

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Environmental Policy Action Plan Update
Committee : Services Committee
Date : 21 September 2021
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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 – 10 June 2021:

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.

3.2. EPAP has been further reviewed and is shown at Annex B. There are 40 actions in the action plan. Eight actions are now completed and thirty two are in progress.

3.3. Actions include:

3.3.1. Actions Completed:

- GM1 – Audit of SCC Environmental Impacts
- WAM3 - Water Efficient Design
- WAM5 – Water Harvesting

- TT3 Telephone conferencing
- TT4 – Home Working
- TT5 – Electric/Hybrid Vehicle
- TT7 – Cycling to work Scheme.
- BM6 –Revision of Herbicide Policy

3.3.2 Further details are shown at Annex A - Environmental Projects for 2021/22 – (September update) and Annex B – EPAP (September update).

4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

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

5. Wards Affected: All

6. Background Papers:

6.1. Annex A – Environmental Projects for 2021/22.

6.2. Annex B – EPAP.

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.