

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2022

Report Title	2030 ANNUAL REPORT (2022-2023)			
Purpose of Report	To present the 22-23 Annual Report on the 2030 Strategy and Master Plan for approval.			
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to note and approve the 2022-2023 Annual Report for the 2030 Strategy and Master Plan.			
Consultation and Feedback	The draft report has had the inputs of managers and core delivery staff. As a largely reflective document formal public consultation has not been deemed necessary. Our ongoing community engagement work has informed our understanding about what the interested public want to know and community voices are included in the report.			
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Options	This report of annual progress is focused on the last 12 months of action of the masterplan. It reviews progress on the key priorities and commitments and a forward look describes key areas for next steps in our roles as exemplar, enabler and encourager. This reflects that we are proposing a sustained approach under the approved strategy. The committee's options are: to approve the report; to ask officers to consider amendments or, to reject the report.			
Background Papers	Nothing specific for this covering report. These links to the strategy and plan might be helpful: https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/building-a-sustainable-future-together/our-master-plan			
Appendices	Appendix A – 2030 Strategy Annual Report 2022-23 – Everything in Our Power			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	No	No	No

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The formal adoption of the 2030 Strategy and Masterplan in February 2021 followed on from the climate emergency declaration in November 2018 and was set within the context of post-COVID recovery and a heightened awareness of the importance of biodiversity and the role of nature in adaptation and mitigation. The 2022-2023 Annual Report reflects on

the progress across the 7 key priorities that were identified and takes a forward look to 2023-2024.

It is intended as a public-facing report and will be disseminated via our website and communications activity.

2. MAIN POINTS

2.1 The report details activity and progress across all themes of the strategy and includes infographics of key performance areas. This year we have once again completed Climate Disclosure Project assessment giving external verification to our efforts this year having progressed a further grade from 21-22 to 'B' Grade. There has once again been substantial success in securing new project pipeline and funds as further testament to the effort reflected in the whole council approach.

2.2 Whilst the report contains more in-depth reporting on activity, the following presents a highlight for each theme as a flavour:

Theme	Key Priority	Sample Highlight
Community	District Dialogue	20 members of 2030 Community Engagement Board with a draft workplan
Energy	Mainstream Renewables	3 more council buildings to be heated by heat pump technology saving approx... 14 652 TCO _{2e} /year
Economy	Detail the Economic Vision	£450k secured for Retrofit Skills centre, Berkeley GREEN UTC
Built Environment	The Retrofit Challenge	£137k secured to develop services for private homeowners.
Mobility	Increase Travel Options	EV Infrastructure Strategy developed
Natural Environment	Nature knows no boundaries	450 trees, 2 new ponds and 8 rural flood interventions
Waste	Communicate the waste hierarchy	Waste Wizard App launched to help people make good recycling decisions.

2.3 Activity focus areas this year have aligned to local priorities associated to cost of living and the need for deep, meaningful community engagement. This is reflected in the weight of information on themes of Community and Built Environment and evidence of efforts to both understand and meet community needs.

2.4 Own estates carbon accounting figures show good progress although we have had to compensate in our analysis for the impacts of 2020-2021 not just in terms of our working patterns but also of use of temporary heating appliances and periods of establishing the new WSHP system balance. Comparing to pre-pandemic years our usage at the Mill is down 26%

2.5 This year we have aligned the carbon accounting year to our annual report cycle so comparisons to previous years will now no longer be based on calendar years. Headlines include:

% Difference between 2006-now (based on actual data and predicted data where missing)
– 40% overall carbon reduction

% Difference between 20-21 and 21-22 (based on actual data and predicted data where missing) – 6% overall carbon reduction

Reduction in reliance on natural gas 2022 vs 2006 – approximately 319 tCO₂e (includes estimated data)

2022 EMISSIONS

SCOPE	EMISSIONS (TONNES)	VS. PREVIOUS YEAR
Scope 1	299	-3%
Scope 2	183	-1%
Scope 3	958	-7%

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1** The reporting period 2023-2024 saw council and community dealing with cost as well as climate crisis. The 2030 story of this annual report shows strong evidence for how 2030 based solutions are the answer to more than just climate concerns. The articles, quotes and data also demonstrate the starting of a real community movement of action and the early realisation of co-benefits from partnership working.
- 3.2** This report, a summary of just one working year, evidences sincere pan-council and community cooperation and a positive reflection on progress in all themes.

4. IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

There are no direct Financial Implications directly related to this report.

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4.2 Legal Implications

There are no significant implications within this category. Actions and decisions arising from the implementation of the strategy may have legal implications, which will need to be considered at the relevant time.

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4.3 **Equality Implications**

An EIA is not required because there are no recommended actions as a direct result of this report.

4.4 **Environmental Implications**

There are no significant implications within this category. Actions and decisions arising from the implementation of the strategy may have environmental implications, which will need to be considered at the relevant time.

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