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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:	
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» 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 recycle 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 recylates 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.

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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.