services are due to meet with Gloucestershire CC (GCC) in the near future(weeks) to discuss the verge cutting that SDC undertake on behalf of GCC. This is likely to lead further discussion on implementing wild flower areas across the district
» 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	0	Mike Hammond	Not Started 	
EC2.5	Use the Building with Nature standards for key regeneration sites across the district	31/03/2026	60	Mark Russell	On Target 	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: 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 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:	Not yet available





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	60	Mark Russell	On Target 	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: The Draft Local Plan, containing net zero sustainable construction standards, was approved by Council in April 2021 and was formally submitted for examination in October 2021. Consultants confirmed in April 2022that the draft policies remain uptodate.





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» EC3.5.1	Develop Policy and guidance by 2023	31/03/2023	30	Mark Russell	On Target 	04/03/2022: 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:	Not yet available




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	40	Simon Maher	On Target 	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: Recommendations of the walking and Cycling Task and Finish Group presented to Environment Committee. Commenced discussions on the next steps for the Wotton Kingswood Charfield Greenway.
» 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	0	Simon Maher	Not Started 	
» EC4.1.3	Provide input to GCC to aid the production of LCWIPs (C)	31/03/2023	0	Simon Maher	Not Started 	

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» EC4.1.4	Prioritise main strategic walking and cycling routes within the district, including accessibility (C)	31/03/2023	0	Simon Maher	Not Started 	
» EC4.1.5	Identify local cycling and walking routes which link to, or will help to deliver strategic routes (C)	31/03/2023	0	Simon Maher	Not Started 	
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	20	Conrad Moore	On Target 	25/04/2022: Quarter 4: Reopening Stonehouse Station - Project Group and Steering Group meeting in week commencing 25th April. Draft Case for Change prepared for discussion. Workshop also to be run by our consultants Stantec on the business case objectives and the options. Highway Modelling work to support Local Plan continues where looking at key pinch points and apportionment of allocation sites to highway mitigation proposals, including active travel and public transport aspects. Transport Group Meetings involve SDC consultants, County Council, National Highways and West of England Combined Authority and South Gloucestershire Unitary Authority.
» EC4.2.1	Publicity/information campaign promoting the use of public transport and links to active travel across the district	31/03/2023	0	Conrad Moore	Not Started 	

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» 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	20	Conrad Moore	On Target 	10/03/2022: Stantec were appointed as consultants to assist the formulation and drafting of the strategic outline business case at the beginning of the year. A Project Board to prepare the SOBC had a meeting on 16.02.22 which discussed membership and governance aspects. A programme of project board meetings has been developed which links to the methodology for developing the case for change. In addition potential project risks were discussed. A steering group was set up to support the bid. The Steering Group meeting took place on 01.03.22 which set out the project background, governance and the future work programme aspects. As part of this meeting a workshop was held to explore what are the issues that the project needs to address.
» EC4.2.3	Development of a prioritised programme of investment in walking and cycling projects by March 2022	31/03/2022	0	Simon Maher	On Target 	
» CDPEC4.2a(C)	5% Increase in public transport links to walking and cycling routes year on year	N/A	N/A	Conrad Moore	Target: Actual:	Not yet available
» CDPEC4.2b(C)	Number of new or improved facilities such as cycle lanes, cycle tracks, walking trails	N/A	N/A	Conrad Moore	Target: Actual:	Not yet available
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	3	Mike Towson	On Target 	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: Meetings with SW Energy Hub and various stakeholders have taken place with a view to engaging consultants to review EV charging need and feasibility across the car park estate. SW Energy Hub may consider funding this work and an application has been entered for assessment. A fully funded commercial option is also being explored.






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» 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	0	Mike Towson	Not Started	
» 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:	Not yet available

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	6	Mike Towson	On Target	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: Countywide communications plan in place, focusing on various related topics. SDC to highlight recycling contamination levels via a dedicated engagement programme. The initial focus will be reducing bagged recycling and film which was found to be prevalent.
» CDPEC5.1	% total household waste not sent for recycling, reuse or composting	N/A	N/A	Gemma Webb	Target: 63 Actual: 75.6	Q3: The number of kgs per household remains increased compared to previous years, due to the number of residents working from home. This has prompted an increase of waste into the residual stream that would normally be disposed of via commercial collections.
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	2	Mike Towson	On Target	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: Re-establishment of Service Review Working Group to take ownership of this action.
» CDPEC5.2	Number of carbon reduction projects scoped with Ubico, including analysis of potential carbon saving	N/A	N/A	Mike Towson	Target: Actual:	Not yet available

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
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	6	Mike Towson	On Target 	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: Current countywide communications campaign focuses on reuse and SDC will be sharing online content and promoting social media posts. SDC assets recorded on central database. The MST are supporting it using a dedicated email signature strapline.
» EC5.3.1	Local initiatives identified and promoted to reduce, reuse and recycle	31/03/2023	0	Mike Towson	Not Started 	
» 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:	Not yet available
EC5.4	Continue to increase recycling rates across the district.	31/03/2023	6	Mike Towson	On Target 	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: 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.
» EC5.4.1	Introduction of an additional material at the kerbside	31/03/2023	0	Mike Towson	Not Started 	
» CDPEC5.4,	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	N/A	N/A	Gemma Webb	Target: 60 Actual: 59.03 	Q3 figure – Q4 Not yet available

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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	10	Rachel Brain	On Target 	06/05/2022: Quarter 4: SDC are match funding Transition Stroud to establish a node of Big Solar Coop. This secures a part time post to scope opportunity for roof top projects and engage business owners with a view to establishing 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:	Not yet available
EC6.3	Increase the proportion of Council and partner fleet vehicles powered by zero or low carbon technologies.	31/03/2026	50	Joe Gordon	On Target 	20/04/2022: Quarter 4: Fleet will be reviewed in accordance with renewal schedules and the availability of suitable vehicles and infrastructure to support service delivery
» CDPEC6.3	% increase of fleet vehicles powered by zero or low carbon tech	N/A	N/A	Joe Gordon	Target: Actual:	Not yet available

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	60	Mark Russell	On Target 	22/04/2022: Quarter 4: The Draft Local Plan was approved by Council in April 2021 and was formally submitted for examination in October 2021. The Inspector has asked the Council to do some additional work before a timetable is published. This has now been completed and a timetable is now expected.
» ER5.1.1	Local Plan recommended for adoption by Government Inspector	31/12/2022	20	Mark Russell	On Target 	04/03/2022: The draft Local Plan is progressing through public examination
» ER5.1.2	Local Plan adopted within 3 months of receiving the Inspector's Report	31/12/2022	0	Mark Russell	Not Started 	

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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	60	Mark Russell	On Target		22/04/2022: Quarter 4: 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		04/03/2022: 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 latest Housing Land Availability Report for 2020/21 was published in September 2021. Due to prioritising the Draft Local Plan for publication, the Employment Land Availability Report for 2020/21 has been delayed but will be published shortly.
ER5.3	Work with parish councils to develop Neighbourhood Development Plans and Orders to meet local development needs.	31/03/2026	30	Simon Maher	On Target		22/04/2022: Quarter 4: Continue to work with Standish PC to progress their NDP to referendum. Commencing SEA and HRA screening for Brimscombe and Thrupp NDP.
» ER5.3.1	Number of Neighbourhood Development Plans and Orders progressed or reviewed	31/03/2026	0	Simon Maher	Not Started	