

# West Devon Overview and Scrutiny Committee



West Devon  
Borough  
Council

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Agenda</b>														
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, 22nd June, 2021</b>														
<b>Time:</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>														
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Chamber - Kilworthy Park</b>														
<b>Full Members:</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chairman</b> Cllr Ewings <b>Vice Chairman</b> Cllr Kimber</p> <p><i>Members:</i></p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Cllr Bridgewater</td> <td>Cllr Samuel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Coulson</td> <td>Cllr Sellis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Heyworth</td> <td>Cllr Southcott</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Kemp</td> <td>Cllr Spettigue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Moody</td> <td>Cllr Vachon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Moyse</td> <td>Cllr Wood</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr Musgrave</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Cllr Bridgewater	Cllr Samuel	Cllr Coulson	Cllr Sellis	Cllr Heyworth	Cllr Southcott	Cllr Kemp	Cllr Spettigue	Cllr Moody	Cllr Vachon	Cllr Moyse	Cllr Wood	Cllr Musgrave	
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<b>Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:</b>	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.														
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- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Confirmation of Minutes** **1 - 4**  
Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2021
- 3. Declarations of Interest**  
Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting.  
  
If Councillors have any questions relating to predetermination, bias or interests in items on this Agenda, then please contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.
- 4. Items Requiring Urgent Attention**  
To consider those items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered by the Meeting as matters of urgency
- 5. Public Forum** **5 - 6**  
A period of up to 15 minutes is available to deal with issues raised by the public.
- 6. Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan: Six-monthly update** **7 - 18**
- 7. Rural Broadband - Verbal Update**
- 8. Task and Finish Group Updates (if any)**
- 9. O&S Annual Work Programme** **19 - 20**
- 10. Member Learning and Development Opportunities Arising from this Meeting**

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# Agenda Item 2

At a Meeting of the **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
held **REMOTELY via TEAMS** on  
**TUESDAY** the **20<sup>th</sup>** day of **APRIL 2021** at **12:00 noon**.

**Present:**

Cllr M Ewings – Chairman  
Cllr P Kimber – Vice-Chairman

Cllr P Crozier	Cllr L Daniel
Cllr N Heyworth	Cllr S Hipsey
Cllr C Kemp	Cllr D Moyse
Cllr R Musgrave	Cllr B Ratcliffe
Cllr T Southcott	Cllr L Wood

Chief Executive  
Deputy Chief Executive  
Section 151 Officer  
Director of Governance and Assurance  
Director of Place and Enterprise  
Head of Strategy and Projects  
Democratic Services Manager  
Democratic Services Officers  
Business Manager – Case Management  
Case Management Team Leader  
Specialist – Leisure  
Case Manager - IT

**Also in Attendance:**

Cllrs Cheadle, Edmonds, Jory, Leech, Moody,  
Mott, Pearce, Renders, Samuel, Sellis,  
Spettigue, and Yelland

**\*O&S 72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Cllr A Coulson.

**\*O&S 73 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2 March 2021 were confirmed by the Meeting as a true and correct record.

**\*O&S 74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members and officers were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of this meeting but there were none made.

**\*O&S 75 PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman confirmed that no formal requests had been received in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**\*O&S 76 HUB COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN**

It was noted that no prior requests had been received in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and that the Forward Plan had now been published as this meeting had been delayed.

**\*O&S 77 CORPORATE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The Lead Member for Resources and Performance presented the performance management report which provided a high level overview of performance across the Council.

Following questions from Members, the following points were made:

- The household waste recycling percentages traditionally decreased from October annually due to a decrease of garden waste in the winter months. An explanatory note was to be added to the report to explain this trend;
- The increase in enforcement cases outstanding was due to a large increase in cases reported during Covid lockdown being concurrent with some staffing issues;
- The increase in missed waste collections last summer was linked to the significant increase in waste produced during the Covid lockdowns and some staff having to self-isolate; and
- The next six monthly performance review had been scheduled for December 2021 to review the performance figures for the first half of the year and a performance review against the new corporate strategy would also be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

It was then:

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee note the performance figures shown in the Pentana report, and
2. That Members have reviewed the information provided in the dashboards and provided feedback to the portfolio holder on any additional measures required to scrutinise performance.

**\*O&S 78 PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT REVIEW – SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN: VERBAL UPDATE**

In her update, the Hub Lead Committee Member for Environment highlighted that:

- a) all aspects of the planning process were to be reviewed, along with the enforcement service. Reports could be viewed on Mod.Gov for detail of what the review would entail. It was confirmed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be able to call in any planning performance to scrutinise and that the report would initially be presented to the Development Management and Licensing Committee. The report was also scheduled to be brought to a meeting of the Hub Committee in six months' time;
- b) whilst delays to some planning applications caused frustration to some Members and some applicants, it was noted that these delays were partially caused by the impact of the Covid pandemic and was sometimes outside of officer control;
- c) officers had worked incredibly hard this past year under trying circumstances and with a significant increase in applications.

**\*O&S 79 DRAFT ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**

The Committee considered the final version of its draft Annual Work Programme for 2021/22 and noted its contents. It was confirmed that the work programme may alter following the Full Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 when the composition of Committees would be determined.

The listing for Planning in June 2021 related to a review of the Plymouth Road report outstanding actions and might be impacted by the planning review as outlined in minute \*O&S 78 above, as there was considerable overlap in these two items.

**\*O&S 80 MEMBER LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THIS MEETING**

Members were reminded that the first meeting of the municipal year following the Annual Meeting would give the Committee the opportunity to amend and adapt its work programme.

Finally, the Vice Chairman thanked the Chair for her work this year, particularly under the strains of chairing virtual meetings.

(The meeting terminated at 12:30 pm)

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Chairman

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## **PUBLIC FORUM PROCEDURES**

### **(a) General**

Members of the public may raise issues and ask questions at meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This session will last for up to fifteen minutes at the beginning of each meeting, with any individual speaker having a maximum of three minutes to address the Committee.

### **(b) Notice of Questions**

An issue or question may only be raised by a member of the public provided that they have given written notice (which may be by electronic mail) to Darryl White ([darryl.white@swdevon.gov.uk](mailto:darryl.white@swdevon.gov.uk)) by 5.00pm on the Thursday, prior to the relevant meeting.

### **(c) Scope of Questions**

An issue may be rejected by the Monitoring Officer if:

- it relates to a matter within the functions of the Planning and Licensing Committee;
- it is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects the district;
- it is offensive, frivolous or defamatory;
- it is substantially the same as a question which has previously been put in the past six months; or
- it requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

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Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny**

Date: **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021**

Title: **Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan Update**

Portfolio Areas: **Cllr Lynn Daniel**

Wards Affected: **All**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken: **N/A**

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the update on the Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan

### **1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 At the meeting of full Council on July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019 it was resolved that the Council sign the Devon Climate Emergency Declaration (Minute CM 29 refers).
- 1.2 At Full Council on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Members considered a comprehensive report, including an action plan, on Climate Change and Biodiversity.
- 1.3 The Climate Change and Biodiversity Strategy and an updated Action Plan was developed and adopted by Council on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- 1.4 This report provides an update on progress on the action plan since its adoption following an update being given to Hub Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 At Full Council on 8<sup>th</sup> December, Members considered an updated Climate Change and Biodiversity Strategy, containing both a framework and action plan.
- 2.2 It was noted that the Action Plan will be a continually evolving document and that delegated authority be granted to the Director of Governance and Assurance to make revisions to the Plan as and when deemed necessary.
- 2.3 The Action Plan has been updated and includes suggestions brought forward by members and through the Climate Change and Biodiversity Community Forum.
- 2.4 It was resolved on the 8<sup>th</sup> December that performance against the Action Plan would be monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a six-monthly basis.
- 2.5 At the same meeting, officers were instructed to establish an officer led Climate Change and Biodiversity Community Forum and hold a quarterly Community Forum meeting.
- 2.6 An update was provided to Hub Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 where progress was noted. The Committee also requested that a number of actions in the action plan were reviewed and specifically that the action plan be presented in a way that clearly differentiates between the actions that the Council will deliver directly and those that will be enabled/delivered in partnership.

## **3. Outcomes/outputs**

- 3.1 The report sets out progress to date on delivery of the action plan in line with the adopted strategy.

## **4. Progress Update**

- 4.1 Appendix 1 contains a tabulated version of the Action Plan with the latest position on each individual action, new actions and changes to actions marked in red.
- 4.2 Key progress has been made in the following areas since January;
  - a. Secured an additional £400,000 in Green Homes Grants. We are forecasting 60 installs, a combination of Air Source Heat Pumps and External Wall Insulation. The deadline for spending the previously awarded phase 1a grant has been extended from 31 March 2021 until end of August 2021 in recognition of a range of supply chain issues.

- b. Climate and Biodiversity Newsletters have continued to be produced and released monthly.
- c. A Community Forum has been established with the first meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. After a welcome and introduction session, the forum were briefed on our Green Homes Grant housing retrofit work and began exploring ways to create opportunity for a more local supply chain. Forum members were then briefed on our Climate Change and Biodiversity Strategy and work to date. Member's views were then sought on their aspirations for the forum and opportunities for collaboration going forward.
- d. Our Community Forum work has recently been featured as a case study by the Local Government Association <https://www.local.gov.uk/case-studies/developing-community-forum-help-tackle-climate-change-and-increase-biodiversity> and we have been invited to present at the Sustainable Earth Conference organised by Plymouth University in June.
- e. Collaborated on a Carbon Footprinting public campaign with Carbon Savvy, North Devon Council, Torridge District Council and West Devon Borough Council called 'Lifestyle Spring Clean'. We are awaiting full figures from the campaign, but in terms of our social media engagement, our own posts on Twitter and Facebook reached 16,912 people. 178 people engaged with the posts directly.
- f. Commissioning a feasibility study into EV charging, solar and battery storage on our car parks and exploring the potential for direct energy feed to nearby assets as part of the scope.
- g. Partnering with Torbay Council for accredited Carbon Literacy Training for Extended Leadership Team (ELT) and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) in late May/Early June to being to align our Climate Change ambitions across the organisation.
- h. Contributing to the Devon Citizens Assembly as a member of the project team.
- i. Since January 2021, saved through 'agile working' an estimated 300,000 miles in combined travel, leading to a saving of 106tCO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>1</sup> (Tonnes of Carbon Dioxide equivalent).

## **5. Plans for short term (next 6 months)**

- 5.1 The Action Plan will continue to be worked on alongside development of the Councils new Corporate Strategy. Integrating carbon reduction and increasing biodiversity will be embedded within the strategic approach.
- 5.2 Over the next 6 months we will expect to see a final version of the Devon Interim Carbon Plan which will trigger an update of

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<sup>1</sup> Travel emissions including well to tank emissions

our own action plan, bringing in actions from the wider Devon work as well as its performance monitoring indicators.

- 5.3 The following pieces of work will be developed in the short term, these are as follows;
- a. Grounds Maintenance Review – increasing biodiversity through our land management.
  - b. Scoping work underway on a replacement of our vehicle fleet with EV and associated infrastructure (non-waste fleet).
  - c. Feasibility work on cycle schemes / active travel.
  - d. Fully update the website to include a tabulated version of the Action Plan, Climate Change related reports to Council and links to the Climate Change and Biodiversity Community Forum.
  - e. Further public engagement campaigns with Carbon Savvy taking lessons learnt from the March campaign to strengthen this further and to collaborate with more councils and organisations.
  - f. Undertaking an Energy Audit of our buildings to inform options for retrofit.
  - g. Continuing Carbon Literacy training for SLT and ELT.
  - h. Develop and produce a carbon trajectory for Council emissions as part of our ongoing operational carbon reduction plan. This will enable us to begin to understand what our likely residual emissions will be and what steps we need to take each year.

## 6. Proposed Way Forward

- 6.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the updates provided within this report and Appendix 1 and support the progress made so far with a view to being provided a further update in 6 months' time.

## 7. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance	N	
Financial implications to include reference to value for money	N	At the Hub Committee on 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 and Council on 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021, it was approved to put £200,000 into an Earmarked Reserve for the Recovery and Renewal Plan and Climate Change.
Risk	N	

Supporting Corporate Strategy	Y	Wellbeing, Homes, Climate Change and Biodiversity
Equality and Diversity	N	No direct implications
Safeguarding	N	No direct implications
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder	N	No direct implications
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	Y	The provision of energy efficiency measures will have a positive impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of the households.
Other implications	N	

### **Supporting Information**

#### **Appendices:**

1: West Devon Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan Update

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Action Reference	Name	Latest Update
<b>Energy</b>		
1.1	Investigate procuring truly renewable energy.	no progress
1.2	Explore forming a non-profit green energy company and understand the capacity of renewable energy generation in the area.	Beginning to develop understanding in LA owned ESCo's (Energy Service Companies). Plymouth City Council have previously done a feasibility study around HMNB Devonport. Ener-vate have worked with other councils, such as Eastleigh BC, webinar organised by Energy Hub set out that the indicative costs incurred by other Councils have been in the region of £90k in consultancy to set up ESCo
1.3	Review strategic scale solar, wind and hydro energy for both commercial and community energy development.	Preliminary work underway and brief developed for potential Joint Local Plan allocations ready for tender
1.4	Identify options for how smart renewable heat, power generation and storage could be considered when the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan are reviewed.	Pre-feasibility work identified as next step. Discussion with Local Enterprise Partnership and Growth Hub being progressed to identify a funding source for it to be commissioned at the appropriate time.
1.5	Aim for a Higher result in the energy performance certificates	Secured additional Green Homes Grant money through the Local Authority Delivery Scheme Phase 1B. A total of approx. £600,000 being targeted through this scheme with additional funding from the Better Care Fund for ECO top-ups.
1.6	Promote and administer grants for home insulation, efficient heating systems and sustainable energy sources for owner-occupied and tenanted properties.	Ongoing as per 1.5. Community Forum have been briefed and asked to help promote where possible and started discussions about building a local supply chain of installers
<b>NEW ACTION 1.7</b>	<b>Local Energy Support</b>	<b>Insert under 'Activity' - 1. Council to actively support the Local Energy Bill. 2. Investigate business rates reductions for farmers who wish to use land for renewable energy</b>
<b>Sustainability</b>		
2.1	Investigate the Introduction of differential changes to parking permits and in car parks e.g. Higher carbon emission vehicles pay more.	No progress yet

2.2	Ensure new housing developments are much more walking and cycling friendly.	Ongoing
2.3	Better bus provision and strategic park and ride facilities to reduce traffic in towns (R&R Plan action 1.9)	Beginning to work on as part of the wider Placemaking strategy around public transport and Active Travel
2.4	Increase uptake of cycling in West Devon. & Take a lead in encouraging people to maintain the positives from lockdown – less travel, more exercise etc.	Beginning to work on as part of the wider Placemaking strategy around public transport and Active Travel Input into the Governments consultation on the Future of transport - Rural strategy. Working with CoCars to survey the interest for shared e-bike and EVs across the borough
2.6	Promote the use of recycled and Sustainable construction materials through input at planning stage for new developments.	Ongoing
2.7	Monitor and review policies to reduce the carbon footprint of new developments (Policies DEV32, DEV33, DEV34)	Ongoing
2.8	Investigate adaption and resilience methods for new developments.	Discussion on this topic at Joint Local Plan (JLP) Board in April
2.9	Review the potential for District Energy Networks in the Borough and invest in housing energy-saving measures.	<b>Proposed to merge action with action 1.4</b>
2.10	As part of JLP review consider an Article 4 Direction that removes permitted development rights on class Q barn conversions.	No progress yet
2.11	Allocate sites for renewable energy, in particular strategic scale solar and wind for both commercial and community energy development.	Preliminary work underway and brief developed ready for tender
2.12	Lobby for changes to the National Planning Policy Framework or any such replacement to prioritise carbon reduction target over housing targets.	Responses to recent Planning White Paper completed as well as input into the Future Homes Standard Consultation
2.13	Maximise local and closed-loop recycling to minimise transport impacts and valorise waste materials.	<b>NEW Activity - Support and encourage Community Small-Scale Anaerobic Digesters through assistance and guidance to access the BEIS Rural Communities Energy Fund</b>
2.14	Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans to ensure the provision of EV charging points where parking spaces are provided in new developments.	Ongoing
2.15 (to be corrected)	Explore installing electric car charging points in car parks. <b>AMEND to widen scope for on-street residential</b>	Instructed APSE Energy to conduct a feasibility study for further EV charging points, solar above car



, shown as 2.19 in December 2019 version)	projects, ensure DCC bids properly represent town and parish councils	parks and battery storage. - DELETTI project still progressing as planned
2.19 (to be corrected, shown as 2.20 in December 2019 version)	Make use of funding opportunities to provide employment and community assets across the Borough, particularly where the market is unlikely to provide this, to minimise the need to travel for access to services. (DELETE 'access to services', widen scope to include retrofit installers as an employment goal )	no progress <b>NEW Activity</b> Support and promote training opportunities for trademark and retrofit, this has already taken place this year with a recent government scheme where tradesmen could apply for free or subsidised training under the Green Homes Grant skills training competition scheme. Council to continue to identify and promote opportunities and support the building of a local supply chain
2.18 (to be corrected, shown as 2.21 in December 2019 version)	Investigate the creation of a new EP policy to ensure the correct use of litter bins potentially reducing collection need.	<b>update from Waste pending</b>
2.19 (to be corrected, shown as 2.23 in December 2019 version)	The Council will support the principles proposed through the English Waste Strategy regarding the Extended Producer Responsibility. The principles support a circular economy approach which will be funded by producers and will lead to better packaging design, improved recycling and better consumer awareness of what can be recycled.	<b>update from Waste pending</b>
<b>NEW ACTION - 2.20</b>	Support and encourage use of shared EV's, cycles and E-couriers	Discussions have taken place with CoCars who are currently looking to widen the number of locations. Organising a Borough wide survey with CoCars to gauge interest and identify opportunity
<b>NEW ACTION - 2.21</b>	Support and encourage 'reuse and repair cafes' and initiatives such as 'Share Shed'	Insert under 'Activity' - 1. Promote existing facilities through communications activity 2. Produce educational material to spread awareness of the benefits of reuse, repair and share
<b>Biodiversity</b>		
3.1	Securing tree planting through development proposals and Biodiversity Net Gain from new development including pushing the	The requirement for submission of a completed Metric calculation is now a requirement for new planning applications as reinforced by the Joint Local Plan Supplementary Planning

	new Defra Biodiversity Metric 2.0 at pre-app and for new applications.	Document evidencing Biodiversity Net Gain of 10% (or mechanism of securing this offsite). A 'minors' Metric is anticipated soon from Defra which officers will review with a view to use if appropriate.
3.2	Support more approaches by communities for tree planting on our land where there aren't any trees and is consistent with the land use and not likely to lead to conflict with neighbours or conflict with the outcomes from the Devon Nature Recovery Network Mapping project (DNRN) (i.e. right trees in the right place).	Officers are liaising with Town Councils on potential for an application (with Devon County Council as higher-tier Authority) to the Local Authority Treescapes Fund, and also for separate town bids to the Urban Tree Challenge Fund, in an effort to increase tree cover in our towns on our own sites (albeit with limited land ownership in the towns) and other sites.
3.3	Develop and adopt a more biodiversity/environmentally conscious Grounds Maintenance procedure (also linked to R&R action 2.6 and 2.7)	A review of the Grounds Maintenance specification with a view to a more biodiverse conscious approach is anticipated to be undertaken during the summer/early autumn of 2021 with a view to presenting a proposal to Hub Committee in autumn 2021 for Member endorsement. This will follow on from a similar review underway in South Hams and will apply learning from this experience.
3.4	Pushing tree planting agenda within Neighbourhood Plans (allocating spaces for woodland creation and sustainable management). Supporting mapping of local ecological networks/corridors within Neighbourhood Plans.	no progress
3.5	Ring-fencing and promoting a % of Members grant schemes (Sustainable Localities Fund) towards tree planting schemes for community groups, Town and Parish Councils, or money towards a 'Tree Planting grant scheme'	no progress
3.6	Develop and adopt a Natural Environment Design Guide to support Development Management proposals – establishing the importance of street trees in urban/built environment proposals, trees in new hedge lines, and tree/woodland planting as part of on-site public open space provision.	this is now an Interim Devon Carbon Plan proposal (action F2) - Develop a Biodiversity Net-Gain Supplementary Planning Document that can be adopted by local planning authorities
3.7	Natural flood management approaches to increase carbon sequestration, reduce erosion, and	no progress

	deliver improved catchment management.	
3.8	Investigate the potential to apply a % management fee to offsite compensation/Biodiversity Net Gain payments (via s106) to part-fund a new/existing role (there will be an additional pressure) in terms of findings sites to delivery this offsite habitat creation (which the LA could either buy and manage or work in partnership with another, e.g. DWT, RSPB).	At present it is considered that the requirement for offsite compensation/Biodiversity Net Gain payments may be less than anticipated. Nonetheless, where appropriate a management fee will be applied to cover offsite contributions/arrangements where they would incur officer input and this secured by section 106. As a new approach, there continues to be evolution and learning as more Authorities start to adopt such arrangements. It is anticipated that with other LPAs in Devon, a common approach will be agreed to assist developers, applicants and LPAs.
3.9	New development led by West Devon Borough Council to be exemplar (e.g. Building with Nature, bird and bat boxes, good design with GI, etc.)	Ongoing
3.10 (to be corrected, shown as 3.11 in December 2019 version)	Contribute to the creation of a Devon Nature Network and assist with the recovery of Devon's biosphere.	Ongoing
3.11 (to be corrected, shown as 3.12 in December 2019 version)	WDDB engages with members of the public and farmers to look at alternatives to using herbicides and pesticides (in particular glyphosate).	no progress
<b>Capability and Engagement</b>		
4.1	Raise awareness of Climate Change and Biodiversity issues as part of a communication strategy involving newsletters, web updates and social media activity.	- Ran a Carbon Footprint/Lifestyle Campaign with Carbon Savvy, North Devon Council and Torrington in March - Monthly Newsletters continue to be created and published, subscriber counts have risen from 149 in October 2020 to 231 as of April 2021
4.2	Volunteer/support collective action via community groups and provide time and resourcing to Town and Parish Councils	West Devon Community Forum Established following an expression of interest exercise undertaken in February and first meeting took place on 26th April
<b>Other Updates</b>		

	Joining forces with Torbay Council to obtain bespoke Carbon Literacy Training for ELT/SLT to begin to embed climate change understanding across the organisation.	Training expected to take place in late May, June and July
	Fleet review taking place	Capacity to do this secured through staffing changes
	Conducting preliminary Service reviews to align CC&B activity into decision making	Reviews taking place as they come forward

## Glossary

**APSE** – Association of Public Service Excellence

**CC&B** – Climate Change and Biodiversity

**DEFRA** – Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

**DELETTI** - Devon Low-carbon Energy & Transport Technology Innovator Programme

**LPA** – Local Planning Authority

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### INITIAL DRAFT ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME PROPOSALS – 2021/22

Date of Meeting	Report	Lead Officer
June 2021	Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan: Six-Monthly Update	Drew Powell
	Planning and Planning Enforcement Improvement Plan	Steve Mullineaux
	Task and Finish Group Updates ( <i>if any</i> )	
	O+S Annual Work Programme ( <i>to include preparation for next meeting</i> )	
27 July 2021	Task and Finish Group Updates ( <i>if any</i> )	
	O+S Annual Work Programme ( <i>to include preparation for next meeting</i> )	
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	Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report: 2020/21	Darryl White
	Key Strategic Partners: Dartmoor National Park Authority Reps; and South Devon AONB	
5 October 2021	Task and Finish Group Updates ( <i>if any</i> )	
	Third Sector Partners – Council for Voluntary Service and Citizens Advice	
	Lamerton: Community Housing Programme	Chris Brook
	O+S Annual Work Programme ( <i>to include preparation for next meeting</i> )	
16 November 2021	Task and Finish Group Updates ( <i>if any</i> )	
	Review of Localities: Annual Report	Sarah Moody
	Community Safety Partnership	Louisa Daley
	Council Delivery against Corporate Theme 1	
	O+S Annual Work Programme ( <i>to include preparation for next meeting</i> )	
18 January 2022	Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan: Six-Monthly Update	Drew Powell
	Council Delivery Against Key Performance Indicators	Jim Davis
	Task and Finish Group Updates ( <i>if any</i> )	
	Draft Budget Proposals 2022/23	Lisa Buckle

	Council Delivery against Corporate Theme 2	
	O+S Annual Work Programme <i>(to include preparation for next meeting)</i>	
15 February 2022	Task and Finish Group Updates <i>(if any)</i>	
	Fusion (Leisure) Annual Report	Jon Parkinson
	Council Delivery against Corporate Theme 3	
	O+S Annual Work Programme <i>(to include preparation for next meeting)</i>	
22 March 2022	Task and Finish Group Updates <i>(if any)</i>	
	Council Delivery against Corporate Theme 4	
	O+S Annual Work Programme <i>(to include preparation for next meeting)</i>	
26 April 2022	Task and Finish Group Updates <i>(if any)</i>	
	O+S Annual Work Programme <i>(to include preparation for next meeting)</i>	
	Council Delivery against Corporate Theme 5	
	Livewest (Housing Provider)	
Go be considered for scheduling:	FCC (Waste, Recycling and Streetscene contract performance)	
	Devon Health and Wellbeing Board	
	Broadband & Connecting Devon and Somerset	