

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

## Report

**Subject** : Environmental Policy Action Plan Update  
**Committee** : Services Committee  
**Date** : 5 October 2020  
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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. 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 22 June 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. EPAP has been further reviewed and is shown at Annex A (Doc 79966). There are 40 actions in the action plan. Four are completed, 31 are in progress and 5 are not yet commenced.

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. However, due to the impact of CV19

on the council's budget this has been reduced to £45,000 at the Finance and Governance Meeting on 13 July 2020. A list of projects to be achieved within this budget has been formulated and is attached to this paper as Annex B (Doc 79971) for information.

- 3.4. Active Travel: the City Council is working with partners across the city to promote safe walking and cycling in the city. A meeting has been held with interested parties and a draft cycling strategy produced which will be further developed before being presented to this committee for consideration.
- 3.5. On Mon 10 Aug 2020 the Leader of the Council, Cllr Jeremy Nettle and the City Clerk with members of the Steering Group of [Salisbury Transition City](#) (STC) in order to see what opportunities they are for SCC and STC to work together to achieve the council's climate change objectives.
- 3.6. Salisbury City Council has been working with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to create a wildlife friendly river bank in Churchill Gardens. This forms part of the wider Garden Meets Rivers Edge project in Partnership with Natural England. River banks are important wildlife corridors which provide habitat connecting wildlife populations separated by our towns, villages and cities. The area has been planted with wildlife friendly plants including water mint, marsh marigold, purple loosestrife and meadowsweet which will add additional colour to the river bank during spring and summer months. To find out more on the Garden Meets Rivers Edge project follow this link: <https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/hampshire-avon-garden-meets-river-edge>.
- 3.7. On Sat 12 Sep 2020 officers from SCC attended the STC People in the Park event to raise awareness of SCC climate change declarations and action to address this.

#### **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 18 Sep 2020 (Doc 79966).
- 6.2. Annex B – EPAP projects for 2020/2021 (Doc 79971).

#### **7. Implications:**

- 7.1. **Financial:** As show 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.