

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. 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 2 December 2019:

3.1. EPAP has been further reviewed and is shown at Annex A. There are 40 actions in the action plan. One is completed, 19 are in progress and 20 are not yet commenced. ([Declaration 1-8](#))

3.2. Salisbury City Council (SCC) joint organised joint SCC/Wiltshire Council (WC) Climate Change Workshop to be held on Wed 27 Feb 2020. ([Declaration 1-8](#))

3.3. 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](#)).

- 3.4. A Climate Change Workshop meeting was held for key officers to ensure they well briefed on the issues and to embed the aims of the EPAP.
- 3.5. SCC is procuring technical assistance to establish it current carbon, water, waste and paper footprint. ([Declaration 1,2](#))
- 3.6. The ENWG agreed the no replacement diesel vehicles are to be purchased and the Council will wait for suitable electric vehicles to come onto the market. ([Declaration 3](#))
- 3.7. SCC is supporting Clean Air Day in June 2020 with in kind support and free use of the Market Place. ([Declaration 2](#))
- 3.8. SCC is actively considering promoting and organising a Car free Day in the City in September 2020. ([Declaration 2](#))
- 3.9. SCC is pleased to note in the [Central Area Framework](#) the importance and desirability of increased pedestrianisation in the City Centre is recognised. ([Declaration 5](#))

4. Outline Budget:

- 4.1. The table below sets out further details on how it is proposed to spend the allocated 2011/2020 EPAP budget:

Tree planting	£10,000	Agreed by Full Council to take place in Feb/Mar 2020
Facilities, building and equipment improvements	£35,000	£35,000 – Renewal Energy Replacement Boilers at Campsite
Website improvements	£3,000	To be agreed
Public engagement	£2,000	To be agreed
BS8555 Action Plan Development	£6,000	Establishing the Council's Carbon, Waste, Water and Paper Foot print £4,110
Total	£56,000	

5. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 5.1. Note the actions taken as set out in Para 3 above.
- 5.2. Approve the Budget for EPAP as shown at para 4 and instruct officers carry on with these projects.

6. Wards Affected: All

7. Background Papers:

- 7.1. Annex A – EPAP as at 31 Jan 2020

8. Implications:

- 8.1. **Financial:** As show in the report
- 8.2. **Legal:** Nil in relation to this report
- 8.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report
- 8.4. **Environmental Impact:** As shown in this report
- 8.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Nil in relation to this report.