

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 14 Oct 2019:

- 3.1. **EPAP has been reviewed and developed.** The Action Priority Matrix has been applied to the Action Plan. This will be finalised and reported to Environmental Working Group (ENWG) in due course.
- 3.2. Salisbury City Council SCC has taken part in a **joint SCC/Wiltshire Council (WC) Area Board Meeting and Eco Fair** in Salisbury Guildhall (4 Nov 2019) where climate change was discussed. The Leader of the Council gave a presentation and over 150 people took part in a workshop session to develop ideas. The results of this meeting will be published by WC’s Community Engagement Manager (CEM) shortly. The

Leader of the Council has meeting the Chairman of the Area Board, CEM and the Clerk to the City, to agree how to take forward the ideas shown at the joint workshop. (Declaration 1-8).

- 3.3. A **draft budget for the EPAP** has been developed and this is shown at para 4 below. This will be considered by the ENWG at its meeting on Mon 2 Dec (the same day as this Committee meeting) and the Chairman of the Group, or his representative, will present a recommendation to Services Committee concerning this draft budget. It is recommended that authority be delegated to the ENWG to spend these funds in accordance with the outline budget. (Declaration 1-8).
- 3.4. SCC has added **new webpages** to its website to promote the work of the council and provided information to the public about climate change and local groups working in these areas. This will be added to and expanded over time. (Declaration 1-8).
- 3.5. Salisbury City Council has **engaged professional support** to support the delivery of the EPAP, in particular around achieving **carbon neutrality** for the operation of the council and its services. (Declaration 1,2).
- 3.6. SCC has been working with Salisbury Community Energy to understand the suitability of its building for **PV Solar panels**. (Declaration 7).
- 3.7. The ENWG has considered proposals for **renewal of council vehicles with electrical vehicles**. This is an ongoing project (Declaration 3).

4. Outline Budget:

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| Tree planting | £10,000 |
| Facilities, building and equipment improvements | £35,000 |
| Website improvements | £3,000 |
| Public engagement | £2,000 |
| BS8555 Action Plan Development | £6,000 |
| 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 Outline Budget for EPAP as shown at para 4.
- 5.3. Delegate authority to the Environmental Working Group to spend funds in accordance with the outline budget.

6. Wards Affected: All

7. Background Papers: Nil

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.