

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Environmental Policy Action Plan Update
Committee : Services
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report gives an update on the delivery of the Environmental Policy Action Plan (EPAP) as required by Services Committee 14 Oct 2019 (Minute 578.4 & 578.6 refers).

2. Background:

2.1. Salisbury City Council (SCC) declared a Climate Change Emergency at Full Council on 17 June 2019.

2.2. On 14 Oct 2019 SCC agreed its Environmental Policy at Services Committee and agreed £56,000 funding for 2019/2020 at its Finance and Governance Committee on 21 Oct 2019.

2.3. SCC Declarations;

1. *Working to make Salisbury as carbon neutral as possible by 2030*
2. *Working with partners to achieve “clean air” in Salisbury by 2022, in particular by taking action to reduce vehicle emissions, supporting public transport, cycling and walking*
3. *Replacing or converting all council-owned or operated vehicles to electric powered vehicles as soon as is practically possible*
4. *Encouraging the rapid phasing out of diesel-powered buses in the City by bus operators and their replacement by cleaner or non-polluting alternatives*
5. *Increasing wherever possible the extent of pedestrianised areas within the City centre*
6. *Undertaking a comprehensive programme of improvement of the insulation of all council-owned property,*
7. *Ensuring that such property shall be fitted with solar panels wherever possible*
8. *Doing everything within its power to ensure that such standards should also apply to any new buildings which are permitted within the City*

3. Actions Since Last Services Committee 10 February 2020:

3.1. Since the last Services Committee, the Coronavirus and the restrictions brought about by it has placed constraints on the operation of the Council which have in turn limited the progress made in some areas of the EPAP, particularly as staff have been diverted to C19 related emergency and urgent tasks. This has resulted in the target dates for activity in the Action Plan being extended into autumn.

3.2. An email report was provided to the Services Committee in April 2020.

3.3. SCC agreed a budget of £50,000 for Environmental Policy Action Plan actions for 2020/2021 as part of its budget setting process.

- 3.4. EPAP has been further reviewed and is shown at Annex A. There are 40 actions in the action plan. One is completed, 32 are in progress and 7 are not yet commenced. [\(Declaration 1-8\)](#)
- 3.5. Salisbury City Council (SCC) and Wiltshire Council (WC) held a join Climate Change Workshop to be held on Wed 27 Feb 2020. [\(Declaration 1-8\)](#)
- 3.6. Full Council agreed on 21 Jan 2020 to spend £10,000 on tree planting on land owned or maintained by SCC. This work is funded by the 2019/2020 EPAO budget.. [\(Declaration 1-8\)](#).
- 3.7. SCC has procured technical assistance to establish its current carbon, water, waste and paper footprint, and is assimilating the data. [\(Declaration 1,2\)](#)
- 3.8. SCC is supporting Clean Air Day in June 2020 with in kind support and free use of the Market Place – this is now postponed until later in the year due to CV19 restrictions [\(Declaration 2\)](#).
- 3.9. SCC is actively considering promoting and organising a Car free Day in the City in September 2020 – this may need to be reconsidered if CV19 restrictions still apply. [\(Declaration 2\)](#)
- 3.10. Budget – Officers will develop a budget for consideration by councillors for the £50,000 allocated directly for EPAP activity in 2020/2021. [\(Declaration 1-8\)](#).
- 3.11. Reopening the High Street and enabling Active Travel: the City Council is working with partners across the city to promote safe walking and cycling in the city and enable social distancing. A joint submission concerning this has been forwarded to Wiltshire Council and is attached at Annex B for information only. [\(Declaration 2\)](#)

4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 4.1. Note the actions taken as set out in Para 3 above.

5. Wards Affected: All

6. Background Papers:

- 6.1. Annex A – EPAP as at 22 Jun 2020 (Doc 79157)
- 6.2. Annex B - Enabling Social Distancing In Roads and Open Spaces - A Salisbury Response to WC (Doc 78954)

6.3.

7. Implications:

- 7.1. **Financial:** As shown in the report
- 7.2. **Legal:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report
- 7.4. **Environmental Impact:** As shown in this report
- 7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report.

