

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Environmental Policy Action Plan Update
Committee : Services Committee
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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 - 7 December 2020:

3.1. Since the last Services Committee, the Coronavirus and associated restrictions have continued to constrain the operation of the Council which have in turn limited the progress made in some areas of the EPAP. As previously reported, this has resulted in the target dates for activity in the Action Plan being extended into autumn and some of these targets are not unrealistic.

3.2. EPAP has been further reviewed and is shown at Annex A. There are 40 actions in the action plan. Six actions are now completed, 31 are in progress and three are not yet commenced.

3.3. Actions include:

3.3.1. Actions Completed:

- GM1 – Audit of SCC Environmental Impacts
- WAM3 - Water Efficient Design
- TT7 – Cycling Scheme

3.3.2. Carbon base line assessment has been established and draft report presented.

3.3.3. Hybrid vehicle for the grounds team has been ordered. Note - scheduled delivery date of late January.

3.3.4. Grey Water Harvesting project at the Harnham Depot has been completed. A 4000 litre tank has been installed to collect rain water from the roof.

3.3.5. New heat pump has been installed at one of the Caravan site shower blocks- replacing an old and inefficient gas boiler.

3.3.6. GM2 – Environmental Management System BS 8555:2016. Phase one of the five stages has been completed.

3.4. Further details are shown at Annex A - Proposed Environmental Projects for 2020/21 – February Update and Annex B.

4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

4.1. Note the actions taken as set out in Para 3 above and Annex A & B to this report.

5. Wards Affected: All

6. Background Papers:

6.1. Annex A – EPAP Proposed Environmental Projects for 2020/21 – February Update

6.2. Annex B – EPAP as at February 2021

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.