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Performance Monitoring Report: Environment Committee

DATE OF MEETING	20 April 2021
ATTENDEES	Members: Haydn Sutton, Chas Townley Officers: Brendan Cleere
PERFORMANCE UPDATE (<i>please give a brief progress update on the following areas</i>)	
CDP PRIORITIES (see <i>Excelsis</i>)	<p><i>CDP3.11 Implement the revised Environment Strategy and develop an action plan with partners to incorporate our commitment to being a Carbon Neutral district by 2030 (CN2030).</i></p> <p>Public consultation on the draft 2030 Strategy concluded in December 2020 and, following consideration by all four main policy committees, was adopted by Full Council on 18 March 2021.</p> <p><i>CDP3.12 Work with partners to implement the next phase of the cycling and walking strategy, focussing on routes between Dudbridge-Nailsworth; Dursley–Cam-Uley; Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield.</i></p> <p>Following requests from GCC for CIL funding, further match funding has been allocated from the cycling and walking budget to progress several routes as outlined in the route summaries below.</p> <p>Dudbridge-Nailsworth: £116k from CIL and £40k from the cycling and walking budget (total £156k) has been allocated to provide essential refurbishment works to Newman Henders bridge. Remaining track improvement works will also be completed from this allocation.</p> <p>Dursley-Cam-Uley: £25k from CIL and £25k from the cycling and walking budget (total £50k) has been allocated to complete design works for sections linking the Littlecombe development to the proposed cycle track at the north east Cam development. Public consultation on work to footpath CDU14 to make it suitable for cycling and re-designate it as a bridleway has been delayed due to Covid 19. The £50k allocated from the cycling and walking budget to complete these works remains in place.</p> <p>Cainscross segregated cycleway: £25k from CIL and £25k from the cycling and walking budget (total £50k) has been allocated for the upgrading of 1.25km of existing advisory cycle lanes to provide light segregation between Lansdown and Cainscross Roundabout, connecting to onward strategic cycle routes.</p>

CDP PRIORITIES <i>(see Excelsis)</i>	<p>Frampton Cycle Path: £10k from CIL and £10k from the cycling and walking budget (total £20k) has been allocated for detailed design work to implement a safe link from the canal to the village in association with the completion of the canal restoration work.</p> <p>Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield: Sustrans have commenced the design phase for this project. SDC is contributing £8k for this piece of work. A request for a further £10k from the cycling and walking budget to complete this work is currently being considered.</p> <p>Stroud-Chalford: Meetings with the local parishes leading this project are due to be held to coordinate this route with the proposed redevelopment of Brimscombe Port.</p> <p>CDP3.13 <i>In our role as statutory waste collection authority, support community groups to phase out single use plastics; whilst also reducing its use across council services</i></p> <p>As reported previously Stroud District Action on Plastic (SDAP) were invited to contribute to the SDC Christmas message promoted to residents alongside collection alterations over the festive period. This was shared widely on social media and appeared in local press. The SDAP AGM took place in December.</p> <p>CDP3.14 <i>In partnership with Stroud Town Council and Friends of the Lido submit a bid to National Lottery Heritage Fund for additional funding to refurbish Stratford Park Lido.</i></p> <p>As stated in Q2 the project is being delayed due to the current pandemic. Meetings have taken place with a representative of the friends of the Lido. Again due the pandemic bids from the various agencies/ organisations are closed. The friends of the Lido will be part of the consultation process for the District leisure review.</p>
PROJECTS / CAPITAL PROGRAMME <i>(if not covered in CDP)</i>	<p><i>Assess air quality within the District in line with the requirements of Defra and prepare an annual report on air quality in the District</i></p> <p>Monitoring of NO2 across the District using passive detectors has continued from June 2020. Uncorrected levels of NO2 suggest that all sites will meet Air Quality Objectives for the year and levels remain lower than for the corresponding quarter in 2019. Continuous monitoring of particulates at two sites on behalf of the Javelin Park Community Liaison Group has recommenced in early 2021 following significant equipment failures.</p>
PROJECTS / CAPITAL PROGRAMME <i>(if not covered in CDP)</i>	<p><i>Establish a working group and governance structure for the development of work plans to deliver the 2030 Carbon Neutral commitment.</i></p> <p>Integral to the Environment Strategy being finalised under CDP3.11 is a strategy for consultation and ongoing governance with the community. This will be finalised on the basis of both internal and external consultation processes that are currently under way. In the meantime, the internal steering group is established and the network of neighbourhood climate action groups continues to grow.</p>






Deliver and secure the long term sustainability of the rural SuDS project in partnership with the EA, working closely with land owners and communities using innovative land and flood management techniques.

Funding bid approved for Regional Flood and Coastal Committee funding of £50,000 revenue and £30,000 capital per year for the next 6 years of the funding cycle. Interventions already installed worked well during the December flooding and definitely greatly reduced the effects during our most testing rainfall event to date. Works continue on the ground to identify new projects.

Manage the delivery of the 'Warm Homes Fund' project

Seven installs were completed in Q3 in Stroud District following the lifting of COVID restrictions. Whilst there are more applicants waiting for installation during Q4 the COVID shutdown may again have an impact on outcomes. The additional funding secured through BEIS has enabled the Warm & Well team to identify a further 50 households across Gloucestershire who are eligible to have Air source heat pumps installed. The full Q3 report is available on the SDC website

PERFORMANCE MEASURES (see *Excelsis* where applicable)

Indicator	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	
Percentage of MAJOR planning applications determined within 13 weeks. This also takes into account Planning Performance Agreements which allow for longer than 13 weeks but will be counted positively.	60	88	100	100	
Percentage of MINOR applications determined within 8 weeks.	70	96	95	94	
Percentage of 'other' applications determined within 8 weeks	70	97	98	99	
Residual household waste per household. (kgs)	63	77	75	78.2	 *
Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	60	60.5	60.9	58.11	

*The number of kgs per household has increased 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.
The slight decrease in recycling rate is due to the increase in residual waste collected during the pandemic.

RISKS (see *Excelsis*)

CCR9 WASTE MANAGEMENT: Cost of providing waste and recycling services to the district currently constitutes around a third of the organisation's budget. As such any budgetary implication is of significant consequence to the MTFP.

Risk Score - 6

This risk remains unchanged. Legislative detail is still outstanding. Ubico have submitted a proposed budget for 2021 and this is being reviewed prior to agreement. Covid is having an impact on waste - residual levels have increased which will reduce the expected income from the new Residual Waste Incentive agreement between SDC and GCC. However, we expect this to be balanced against increased recycling credits; in line with increased recycling tonnages.

RELEVANT FINANCE ISSUES	See - Budget Monitoring Report 2020/21 Q3
FOLLOW UP (any issues for consideration at the next meeting)	None at the time of writing

ANY ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANT CONCERN TO BE REPORTED TO AUDIT AND STANDARDS	
None	
ANY ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE	
None	
REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Brendan Cleere (with input from relevant lead officers)
DATE OF REPORT	10 April 2021