



Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date **Friday 12 July 2019**

Time **9.30 am**

Venue **Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham**

Business

Part A

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's agreement.**

1. Apologies
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 - a) Joint Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services (Pages 25 - 28)
 - b) Presentation by Victoria Lloyd-Gent, Sustainable Travel Officer, Regeneration and Local Services (Pages 29 - 40)
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9. Refresh of the Work Programme - Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships (Pages 55 - 66)

10. County Durham Environment Partnership Board Minutes (Pages 67 - 76)
11. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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To: **The Members of the Environment and Sustainable
Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor E Adam (Chair)
Councillor O Milburn (Vice-Chair)

Councillors B Avery, A Batey, D Bell, L Brown, J Carr, B Coult,
R Crute, S Dunn, A Gardner, K Hawley, J Higgins, P Howell,
C Kay, L Maddison, R Manchester, I McLean, A Simpson,
P Sexton and M Wilson

Co-opted Members:
Mr T Bolton and Mrs P Holding

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Friday 5 April 2019 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor E Adam (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors O Milburn, B Avery, D Bell, L Brown, J Carr, B Coult, S Dunn, D Hicks, P Howell, I Jewell, P Jopling, C Martin, A Patterson and M Wilson

Co-opted Members:

Mr T Bolton and Mrs P Holding

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Clark, R Crute, C Kay, R Manchester, A Simpson and P Sexton.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor B Coult substituted for Councillor A Simpson and Councillor I Jewell substituted for Councillor R Manchester.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 8 March 2019 and 21 March 2019 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of Councillor Patterson's apologies on the 8 March 2019.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5 Any Items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties

There were no items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties.

The Chairman informed the Panel that he had agreed to change the Agenda order so that Item No 8 would be considered after Item No 5 to allow a demonstration of a new data intelligence system.

6 Performance Management Quarter 3 2018/19

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships that presented progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the Council's corporate performance framework (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager and Strategy Officer were in attendance to present the report and deliver a presentation using live data that included a map of the area that provided information on incidents such as fly-tipping which could also be broken down further to show waste by type.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager advised that 18% of waste put into recycling bins cannot be recycled due to contamination, this was largely due to recyclable being placed in black bin bags and put into the recycling bin. An education programme to ensure the public knows what can and cannot be recycled and that recycling materials such as metals, paper and cardboard should be placed directly into the recycling bin. There was an ongoing 'Know your Metals' campaign and leaflets had been distributed and were available, however officers believe that not everyone was recycling metals and there was more that members of the public could recycle.

Councillor Jopling referred to contamination materials and indicated that she had a label advising what you could recycle, and aerosols and tin foil was included on the list as recyclable items.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager responded that these items were being placed in the general waste bin rather than recycling by some members of the public.

Councillor Hicks sought clarification if items were not washed then would they be classed as contamination. The Strategic Manager responded that they asked for them to be washed for hygiene reasons, but it was not necessary.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager went on to advise that Durham County Council had been unsuccessful in its bid to the Department of Transport ADEPT Innovation Fund for further road surfacing trials using plastic materials.

Councillor Jopling asked for further information on plastic roads in particular, why the scheme was not continuing.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager responded that the scheme was not continuing due to the failure of the innovation fund bid but the use of plastics on roads had been successful.

Councillor Howell referred to the figures for 'How clean and tidy is my local environment?' and asked if they had any more recent national figures.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager responded that the national figures were no longer available, so the comparative data will not be included in future reports.

Councillor Howell referred to the percentage change in carbon emissions from local authority operations which had dropped 9% compared to 14% the previous year and asked what figure this was based on.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader responded that the meeting to be held on 30 April 2019 would be looking at carbon emissions and would provide an answer to the question.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager advised that following a number of member's questions in relation to fly tipping at the January meeting work had been done to provide members with a demonstration of a new system that could provide intelligence data on fly tipping. The Strategy Officer provided members with a demonstration using a product called Microsoft Power BI that showed the types of fly tipping, the capacity of the load, and the location down to detail as to whether the fly tip is in an alley way, commercial land, private land, council land, footpath or highway. Members were advised that the data used was the most up to date.

Councillor Jewell asked if the live data system would be available to Members. Members were advised that the system could be available to Members in the future.

Councillor Avery referred to the charge for bulky collections and asked if this generated much income as he found in his area fly tipping increased when the charge was introduced and asked how this compared to the cost of cleaning up incidents.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager responded that the implementation of the charge was introduced some time ago and the data only goes back to 2016 so they were unable to show a trend, but he could look at income compared to the cost.

The Strategy Officer indicated that there was a 2.5% increase in bulky waste requests and the price had increased last year.

The Chairman indicated that this question had previously been asked by the Committee and were advised that the implementation of the charge had made little difference. An income was now generated but this had no impact of fly-tipping.

Councillor Patterson indicated that the cost to collect rubbish were high, so a true reflection could not be made and there were other varying factors to take into consideration.

Mr Bolton referred to fly-tipping on private land and asked how this was identified and when fly-tipping occurred on private land did Durham County Council contact the land owner.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager responded that it depended on how the report was made, for example if an incident was reported online the person reporting indicate the location by dropping a pin on the online map. However, this can be difficult unless you know the exact location, if the incident was reported via the telephone and a postcode was known then a team would go out to determine land ownership. Where fly tipping had occurred on private land some landowners would sort out the fly-tipping themselves but if it continued to be an issue then the Council would work with the landowner.

Councillor Jewell asked how accurately the figures reflected the problem as not all incidents were reported.

The Strategy Officer responded that all wardens had hand held devices that allowed them to instantly report incidents they come across that goes onto the same system as the public use to report fly tipping incidents but there could be a small number of incidents that they were not aware of.

Councillor Jopling referred to private tenants moving out of properties and leaving behind rubbish such as mattresses and asked who paid for the removal of these items.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager responded that it was up to the landlord in the first instance, but the council would arrange for the removal if necessary. Wardens often identify where fly tipping has occurred in back yards, the first point of call would be to the tenants or owner of the property and ask them to clear it up. Ultimately, Durham County Council would clear up and forward the bill to the landlord.

The Chairman referred to the registered landlord scheme and how this was vital for these situations.

Councillor Patterson commented that if the tenant asked for the removal of rubbish it would cost £20.00 but if the landlord made the request it would cost £140.00. The Economy and Enterprise OSC has in its work programme the Housing Strategy and this committee should be mindful of the overlap.

Councillor Howell commented on the tremendous amount of data asked how well the data was used and what was done with it.

The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager indicated that the Microsoft Power BI tool could be used on any data set and can link data sets and overlay them for example against areas of deprivation, where Household Waste Recycling Centres are located and compare them with population densities. The tool allows officers to look at key areas all clean and green activities could be put onto the system and link to data which could be used to take actions.

The Chairman commented that the tool was similar to a new members' portal which would be rolled out to members in the near future which included a dashboard that allows for comparisons to be made with other Durham County Council divisions.

Councillor Dunn asked if the system would allow you to identify who reported the incident and if training would be provided to members.

Members were advised that the system would identify who reported the system and members would be provided with training on the use of the new portal.

The Chair advised that in relation to the members' portal training was given but from a member point of view there was a need to be IT literate but it was a good system.

Councillor Howell advised that knowing who had made the report was important and knowing the location was important too as members judge whether area campaigns had been successful.

In response to a question from Councillor Jewell the Strategy Officer confirmed that the system was able to show hot spot areas.

The Chair thanked the Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager and the Strategy Officer for the demonstration.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

7 Media Relations

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer referred to recent press articles that fell within the remit of Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The articles were:

- Joy as Stainton Grove HWRC Reopens – The centre was official reopened following the completion of the work. The centre would also provide an area for small businesses to deposit trade waste. Member would have an opportunity to visit the site on the 2 May 2019.
- West Cornforth and Ushaw Moor get makeover in Operation Spruce Up – The deep cleaning programme in West Cornforth and Ushaw Moor had completed. The team would be heading to Newton Aycliffee and Wolsingham in the coming months.
- Partners Pledge to Tackle Single Plastics – The region's largest council and a number of its partners have signed a collective new pledge as part of an ongoing campaign to eradicate single use plastics.
- £3.2 m investment in North East and North Yorkshire coastline – The Government had revealed that seven projects would receive vital financial backing as part of the scheme. Among the confirmed grant recipients in the North East was the Crimdon Coastal Hub with £1.325 million granted towards a £2.23 million project to create a visitor and events hub for Crimdon Beach.

The Chairman advised Members that a local school had signed the pledge to tackle Single Use Plastics.

Resolved: That the presentation be noted.

8 EU Funding and Other Funding for Carbon Projects

The Committee considered the joint report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that provided members with information on the latest developments relating to European funding and other funding for low carbon projects (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader advised that Business Energy Efficiency Projects (BEEP) was now in its third year and had supported 165 small to medium enterprises (SMEs) to date. BEEP was really successful and had achieved

national publicity within the UK Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, (BEIS) who had requested Durham's BEEP to advise on and trial a national approach to SME energy efficiency and they had been awarded €163,000. They currently had 4 million worth of funding in place with an additional 4 or 5 million available for bids.

Members were advised that the Solid Wall Insulation Innovation (SWIi) had been targeting the fuel poor who lived in housing had solid walls to provide insulation to the building with cladding on the outside to give a local landscape and heritage feel. Work had been undertaken in ex mining villages at South Moor; Ferryhill; Cockfield and Ramshaw.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader advised members of the Erasmus programme which was delivered in partnership with Durham University Anthropology Department looking at how business can work better with universities. This is a people centred area of work focussed on electric vehicles to understand people's needs.

Members heard how the authority had been awarded a grant from Innovate UK to support an electric vehicle project that would look at issues with charging vehicles and to help us as a local authority to understand about electric vehicle infrastructure and what we are doing as a council.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader advised that outline approval had been given to BEEP to continue for another three years but more information was expected in May 2019.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader advised there were a number of projects under development.

The Chairman thanked the Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader for her report and indicated that a lot of good things were happening, and Durham County Council were recognised for leading national projects. He commented that Councillor Clare had recently attended a conference on environmental projects.

Councillor Patterson referred to wall insulation project and asked who sets the criteria and if the council had any control over it.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader responded that this was not her area, but she would pass her question to a colleague and respond to her direct.

Councillor Clare advised the committee there was a range of different solid wall insulation schemes available.

Councillor Martin referred to the new headquarters and asked if it would be green and sustainable in the future.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader responded that her team had not initially been involved at the design stage but were now involved and were keen for the building to be as energy efficient as possible.

The Chairman commented that this was work in progress and there were lots going on.

Councillor Martin commented that the Council had recently declared an environmental emergency.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader advised that this would be addressed at the Special meeting of the committee on 30 April.

Mr Bolton referred to the SWli project and suggested if they had any before and after photos could they be shared with the committee and commented that there had been concerns in the past by local residents of water ingress behind the insulation.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader responded that she would refer this to her colleague who specialised in this area. She also advised Members that there was a web site that showed before and after photographs of the SWli project.

The Chairman asked The Overview and Scrutiny Officer to circulate the insulation before and after photographs to members of the committee.

Councillor Howell indicated that the new Durham County Council Headquarters was a flag ship building that was high profile and the expertise of officers needed to be utilised or if not available these services purchased.

Councillor Clare indicated that the new headquarters will be constructed to modern building standards making it more energy efficient and with a low carbon footprint.

Councillor Dunn referred to the motion to declare an environmental emergency and climate impact should be part of the design of the new headquarters.

Councillor Jopling indicated that during the demolition of County Hall as much of the building as possible should be recycled.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader advised that a working group had been set up to look at recycling materials from County Hall.

Resolved: That the report be noted

9 Budget Outturn Quarter 3 2018/19

The Committee considered the Joint Report of the Corporate Director of Resources and Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which set out details of the outturn budget position for the service areas within Regeneration and Local Services that fall within the remit of this committee. The report highlighted and explained any major variances in comparison with the budget based on the position to the end of Quarter 3. The Finance Manager, Regeneration and Local Services was in attendance to present the report and gave a presentation (for copy of report and presentation, see file of minutes).

Councillor Howell commented that he would prefer the data to be year to date rather than forecast. He then referred to the building and facilities management and sought clarification on the £390,000 underspend.

The Finance Manager indicated that the council made a profit on jobs recirculated, so any additional works would increase profit resulting in an underspend.

Councillor Howell then referred to Strategic Waste and sought further information on the potential penalty for high contamination levels.

The Finance Manager advised that recycling materials were sold to a private contractors which generated an income but if there were high levels of contamination this would reduce the income.

Councillor Patterson indicated that budget pressures could not afford overspends and asked why the MTFP savings were not achieved.

The Finance Manager responded that this related to rare problems with the fleet that were not programmed as anticipated and would be replaced next year.

Councillor Coult referred to the lost income from the Gala and if they were promoting for more usage.

The Finance Manager advised that the Head of Culture and Leisure had attended a meeting of the committee in January and had reassured members that steps were being taken to improve the Gala's position and to be assured the service is working on it.

The Chairman advised that the Committee had received a presentation on the future of the Gala at a previous meeting and the committee had agreed this would be a future item for the Committee.

Councillor Hicks asked if the overspend in Culture and Sport was a result of the Council taking over Leisur4works, the Derwentside Trust for Sport and Arts. The Finance Manager indicated that staff had transferred to Durham County Council and there had been some issues with energy costs, but this would not be an issue going forward.

Resolved: That the Quarter 3 forecast outturn position on Revenue and Capital for 2018/19 be noted.

10 Refresh of the Work Programme

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships, which provided Members with an opportunity to review and refresh the work programme for 2019/20.

Members reviewed their work programme each year to reflect the objectives and associated outcomes and actions identified within the Council Plan for the Council's Altogether Greener priority theme (for copy see file of minutes).

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer presented the report and advised Members that this report was the first report in a two part process to refresh of the work programme and acknowledged that it had been another very busy year for this committee.

In relation to review activity looking at the Management of Durham County Council Allotments was paused while a consultation had taken place. The consultation had now ended and arrangements were being made to pick this work up with additional meetings. It was suggested that a report to Cabinet could be expected in the Autumn.

Members of this committee had attended several visits that linked into the work programme and had given members the opportunity to see operations in practice such as visits to:

- Thornley Waste Transfer Station
- Tudhoe HWRC
- Flood Schemes

Members were advised that further visits would take place within this year's work programme to the new facility at Stainton Grove HWRC and to visit Heritage Assets.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer advised that looking forward to the new work programme many of the items considered this year, members had asked for these items to go forward. Items included:

- Strategic walking and Cycling Delivery Plan 2018 – 2028
- Air quality – which will also pick up members concerns on idling vehicles
- Winter Maintenance
- Single Use Plastics
- Fuel poverty
- Heritage Coast
- Stockton to Darlington Bicentennial Celebrations
- Gala Theatre
- Flood Risk Management Authorities
- Community Action Team
- Highway Maintenance
- EU Funding and Other Funding for Carbon Project
- Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan
- Carbon Management Plan
- Fly Tipping – perhaps combining the information presented to members at this meeting with information provided by the service

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer advised of new areas members had asked to be included in the work programme which was:

- Waste Collection Process
- Heritage Assets
- Evaluation of Operation Spruce up

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer asked members to consider items to go forward into the new work programme and if they had any thoughts on work programme items outside of the meeting to email.

The Chairman commented that it was a substantial work programme which would continue into next year. He suggested if Members had any items they wished to look at then they may need to take something out rather than add to the programme.

Resolved: (i) That the report and work programme in relation to the current Council Plan 2016-19 Altogether Greener theme be noted.

(ii) That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee at its meeting in July 2019, receive a further report detailing the committee's work programme for 2019-2020.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Special Meeting of **Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor E Adam (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors O Milburn, D Bell, J Carr, B Coult, R Crute, S Dunn, D Hicks, P Howell, P Jopling, R Manchester, C Martin, A Patterson, A Simpson, P Sexton and M Wilson

Co-opted Members:

Mr T Bolton and Mrs P Holding

Also Present:

Councillor J Clare

The Chairman reminded Members that the authority was now in Purdah.

The Chairman then welcomed everyone to the meeting and referred to two letters that had been received following the publication of the agenda. This had included a letter from Extinction Rebellion which had been sent to the Low Carbon Team and copied to all members of the committee and an email from Durham Roadblock sent to all members of the committee. He continued that as this was such an important issue he would allow comments from Members and confirmed that the Carbon Team would be happy to meet with the groups providing an opportunity for them to feed into the future consultation on the development of the Climate Emergency Response Plan.

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Brown and J Clark.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor B Coult substituted for Councillor L Brown.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 Any Items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties

There were no items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties.

5 Sustainable Heating - Overview

The Committee considered the Joint Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnership and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that provided Members with background information prior to a presentation by Professor Jon Gluyas, Dean of Knowledge Exchange, Dong/Ikon Chair of Geoenergy, Carbon Capture and Storage, Department of earth Sciences, Durham University on Sustainable Heating (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Committee received a presentation from Professor Jon Gluyas that looked at the Durham Energy Institute; Durham Past: energy county; Durham Today: energy consumption; Durham Future: e-mission zero; Durham Resources Base: earth wind and fire; The National Picture: the big heat; UK Energy Security and Heat Decarbonisation and Durham Geothermal (for copy of slides, see file of minutes)

Professor Gluyas informed the committee that the Durham Energy Institute is celebrating its 10th Birthday. Prior to the formation of the Institute partners tended to work separately in isolation however the institute brings the relevant partners together, encouraging collaboration between academia, industry, government and society. He highlighted that a lot of work is being undertaken in Durham University in relation to energy.

He continued by highlighting significant global challenges in relation to energy including future energy security, creating sustainable low carbon energy systems, developing affordable energy and reducing the risks associated with new energy technologies. He commented that society dictates the approach in relation to challenging issues and so far in relation to energy, we are getting the right narrative.

In relation to Durham's energy past, Professor Gluyas commented that Durham was the place to be, with the county producing 30 million tons/year of coal from 1877 to 1956 with the population of County Durham increasing tenfold. He continued by stating the targets from the motion to Council of 60% reduction in Durham County Council's carbon emissions by 2030 and an aim of carbon neutral by 2050 and commented that these targets particularly e-mission zero were to be achieved in the context of the County Durham Economic Partnership's key metrics for success focusing on employment rate, GVA, number of businesses, Gross Household Disposable Income and deprivation index reduction.

He confirmed that County Durham's Energy resource base includes Earth, wind and fire with energy from the Wear and Tees (Flow of rivers), wind turbines, solar panels and geothermal. He highlighted that the earth in County Durham is very warm with only Cornwall comparing. He continued that in relation to the Wear and Tees there is only one water turbine which generates 100KW (75% of passport office needs), onshore wind in West Durham generates 50MW (15% of CD power consumption), County Durham solar insolation generates 900kWh/m² per year with solar panels on 2% of CD meeting 33% of urban and industrial energy requirements. Highlighted that if we put solar panels on 30% of County Durham this would meet a 100% of our electricity needs in the county.

In relation to the UK's CO₂ emissions it was confirmed that 75% of emissions reductions since 2012 have come from the power sector, the closure of coal mines and significant reduction of oil supplies has resulted in the decarbonising of electricity quickly and the development of wind and solar farms. There has been little reduction in emissions from other sectors. Electricity generation varies on a daily basis with 25% generated from photovoltaics and in relation to the decarbonising of UK electricity, we are doing O.K with good progress made in the last decade however still some way to go. He continued that 30.1% of electricity generated comes from renewables.

He continued that there is a need for the UK to be energy secure. In relation to gas and the squeeze on natural gas, the UK produces 40% of what we need with the remaining 60% of our requirements imported of which 40% is from Norway, 5% from the Netherlands and Belgium and the remaining from Qatar (15%). We only have 1% over our need as a country.

Currently there are opportunities to look at reusing heat from industry and geothermal energy with the geothermal gradient in the UK is 20-35 per km however in County Durham 30 to 35% warmer. County Durham has significant geothermal opportunities from our legacy of abandoned mines all of which are now flooded. In relation to the abandoned and closed mines, Professor Gluyas confirmed that the reserve in place would heat a minimum of 100,000 homes. It was highlighted that officers had visited Heerlen in the Netherlands, a coal producing district, which uses mine water heat and has facilities for storage. Professor Gluyas commented that a Heat Swot analysis has been undertaken which indicated that there are substantial quantities of geothermal and waste heat from abandoned coal mines, sedimentary basins and industry together with storage potential. Professor Gluyas concluded by highlighting that 77% of heat generated in the UK comes from burning fossil fuels, 66% of heat generated in the UK comes from burning gas. In order to meet our emission reduction commitments, the decarbonisation of heat is required, geothermal (and waste) heat could supply the UK almost indefinitely with abandoned and flooded mines a huge heat legacy.

The Chairman thanked Professor Gluyas for his presentation and asked Members for questions.

Councillor Martin indicated that decarbonisation had taken place over the last 30 years, with the Country becoming greener and asked how much of this was as a result of what needed to be done or was it by choice.

Professor Gluyas responded that he could not say for certain however the use of coal had been declining since 1911 together with the demand for gas (no one had thought how long our gas supply would last) following the cessation of coal mining. Government did not highlight the issue with the sustained supply of gas but gradually moved to looking at alternatives.

Councillor Jopling stated that Members of Parliament were not as concerned as the general public in relation to finding greener forms of energy and referred to Fracking and asked if there was interest from private companies to extract geothermal heat from abandoned mines in the county, which would be less problematic than other potential sources as they already existed.

Professor Gluyas referred to Fracking which is pushed for by the private sector and commented that the UK has the wrong kind of shale for fracking and that controls in the UK are stringent. He referred to a piece of work by Helen Goodman involving social scientists working with communities in Spennymoor explaining about the opportunities of geothermal which was available on the geothermal website. There were some companies who were developing heat manufacturing, however profit margins around geothermal are currently low for developers. In addition, developers know and prefer gas however there is one developer that wants sites in the county that are heat ready.

Mr Cattle-Jones, Housing Regeneration Project Manager stated that it was both refreshing and amazing the legacy left from coal mining. He commented that Durham County Council colleagues have worked on housing initiatives at Southmoor and Craghead, the Solid Wall Insulation Innovation (SWIi) project to externally insulates older homes, providing warmer homes and cutting energy bills. He continued that there are a number of people in County Durham who were in fuel poverty, so the alternative source needed to be cheaper. The insulation has also raised the value of the homes.

Professor Gluyas commented that insulation is a bigger win than changing the energy source.

Councillor Howell asked Professor Gluyas what one thing he would want to see introduced and by whom.

Professor Gluyas responded that he works very closely with the Climate Change and Sustainability Team and referred to the work undertaken at the Louisa Centre at Stanley which was an example of what could be achieved with the pool heated by geothermal energy from the mine with plans for the whole centre to be heated by

geothermal energy in the future. The team was currently working with a new developer in Easington who wanted to regenerate properties for rental and was considering using mine water as an energy source. In addition, a local wine company, Lanchester Wines has its own wind turbine, has installed solar panels at its business premises and their warehouse located at Gateshead uses mine water as a heat source. With the company receiving a number of calls from insurers who wanted to invest in their renewable energy offer. Professor Gluyas commented that we need to think big and consider using mine water to heat a whole housing estate.

Mr Bolton referred to the mine water treatment plant at Seaham and asked if there were any plans for the Council offices, industrial estate and new housing estate next to the plant to use water as a heat source using water from the treatment plant.

Mr McDonald, Principal Officer, Climate Change and Sustainability Team responded that the new housing site had obtained approval and they were in discussions with the developer and actively looking at water as a heat source. In addition, discussions are also taking place in relation to mine water as a heat source for the Council offices and the industrial estate.

Councillor Patterson asked how do we get the required infrastructure and new technologies into our homes and are there any risks associated with waterflow underground, erosion and sink holes.

Professor Gluyas responded that some of the water contains iron molecules and sulphur molecules however the water from the mines would be used as a heat exchanger and the mine water would be in a closed loop. He acknowledged that there are risks. The main concern would be the elevation of the earth's surface and advised that Nottingham was rising at 5mm a year but oil fields in Iraq were sinking however satellites have the ability to measure movement under the surface due to the pumping action involved with extraction and there would be a requirement to understand the flow of the water. With the technology in place we are in a better position to reduce any risks and manage the flow.

The Sustainability and Climate Change Team Leader indicated that they had recently visited Gateshead to look at their heat into homes distribution scheme with plate heat exchangers taking heat into homes.

Councillor Patterson asked how long it would take for all of County Durham to receive geothermal heat.

The Principal Officer, Climate Change and Sustainability Team responded that Gateshead's scheme took 10 years from the initial idea and Heerlen in the Netherlands took 20 years, however we could learn from their experience, so the time period should be shorter.

Professor Gluyas commented that the speed of implementing such a project is determined by the driver and if there is a will and funding change can be implemented in a relatively short timescale.

The Chairman thanked Professor Gluyas for attending the meeting and providing a very informative presentation.

Resolved: That the report and presentation be noted.

6 Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan and Carbon Management Plan - Progress

The Committee considered the Joint reports of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that provided Members with details of progress made in relation to the County Durham Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan and to engage in the development of the new Climate Emergency Response Plan and a progress report on the Carbon Management Plan (for copy of reports, see file of minutes).

Ms Bosanquet, Team Leader, Mr McDonald, Principal Officer and Ms Farrow, Carbon and Energy Analyst, Sustainability and Climate Change Team were in attendance to present the report and deliver a presentation that highlighted the following points:

- Climate Change Strategy
 - Emissions Change
 - Renewable Energy Capacity
 - Progress/Projects in 2018
 - Partnership Working
- Carbon Management Plan
 - Targets
 - Current Projects
 - Future Projects

The Principal Officer, Sustainability and Climate Change Team referred to the motion agreed at Council to reduce Durham County Council emissions by 60% by 2030 and for the county to be carbon neutral by 2050 and that in order to meet these targets Durham County Council is developing a Climate Emergency Response Plan.

Members were advised that in relation to the county's emissions the most current data is from 2016 which shows a 52% reduction in emissions from the baseline of 1990 (the target is 55% reduction by 2020). The largest reductions relate to industry, commercial and domestic use. However there had been a slight increase in relation to emissions from transport. Possible reasons for the reduction in carbon intensity was less coal fired power stations and warmer winters reducing the amount

of heating required. There was an increase in the amount of renewable energy capacity in photovoltaics and offshore wind power. Regionally County Durham has the second highest level of renewable installed with only Northumberland higher.

Members were advised that projects have taken place in schools with 241 or 90% of County Durham schools are supported by the ECO2 Smart School Programme, Housing Regeneration have received £2.5m ERDF for the SWli scheme, in relation to transport a dedicated electric vehicle working group has been established and is looking at the roll out of EV cars and infrastructure, concerning communities the Civil contingency unit supports the emergency plans and there is the de-culverting of the Cong-burn at Chester-le-Street and in relation to SME's, a 168 have received funding via the BEEP project. It was highlighted that the reduction in emissions had been achieved through strong partnership working at a local and regional level.

In relation to the Carbon Management Plan, the committee was informed that Durham County Council's 2015 target of 40% reduction in emissions was met by 2018 and was increased to 45% by 2020 with progress on this target to be reported in July. It was confirmed that the council was on target to meet the 45% target and that this has resulted from decarbonising of the electricity grid, completion of the first phase of the LED lighting project, reduction in the number of properties owned by Durham County Council and energy efficiency projects in retained buildings.

Members were then informed of successful projects/work undertaken last year including Light BEER (Building Energy Efficiency Retrofit) a spin off programme from the light retrofit scheme, Eco2Smart Schools project and LED lighting installations in Durham County Council buildings. The committee was also informed of proposed work for the year ahead including Tanfield Solar Farm consisting of 200 solar photovoltaic panels and following the success of the SPA 3 project the service is revisiting the installation of solar PVs on Durham County Council buildings. In addition, a project is being explored looking at developing a zero-carbon depot and more work is to be undertaken at the Louisa Centre. Looking ahead, it was confirmed that in relation to the development of the Climate Emergency Response Plan, areas of focus have already been identified including Transport, heat and insulation, electrical generation and monitoring and targeting.

Councillor Crute suggested that in order to continue to reduce emissions we need to have more partnership working. He then asked how confident the service was that they could sustain initiatives and accelerate projects following withdrawal from the EU when there is uncertainty of possible funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund.

The Principal Officer, Climate Change and Sustainability Team responded that funding was difficult, but they were applying for the next phase of EU funding but did not know thereafter if they could rely on funding and needed to commercialise the offer going forward in order to maintain and grow projects in the future. He continued that the BEEP project had been successful, and the team were looking at

ways of commercialising this project but would carry on applying for available funding to maintain the project.

Mr Bolton commented that Durham County Council is a major purchaser of goods and services and asked if the team were involved with procurement and if so how embedded carbon reduction is in the tendering process.

Officers responded that they worked closely with procurement and that there is a Sustainable Procurement Plan with examples provided including reducing Durham County Council's use of Single Use Plastics (SUPs) and the sourcing of fish.

The Chairman referred to transport emissions and asked if measures were in place to bring this figure down and if the authority had any control with bus companies.

Officers commented that transport was driven by national policy and referred to the big drive by government to electric vehicles and that the production of diesel and petrol engines would cease by 2040. He continued that the rise in transport emissions was probably due to increased ownership in cars and the rural nature of the county with more driving taking place. A number of the Council's fleet were moving to electric vehicles and the team would report back on in due course. There was an emphasis on authorities to take ownership and install electric charging points and they were currently working with the northern power grid.

Councillor Crute commented that in relation to transport, transport was brought together through Transport for the North.

Councillor Martin asked in relation to the target of 60% reduction in Durham County Council's emissions by 2030, was it possible with resources to be carbon neutral by that date. The Head of Environment responded that Durham County Council will work hard to meet the target and respond to the motion agreed at Council.

The Chair advised that Council had agreed the targets in the motion to Council and to meet these targets an Emergency Response Plan is being developed with more information in relation to the plan coming to a future meeting of the committee following the consultation.

Councillor Crute indicated that the targets were agreed by Council and work will be undertaken to meet those targets.

Councillor Howell commented that in relation to the targets, if officers during their discussions and with changes in technology thought they could exceed the 60% target then they will report back to committee.

The Chair commented that there is a lot of good positive work being undertaken in relation to reducing carbon emissions and that the authority is heading in the right direction.

Resolved: (i) That the report and presentation be noted.

(ii) That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee includes in its future work programme for 2019/2020 a further progress update on the Carbon Management Plan.

7 Approach on the Report to Full Council Regarding Climate Emergency Declaration - Overview

The Committee considered the Joint Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services that provided Members with the proposed approach in the drafting of a report to full council scheduled for 17 July 2019 in describing how Council and County climate change targets may be made (for copy of report, see file of minutes).

The Head of Environment was in attendance to present the report and deliver a presentation that sought scrutiny comments on the approach to the development of Plan (for copy of slides, see file of minutes).

Members were reminded of the motion that was agreed by Council in February 2019 and that according to the figures for 2016/2017 Durham County Council has a carbon emissions level of 3% (69,377 tonnes and that the rest of the county was responsible for 97% of the total emissions.

Durham County Council was looking at areas to focus on that it can influence such as the fleet moving to an electric fleet in the future and how it can reduce vehicle emissions currently by moving to low emissions vehicles, linking with schools via various projects including building improvements and retrofits, insulation projects for heat retention, renewable heat generation and Eco advocates and reviewing and monitoring targets. It was confirmed that the Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP) will be further refined and developed through a series of workshops and then consultation.

A report detailing the approach to the development of the plan, areas of focus in the plan and detail of engagement to be undertaken will be considered by Cabinet in July.

The Chairman thanked the Head of Environment for his presentation.

Councillor Howell fully endorsed the view that it is a partnership approach as the Council only contributes 3% to carbon emissions and supported the proposed approach completely.

Councillor Crute commented that he was glad to see a broad-brush approach being adopted. He asked if there were plans for the County Durham Environment

Partnership to be involved in the CERP and highlighted that the plan needs to be embedded into the new vision and for them to run in tandem. The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager agreed and confirmed that the vision was currently being revised.

Councillor Crute commented that he was glad to see a broad-brush approach being adopted. He referred to the County Durham Environment Partnership and asked if there were plans for the partnership to be involved in the development of the CERP and highlighted that the plan needs to be embedded into the new vision. There was little mention about the environment within the emerging vision and suggested when workshops were held in the Autumn partners such as the partnership need to be invited. The Corporate Scrutiny and Strategy Manager agreed and confirmed that the vision was currently being revised and there was an opportunity to look at how the vision and the CERP will link.

The Head of Environment responded that partnership working was an important key to success.

Councillor Jopling endorsed the plan and asked what influence Durham County Council has in relation to transport and haulage.

The Head of Environment advised that in relation to transport the biggest driver is national policy. However, Durham County Council needs to work to ensure that County Durham has an infrastructure that can cope and gave the example of the Park and Ride sites and commented that Durham County Council is proactively looking for opportunities for the electrification of vehicles and the Committee for Climate Change was due to make recommendations on what more needed to done.

Councillor Dunn welcomed the report and presentation and was glad to see the officers in attendance as climate change cuts across all departments of the Council. He continued that there is still more work to be done and indicated that climate change impact should be included in the appendix of implications for every report and should also be a consideration of all committee reports including carbon costs.

He continued that Durham County Council can facilitate and encourage partners to look at their carbon emissions and that a lot of research to reducing carbon emissions would need to be undertaken and that resources should made available for this.

Councillor Dunn suggested that we look at what other authorities were doing and have plans in place to ensure that when financial resources become available the Authority is in a position to progress.

He continued by proposing that planning departments put pressure on developers to deliver carbon neutral homes and recommended that the authority invest in the green economy as there was no reason why green businesses could not be set up.

He then referred to the letter from Extinction Rebellion that was copied to all members of the committee that states by 2032 the earth's temperature will have increased by one and a half degrees and will affect animals and people.

Councillor Dunn highlighted that the letter referred to inclusive democracy and therefore we need to ask people what they want as the poorest and marginalised people in our society will be those most affected. He continued that the letter asks that we act now, Durham County Council is taking action with the declaring of a climate emergency. The letter asks that we look at our investments and we need to do this, it asks that we look at achieving targets earlier and Durham County Council will look to do this, however we have set targets which are realistic, we do have clear targets which will be monitored.

Councillor Dunn also mentioned that an email had been received by members from Durham Road Block that raised issues with both the northern and western relief roads.

He then referred to the opposition to Milburngate Bridge but where would the City be without it if it had not been built. Taking traffic outside of the City centre focused on the climate emergency agenda.

The Head of Environment indicated that Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty was also under his remit and referred to peatlands which contributed to a 10% reduction of carbon emissions. He continued that if areas of the Peatlands are made wet which can be achieved through small dams, then this captures carbon and locks it in and stops it contributing to further carbon emissions. However, Peatlands were not included in carbon reduction targets.

Mr Bolton asked if parish councils would be included in the engagement and consultation. The Head of Environment confirmed that it was important to consult, and that Town and parish Councils would be included in the consultation on the CERP.

In response to a question, the Head of Environment indicated that buses for staff to commute to and from work had not actively been considered but the authority was just one of the many large employers in the county. This needed to be looked at with public transport. A lot of progress had been made through the Inspire Team with more flexible working for staff who can work from home or work from Council offices closer to their home. Technology was also being used for meetings to avoid staff having to travel.

Councillor Martin commented that perfection was impossible to achieve but the authority should aim to get as close as possible. The targets were realistic, and he hoped that the targets would get more challenging and suggested that officers look to Redcar and Cleveland both of which had good results.

The Chair asked if the team had considered agriculture and farming sector in relation to decarbonising. The Head of Environment advised that through the influence of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and possible post Brexit solutions relating to the agri-environment, agriculture and farming are looking at decarbonising. The County Durham Environment Partnership and various networks would be used as an influencer; however, the authority did not have a huge amount of direct control.

The Chairman referred to carbon capture and how the authority had a lot of land that could be used for the planting of trees.

The Head of Environment responded that he was aware that the Committee had looked at the management of woodland sites and that Heritage Lottery funding had been obtained for woodland revival projects and the creation of new woodlands.

The Principal Officer, Climate Change and Sustainability indicated that they were working with the Landscape Delivery Officer on the woodland revival projects which would be incorporated into the emerging Climate Emergency Response Plan.

Councillor Manchester asked if LED lighting had been installed in schools.

Officers responded that work was taking place with schools via the Enlighten Scheme and that it was proposed that this scheme would be rolled out across the county.

The Chair asked if members would be involved in the planned workshops.

The Head of Environment confirmed that members would be involved.

Resolved: (i) That the report and presentation be noted.

(ii) That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and scrutiny committee includes in its future work programme for 2019/2020 the monitoring of the progress made in relation to the further development of the plan and the identified targets.

**Environment and
Sustainable Communities
Overview and Scrutiny
Committee**

12 July 2019

**Strategic Walking and
Cycling Delivery Plan**



**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and
Partnerships**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of the report is to provide members of Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a progress update on the Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan.

Executive summary

- 2 Members of the committee will recall that the Draft Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan Consultation was presented to them at a Special meeting of the committee on 3 September 2018. Members provided comments at the meeting that were collated and fed into the consultation.
- 3 Members of the committee expressed at that meeting for a progress update on the Strategic Walking Cycling Delivery Plan to come to a future meeting of the committee.
- 4 Arrangements have been made for Victoria Lloyd-Gent, Sustainable Travel Officer to attend a meeting on 12 July 2019, to provide members of the Environment and Sustainable Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a presentation

Recommendations

- 5 That members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:

- a) Receive the report and presentation and comment accordingly.
- b) Agree to a further report on the progress of the Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan coming to a future meeting

Background

- 6 At its meeting on 3 September 2018, Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report and presentation relating to the Draft Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan.
- 7 Members of the committee provided comments on the Draft Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan Consultation and these comments were collated into a formal response that fed into the consultation.
- 8 Members asked at the meeting on 3 September 2018 that the Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan be included in their work programme for 2019/2020 so that members can be updated on the delivery plan.
- 9 Arrangements have been made for Victoria Lloyd-Gent, Sustainable Travel Officer, Regeneration and Local services to attend the meeting on the 12 July 2019 to provide a presentation focusing on:
 - General update on progress of implementation of actions in Building Blocks 1, 2 & 3 of the Delivery Plan, in particular Building Blocks 1 & 2.

Conclusion

- 10 Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be aware of the work undertaken in progressing the Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan.

Background papers

- Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Draft Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan Consultation, 3 September 2018.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Not applicable

Finance

Not applicable

Consultation

Not applicable

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Not applicable

Human Rights

Not applicable

Crime and Disorder

Not applicable

Staffing

Not applicable

Accommodation

Not applicable

Risk

Not applicable

Procurement

Not applicable

Climate Change

The Strategic Walking and Delivery Plan encourages walking and cycling therefore reducing an individual's carbon footprint.

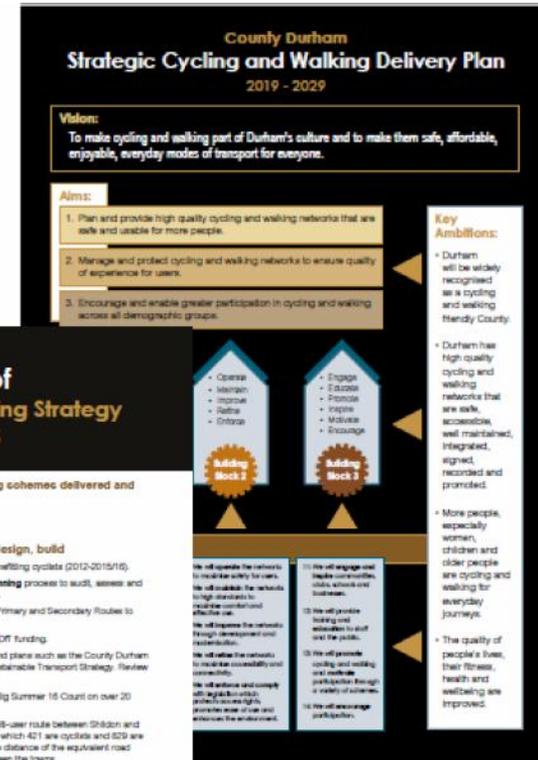
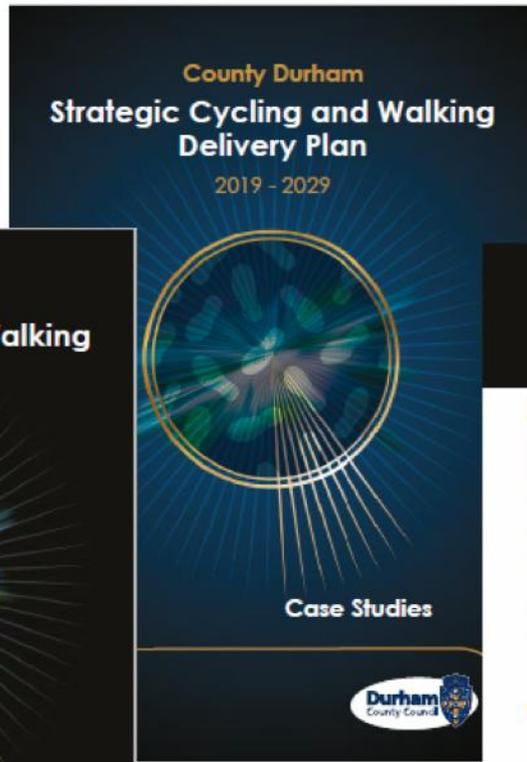
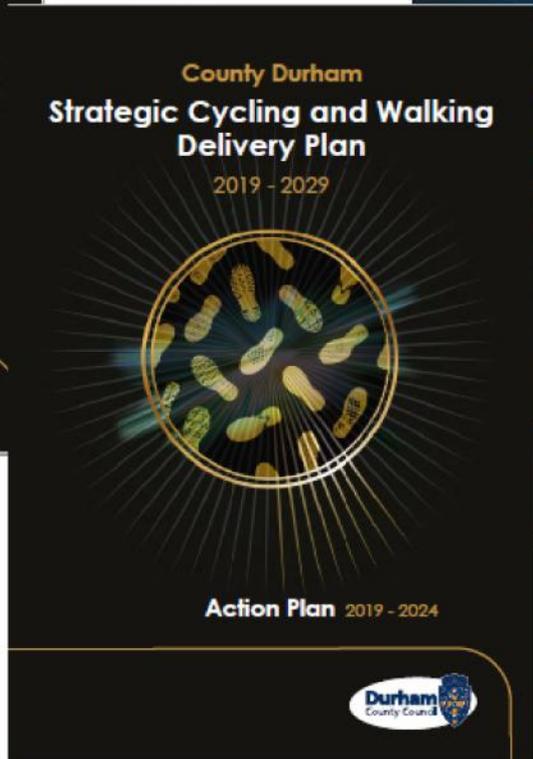
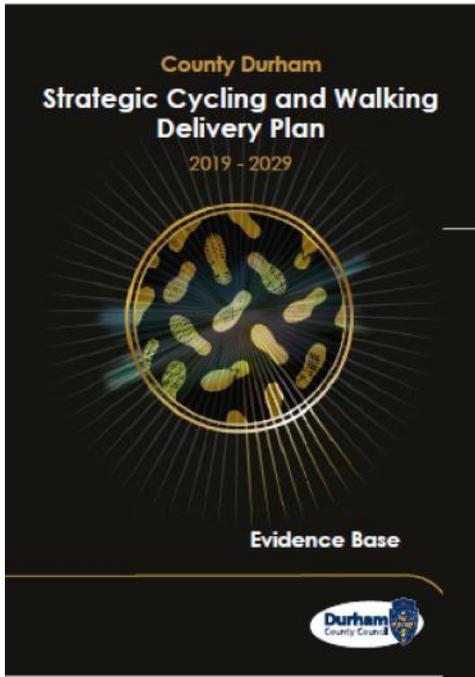
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County Durham Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan 2019 - 2029

Victoria Lloyd-Gent
Sustainable Travel Officer



Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan (SCWDP) Documents



Overview - Vision & Aims

Vision:

To make cycling and walking part of Durham's culture and to make them safe, affordable, enjoyable, everyday modes of transport for everyone.

Aims:

1. Plan and provide high quality cycling and walking networks that are safe and usable for more people.
2. Manage and protect cycling and walking networks to ensure quality of experience for users.
3. Encourage and enable greater participation in cycling and walking across all demographic groups.

Overview - Key Ambitions

- Durham is widely recognised as a cycling and walking friendly County.
- Durham has high quality cycling and walking networks that are safe, accessible, well maintained, integrated, signed, recorded and promoted.
- More people, especially women, children and older people are cycling and walking for everyday journeys.
- The quality of people's lives, their fitness, health and wellbeing are improved.



Building Blocks to create a cycling and walking County



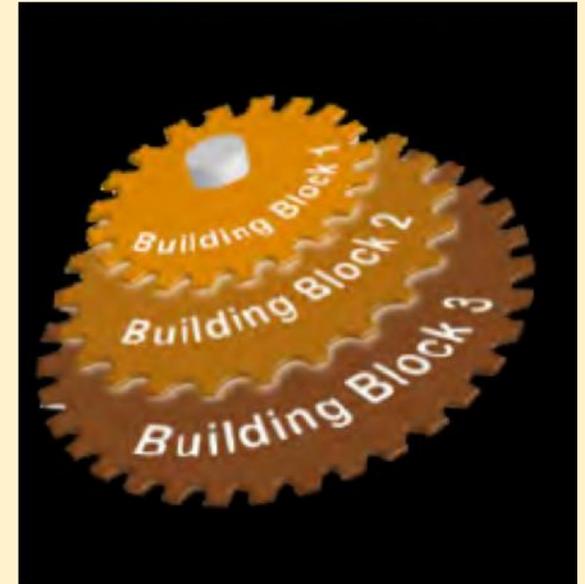
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operate, maintain, improve, refine, enforce.



engage, educate, promote, inspire, motivate, encourage.



Progress so far

- Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans
- Counters & Monitoring
- Planning & Development
- Great North Cycleway
- DCC Buildings & Facilities
- Thickley Bridge



- Enforcement: Close Pass Campaign
- Signage and Crossings
- Improvement Programme



- Cycle Parking: ParkThatBike, *Love Reading*, *Love Cycling*,
- Town Cycling Maps: 4/12 complete
- Groups: updates, promoting events
- DCC Staff Schemes
- Publicity and Information





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Great North Cycleway

This route will run from Blyth in Northumberland to Darlington passing through Tyne & Wear and County Durham.

The concept for the 76km route was launched in June 2011 and was agreed in principle by all authorities along the route.

The route will be suitable for cyclists of all abilities (beginners to advanced), to provide a route for both commuting and leisure.

In order to create the overall route, existing routes, existing routes, existing infrastructure and sections of road will be reviewed in stages as facilities become available.

The Great North Cycleway will be the ambition from all partners involved. The route is for this route work 725.

Context Diagram for LCWIP

The Three Towns and the route of the Great North Cycleway

Great North Cycleway in County Durham

A large proportion (around 35.5km) of the cycleway will run through County Durham forming a North-South spinal route roughly following the A167.

In line with the County Durham Plan proposal, we have classified the Great North Cycleway as a Cycling Super Route.

This Cycling Super Route will link a number of the County's main settlements and in conjunction with primary and secondary routes, will serve the wider cycle network. By doing so, the route facilitates for both the shorter local journeys as well as longer distance cycling.

As illustrated, there are various sections of the route already in place and others that need to be developed.

Where there are low pedestrian numbers between towns, the route will be a shared use path. This will be a 3m wide surface for its majority (where space allows). At busier locations or where more suitable, the route will be segregated or on-road.

The sections of the scheme which have recently been delivered, or are currently being developed, are funded by the Economic Transport Corridor - Cycling Super Routes element of the Local Transport Plan and will continue to be when funding is available.

This route is achievable, however there are a number of obstacles and complexities to overcome to incorporate the route in the existing Highway network. This will require the support of local areas to successfully introduce this sustainable transport route.

Legend:

- Available for use
- Solution available
- requires upgrade
- Solution required
- Alternative route



- Enforcement: Close Pass Campaign
- Signage and Crossings
- Improvement Programme





- **Cycle Parking:** ParkThatBike, *Love Reading, Love Cycling*

- **Town Cycling Maps:** 4/12 complete
<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/11672/Where-to-cycle->

- **Groups:** updates, promoting events

- **Publicity and Information**

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/21423/Cycle-path-renovations-complete->

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/21517/Cyclists-and-walkers-encouraged-to-enjoy-shared-spaces>

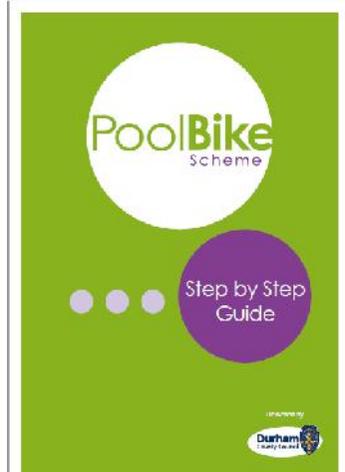
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DCC Staff Schemes

- www.lovetoride.net/dcc
- Bike Week
- [The Cycle2work Scheme](#)
- [Cycle Loan](#)
- Cycling Confidence Training
- [Crook Sustainable Transport Map](#)
- Shower & Cycle parking facilities – audit
- [Pool bike Scheme](#)
- [Bicycle User Group](#)



TRAVELLING SUSTAINABLY

Crook Civic Centre

Welcome
Here is all the information you need on sustainable travel options you have at Crook Civic Centre. The options include ways which might save you time and money, help you to stay healthy and feel less stressed. There are lots of ways we can support you to travel sustainably.

Crook Civic Centre
Location: North Terrace, Crook, S15 5TG
Opening hours: The building is open to staff from 7.30am until 5.30pm Monday to Friday.
Phone and access: Remember to enter your ID badge at all times when in the building. Staff have a secure this building via the rear entrance.
Parking: The most convenient way for disabled parking, cycle 'parking' availability and pick-up/drop off points. No other car parking will be permitted in this area. Please see signs for more information. Areas highlighted on the accessibility plan or part of our website will not be used for any other purpose. Staff will be available to help you with any queries about this building.

Travel options
The Crook Civic Centre is a fully accessible building. We have a range of sustainable travel options available to help you get to work. The options include ways which might save you time and money, help you to stay healthy and feel less stressed. There are lots of ways we can support you to travel sustainably.

Cycling and walking
We have a range of facilities to help you get to work by cycling or walking. We have a range of facilities to help you get to work by cycling or walking. We have a range of facilities to help you get to work by cycling or walking.

Public transport
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Car sharing
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Pool Cars
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Local Area Map
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Wide Area Map
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LOVE TO RIDE DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL Bike Week

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Join us for Bike Week
This June we're celebrating everyday cycling for everyone. You're invited to come to a Bike Week event in all parts of the area to ride any bike, anywhere. For just ten minutes to get into our prize draw.

Register here, enjoy a ride and **register it on your account** to see what Love to Ride is all about and get our prize announcements and all the info you need to celebrate the summer of cycling with us.

Keep updated on **summer jobs, books and prizes**

FIND OUT MORE **REGISTER**

ACTIVITY
Letch Cables biked 50 miles to 'from work' (10/10) (E KAZEM) (10/10)
Ian Small biked 5.3 mi to work from home (10/10) (E KAZEM) (10/10)
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PICTURE GALLERY
Love Riding, Live Cycling - new cycle parking at Belmont Library
HLASONS WIL HILL
"I ride because just because"
"I ride because I love it"
"I ride because I want to be a cyclist"
"I ride because I want to be a cyclist"

BIKEWORK
June 1st - 2019
Cafe in 6 days!
JOIN IN

REPAIRS
48 PEOPLE
25 PARTICIPANTS
7 NEW MEMBERS
5,349 MILES
253 TRIPS
463 PEOPLE

BIKE WEEK

June 2019

Ride anywhere, anytime in June and go into the draw for a European city break, bikes, an e-bike, vouchers and more!

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Next Steps

July - Aug

Sustainable Travel Technical Asst
Launch Pool Bike Scheme

August

LCWIP for Durham commences
Complete Sustainable Travel Maps for all DCC strategic sites

Sept

Love to Ride Cycle Sept Campaign
Love Reading, Love Cycling Roll out

Oct – Dec

Schemes on the ground
Signage review Durham City
Town Maps
Cycle parking at sports centres





**Corporate Overview and Scrutiny
Management Board**

12 July 2019

**Quarter Four 2018/19
Performance Management Report**



Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide.

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present progress towards achieving the key outcomes of the council's corporate performance framework.

Performance Report for quarter four, 2018/19

- 2 The performance report for quarter four, 2018/19 is attached at Appendix 2. It is structured around a set of key questions aligned to the Altogether Greener priority theme and includes the key performance messages from data available this quarter along with visual summaries and data tables for each key question.

Future Performance Reporting

- 3 As our current vision, which forms the basis of this performance report, is over nine years old and many of the original aims have been achieved, we are developing a new set of proposed ambitions that better reflect the needs and opportunities of County Durham. This new vision will be launched in the autumn and the format and content of this performance report will be modified to align to the new ambitions.

Executive summary

- 4 Overall, environmental cleanliness remains good and environmental satisfaction (National Highways and Transport Survey) generally exceeds or matches national levels. Across the county, carbon emissions are reducing significantly as we generate more energy from renewable sources and divert more waste from landfill. However, almost one fifth of kerbside recyclate is contaminated and cannot be

reprocessed. Having declared a climate emergency and set a target to become carbon neutral by 2050, we are developing a new action plan, building on current activity, to address the issues. Single Use Plastics (SUP) are being addressed through quick wins at an operational level as well as more innovative projects such as using waste plastics in the road surface. A range of campaigns is underway to improve both the level and the quality of recycling.

Risk Management

- 5 Effective risk management is a vital component of the council's agenda. The council's risk management process sits alongside our change programme and is incorporated into all significant change and improvement projects.
- 6 There are no key risks in delivering the objectives of this theme.

Recommendation

- 7 That Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the overall position and direction of travel in relation to quarter four performance, and the actions being taken to address areas of underperformance.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Not applicable.

Finance

Latest performance information is being used to inform corporate, service and financial planning.

Consultation

Not applicable.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Equality measures are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

Human Rights

Not applicable.

Crime and Disorder

A number of performance indicators and key actions relating to crime and disorder are continually monitored in partnership with Durham Constabulary.

Staffing

Performance against a number of relevant corporate health indicators has been included to monitor staffing issues.

Accommodation

Not applicable.

Risk

Reporting of significant risks and their interaction with performance is integrated into the quarterly performance management report.

Procurement

Not applicable.

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Altogether better



Durham County Council Performance Management Report

Quarter Four, 2018/19



1. How clean and tidy is my local environment?

Reported fly-tipping incidents



76 cameras deployed

14 incidents caught on CCTV

25 stop & search operations

47 duty of care warning letters

74 producers issued

1,688 further investigations

21 PACE interviews

9 prosecutions

27 FPNs

Environmental Cleanliness: % of relevant land and highways assessed as falling below an acceptable standard (18/19 compared to 17/18)

Litter  6.24% ↑ +0.67pp

Detritus  12.61% ↑ +0.89pp

Dog fouling  1.08% ↑ +0.01pp

350 bonfire incidents
↑ 97% compared to 2017/18

424 graffiti incidents
↑ 24% compared to 2017/18



Big Spring Clean
(19 Feb to 9 Apr)
Volunteers encouraged to separate recyclables and non-recyclables

Cleanliness of pavements

55% (2016)

51% (2018)

52% (National)

Cleanliness of roads

62% (2016)

58% (2018)

54% (National)

Condition of road markings

62% (2016)

61% (2018)

54% (National)

Maintenance of highway verges/trees/shrubs

55% (2016)

54% (2018)

50% (National)

Weedkilling on pavements and roads

54% (2016)

52% (2018)

49% (National)

Cutting back overgrown hedges

48% (2016)

49% (2018)

45% (National)

Satisfaction: National Highways & Transport Survey (1 Oct 17 to 30 Sep 18 – compared to same period the previous year)

Altogether Greener

- 1 The priority theme of Altogether Greener is structured around the following three key questions:
 - (a) How clean and tidy is my local environment?
 - (b) Are we reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change?
 - (c) How effective and sustainable is our collection and disposal of waste?

How clean and tidy is my local environment?

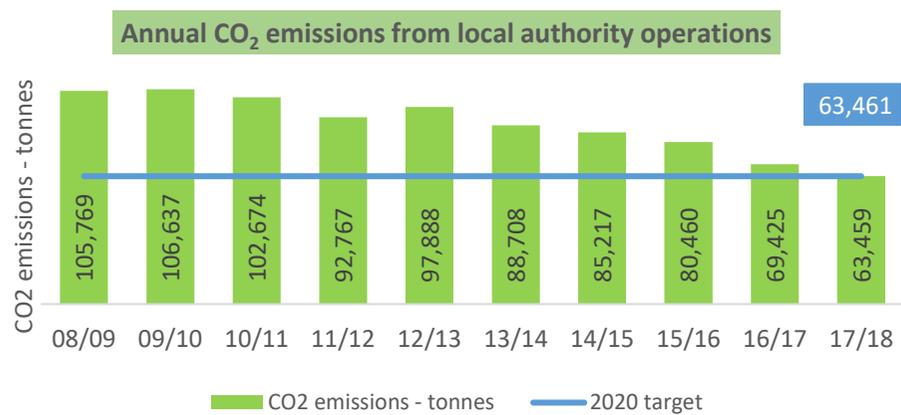
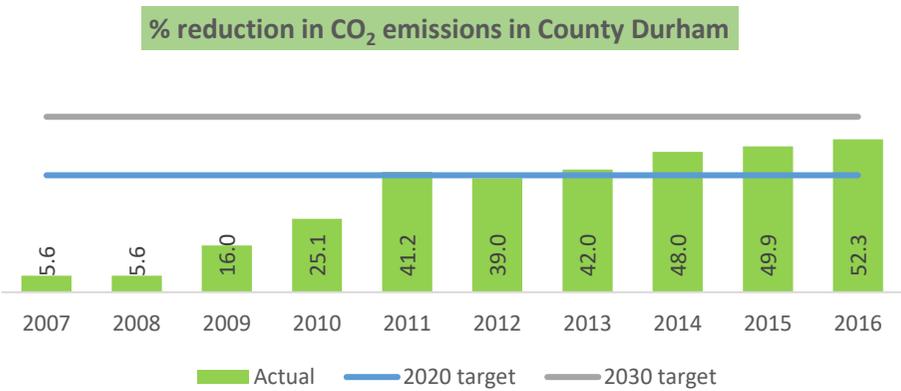
- 2 The year-end environmental cleanliness survey shows a slight deterioration. This is due to issues within industrial estates and business parks at quarter two. We worked with businesses through targeted interventions and the issues have been resolved.
- 3 The make-up of fly-tips reported during 2018/19 was consistent with previous years: main waste categories were household black bags (19%); furniture (13%); mattresses and carpets (11%); house or shed clearance (9%); and fridges (9%).
- 4 An increase in reported bonfires was noted during 2018/19, with hot-spots in Stanley and Peterlee, as well as more graffiti incidents, also within Stanley and Peterlee, as well as Durham City. 46% of graffiti incidents were 'offensive', an increase of 9% compared to previous year, 7% of incidents were racial graffiti, a decrease of 15% compared to previous year.
- 5 During quarter four, the Community Action Team tackled a range of housing and environmental issues at Cockton Hill. The team also revisited Dean Bank and although fewer environmental issues were identified, rubbish accumulations in rear yards remained (although the extent of the problem was smaller). Actions were taken on all identified issues.

Are we reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change?

- 6 The reduction in CO₂ emissions across the county is mainly due to generating more energy from renewable sources. Having declared a climate emergency and set a target to become carbon neutral by 2050, we are now developing a plan outlining the action required.
- 7 The carbon reduction programme is saving more than £12 million each year (compared to business as usual energy and fuel costs). We are building on progress to date through various projects such as our street lighting energy reduction programme and the £2 million buildings retrofit which includes the Freemans Quay hydro-electricity plant and the installation of 35 solar panels.

2. Are we reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change?

CO₂ emissions in County Durham	CO₂ emissions from local authority operations
-52% (2016) from 1990 baseline	-9% (2017/18) compared to -14 (2016/17)
↑ 4.7% from 2015	- 40% from 2008/09 baseline



to significantly reduce, and work towards removing, the use of unnecessary SUP.

DCC uses **recycled plastic materials for road resurfacing**. More details, [here](#)



Single Use Plastic - quick wins

- **6.5 tonnes** of SUP incorporated into A689
- **700kg** of SUP confetti removed from Gala Theatre
- **839,000** blue overshoes removed from Leisure Centres (annual figure)
- **Elimination** of plastic straws and cutlery from catering facilities
- **More than 300** reusable DCC coffee cups sold to date



Flood Prevention

- **£297,000** Lanchester surface water drainage system works completed (**£70,000** from the council)
- Additional drainage installed
- Culvert roof repaired
- Existing drainage system improved



- **£6 million** scheme
- Expected completion in March 2020
- Opens a **90 metre** stretch of the Cong Burn, underneath Chester-le-Street market place

- 8 The Business Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP) engaged with 218 small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) during 2018/19. Of these, 168 received support and 25 received grants totalling £110,486. We are developing a funding application for submission to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) which would extend the scheme for a further three years.
- 9 With businesses and partners, we have signed a Single Use Plastic (SUP) pledge for the county which commits us to significantly reduce, and work towards eliminating, unnecessary SUP from our operations. We have already reduced SUP consumption through a range of quick wins.
- 10 Northumbrian Water has been encouraging businesses to sign-up as refill stations; places where people can fill up their bottles with tap water, free of charge. Durham University is trialling reusable lunches boxes, replacing disposable cups and planning to stock vending machines with cans, rather than plastic bottles.
- 11 Additional drainage, to capture excess surface water and discharge into a culvert, has been installed in Lanchester as drains struggled to cope with the volume of water during a severe flood. Repairs to sections of the culvert have also been carried out and the existing drainage system improved.

How effective and sustainable is our collection and disposal of waste?

- 12 The new Stainton Grove Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) has reopened following a £3 million refurbishment. It now features additional recycling skips, an area for trade waste from small businesses, a new reuse shop and extended opening hours

3. How effective and sustainable is our collection and disposal of waste?

<p>96.3% of municipal waste diverted from landfill (Jan–Dec 18)</p>	<p>-0.5pp (same period last year)</p>	<p>+9pp (National 17/18)</p>
<p>42.4% of household waste re-used, recycled or composted (Jan-Dec 18)</p>	<p>+2.8pp (same period last year)</p>	<p>-0.8pp (National 17/18)</p>



Waste e-permits

- emailed to customer with a QR code for scanning at HWRC.
- Almost 24,000 issued since launch in June.
- Quick and easy for residents.

Recycling Matters Campaign

- During 2018/19, **17.8%** of collected recycling could not be reprocessed due to contamination (↑ **2.7pp** from 2017/18).
- campaign aims to re-educate residents about what can/cannot be recycled and reduce contamination.
- a 'no black bag' sticker will be added to every recycling bin as a reminder to residents.

Metal Matters Campaign

- Each year, our residents use more than **287 million** cans, foil trays and aerosols.
- **Less than half** of these items are recycled.
- If all metal used across the county was recycled, each year we would reduce carbon dioxide by **7,773 tonnes**, equivalent to 1,650 fewer cars on the road.

Green Move Out 2018

- Partnership project enabling students leaving Durham City to donate unwanted items to a local charity.
- **907** properties in **66** streets visited.
- **356** bags weighing **2.5** tonnes collected from student homes and **2,524** bags weighing **16** tonnes collected from around university colleges.

Key Performance Indicators – Data Tables

There are two types of performance indicators throughout this document:

- (a) Key target indicators – targets are set as improvements can be measured regularly and can be actively influenced by the council and its partners; and
- (b) Key tracker indicators – performance is tracked but no targets are set as they are long-term and/or can only be partially influenced by the council and its partners.

A guide is available which provides full details of indicator definitions and data sources for the 2017/18 corporate indicator set. This is available to view either internally from the intranet or can be requested from the Strategy Team at performance@durham.gov.uk

KEY TO SYMBOLS

	Direction of travel	Benchmarking	Performance against target
GREEN	Same or better than comparable period	Same or better than comparable group	Meeting or exceeding target
AMBER	Worse than comparable period (within 2% tolerance)	Worse than comparable group (within 2% tolerance)	Performance within 2% of target
RED	Worse than comparable period (greater than 2%)	Worse than comparable group (greater than 2%)	Performance >2% behind target

National Benchmarking

We compare our performance to all English authorities. The number of authorities varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils, for example educational attainment is compared to county and unitary councils however waste disposal is compared to district and unitary councils.

North East Benchmarking

The North East figure is the average performance from the authorities within the North East region, i.e. County Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-On-Tees, South Tyneside, Sunderland. The number of authorities also varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils.

More detail is available from the Strategy Team at performance@durham.gov.uk

ALTOGETHER GREENER

1. How clean and tidy is my local environment?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter	
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different		
108	% of relevant land and highways assessed as having deposits of litter that fall below an acceptable level	6.24	2018/19	Tracker	5.57	10				2014/15	Yes
				N/a	AMBER	GREEN					
109	% of relevant land and highways assessed as having deposits of detritus that fall below an acceptable level	12.61	2018/19	Tracker	11.72	27				2014/15	Yes
				N/a	AMBER	GREEN					
110	% of relevant land and highways assessed as having deposits of dog fouling that fall below an acceptable level	1.08	2018/19	Tracker	1.07	7				2014/15	Yes
				N/a	GREEN	GREEN					
111	Number of fly-tipping incidents	7,269	2018/19	Tracker	7,617						Yes
				N/a	GREEN						

ALTOGETHER GREENER

2. Are we reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter	
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different		
112	% reduction in CO ₂ emissions in County Durham (by 40% by 2020 and 55% by March 2031)	52.3	2016	Tracker	49.9						No
				N/a	GREEN						

ALTOGETHER GREENER

2. Are we reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
113	% change in CO ₂ emissions from local authority operations	-9	2017/18	Tracker	-14					No
				N/a	RED					

ALTOGETHER GREENER

3. How effective and sustainable is our collection and disposal of waste?

Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
114	% of municipal waste diverted from landfill	96.3	2018	95	96.8	87.3	92		2017/18	Yes
				GREEN	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN			
115	% of household waste that is re-used, recycled or composted	42.4	2018	Tracker	39.6	43.2	34.5		2017/18	Yes
				N/a	GREEN	AMBER	GREEN			

Other additional relevant indicators

A TOGETHER WEALTHIER										
4 Is it easy to travel around the county?										
Ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Comparison to						Data updated this quarter
				Period target	12 months earlier	National figure	North East figure	Nearest statistical neighbour	Period covered if different	
18	% of A roads where maintenance is recommended	3	2017/18	Tracker	3	3			2016/17	No
				N/a	GREEN	GREEN				
19	% of B and C roads where maintenance is recommended	4	2017/18	Tracker	3	6			2016/17	No
				N/a	AMBER	GREEN				
20	% of unclassified roads where maintenance is recommended	21	2017/18	Tracker	20	17			2016/17	No
				N/a	AMBER	RED				

**Environment and
Sustainable Communities
Overview and Scrutiny
Committee**

12 July 2019

**Refresh of the Environment
and Sustainable
Communities OSC Work
Programme 2019 - 2020**



**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and
Partnerships**

Electoral division(s) affected:

None

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of the report is to provide for members consideration an updated work programme for the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2019 – 2020.

Executive summary

- 2 Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed at its meeting on 5 April 2019 to refresh its work programme for 2019 - 2020.
- 3 The Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are encouraged to identify areas for scrutiny investigation.
- 4 However, members of the committee should note that they continue to review Durham County Council's Management of Allotments

Recommendations

- 5 Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to:
 - a) Discuss and agree the new work programme 2019 – 2020 as detailed at appendix two.

- b) Identify topics for an in-depth scrutiny review.

Background

- 6 At its meeting on 5 April 2019 Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016 – 2019 for the Altogether Better for Children and Young People priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have been identified in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy, Cabinet Notice of Key Decisions, Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budget control data and government legislation.

Detail

- 7 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2019 – 2020 has been prepared and is attached at appendix two. The work programme is very comprehensive drawing on topical areas across the remit of the committee and it should be noted that it is also flexible in respect that topics can be added throughout the year.
- 8 Members are encouraged to identify areas of scrutiny investigation (in depth and light touch reviews) from the work programme. However, currently the review activity on DCC Management of Allotment Service is ongoing.

Conclusion

- 9 The work programme identifies areas of work that fall within the remit of Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The work programme is a flexible document to allow for topics to be added to it throughout the year.

Background papers

- Council Plan 2016 – 2019
- Report to Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 5 April 2019

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Not applicable

Finance

Not applicable

Consultation

Not applicable

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Not applicable

Human Rights

Not applicable

Crime and Disorder

Not applicable

Staffing

Not applicable

Accommodation

Not applicable

Risk

Not applicable

Procurement

Not applicable

Appendix 2

PROPOSED OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2019 TO 2020 Environment & Sustainable Communities OSC Lead Officer: Tom Gorman Overview and Scrutiny Officer: Diane Close/Ann Whitton IPG contact: Andy Palmer			Note: O/S Review - A systematic 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan Scrutiny/Working Group – Indepth Review Overview/progress – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review Performance – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets	
	When	Who	Outcome	Comment
<i>O/S Review</i>				
<i>Overview/Progress</i>				
Strategic Walking and Cycle Delivery Plan	ESC OSC 12 July 2019	Dave Wafer/Victoria Lloyd Gent (ReaL)	Members will be provided with detail of progress made in relation to the Strategic Walking and Cycling Delivery Plan.	The committee provided comments on the plan and will be made aware of how the plan has developed including progress made in relation to the committee's comments.

Environment Partnership Priorities	ESC OSC 19 November 2019	Oliver Sherratt/Steve Bhowmick (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of the partnership's priorities. The partnership will have the opportunity to comment on the committee's 2019/2020 work programme and identify any gaps.	Members will know the priorities of the partnership for the coming year and be assured that their work programme reflects these priorities.
Single Use Plastics	ESC OSC 4 October 2019 Possible Special In April/May TBC	Oliver Sherratt/Victoria Burrell (ReaL)	To provide members with an update on progress made in relation to the actions identified in the Environment Partnership Task Group report 'Phasing Out Unnecessary Single Use Plastics'.	The committee agreed to monitor the progress made against the action plan of the 'Phasing Out Unnecessary Single Use Plastics' report of the Environment Partnership.
Fly-tipping	Special ESC OSC 4 November 2019	Ian Hoult (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of current fly-tipping statistics and various initiatives undertaken by DCC	Members will be aware of how DCC and partners are targeting fly-tipping in the county and the results to date.

			and partners to tackle this issue.	
Spruce Up	Special ESC OSC 4 November 2019	Ian Hoult (ReaL)	The committee has received detail of the Spruce Up project previously and will be provided with an evaluation of the project.	The committee will be able to monitor the performance of the Spruce Up project via the evaluation of the project.
Woodlands	ESC OSC 9 November 2019	Sue Mullinger (ReaL)	The committee will be provided with detail of DCC's woodland Management including the Woodland Revival Project.	Members will be made aware of any changes in DCC's woodland management and the impact of the Woodland Revival Project in County Durham, revitalising the forestry sector
Air Quality	Special ESC OSC January 2020 (Invite all O&S members)	Denyse Holman David Gribben (ReaL)	To provide members of the committee with further detail of air quality management arrangements in County Durham.	Members will be aware of progress made in relation to the air quality management arrangements in County Durham.
Climate Emergency Response Plan	ESC OSC 19 November 2019 (Invite	Oliver Sherratt/ Maggie Bosanquet	The committee will receive information on the progress of the plan	Members will be updated with the progress of the Climate Emergency Response Plan and have an

	<p>all O&S members)</p> <p>Special ESC OSC</p> <p>8 January 2020</p> <p>(Invite all O&S members)</p> <p>Possible Special in April/May</p> <p>TBC</p> <p>(Invite all O&S members)</p>	(ReaL)	and of the ongoing consultation and for the committee to provide a formal response to the consultation.	opportunity to comment on the consultation as part of a formal response from the committee.
Carbon Management Plan	<p>Special ESC OSC</p> <p>8 January 2020</p> <p>(Invite all O&S members)</p>	<p>Oliver Sherratt/Maggie Bosanquet/ Stephen McDonald/Rosalind Farrow</p>	The committee will receive detail of projects undertaken by DCC to reduce its carbon emissions.	Members will be aware of the progress made by DCC in reducing carbon emissions.

		(ReaL)		
DCC Fleet - Management	Special ESC OSC 8 January 2020 (Invite all O&S members)	Oliver Sherratt/Michael Toas (ReaL)	The committee will receive detail of how DCC's Fleet is managed including detail of measures implemented to reduce carbon emissions.	Members will be aware of how DCC's fleet is managed and work currently undertaken to reduce carbon emission and future plans to further reduce emissions.
Community Action Team (CAT)	ESC OSC 24 January 2020 (Invite S&S OSC members)	Jennifer Jones/Neil Laws (ReaL)	To provide members of the committee with detail of the work undertaken by the CAT team and the use of targeted interventions.	The committee will be informed of the ongoing work of the CAT team and how the use of targeted interventions can benefit local communities.
Leisure Centres - management	ESC OSC 24 January 2020	Steve Howell (ReaL)	To provide members with an overview of the management approach to be used in our leisure centres.	Members will be aware of DCC's approach to managing leisure centres in the county.

BEEP 2	ESC OSC 24 January 2020 (Invite E&E OSC members)	Maggie Bosanquet (ReaL)	To provide members with information in relation to a new project on Business Energy Efficiency Project.	Members will be made aware of the new project and the parameters in which it works.
Flood Risk Management Authorities (FRMAs) for County Durham	ESC OSC 3 February, 2020.	John Reed/Brian Weatherall (ReaL) Northumbrian Water Limited & Environment Agency.	Members of the committee will receive further information from the Flood Risk Management Authorities for County Durham on current and future projects, funding, partnership working and any issue/challenges.	The committee will be undertaking its role as the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Committee for County Durham.
Fuel Poverty	ESC OSC 9 March 2020 (Invite E&E OSC and	Cliff Duff/ Adrian Cattle-Jones (ReaL)	The committee will receive current information on fuel poverty in the county and a progress update on the various projects	Members will be made aware of the current level of fuel poverty in the county and the various projects taking place and planned to help tackle this issue.

	AWH OSC members)		running in the county to help tackle this issue.	
Gala Theatre	ESC OSC 9 March 2020	Steve Howell (ReaL)	To provide members with information on the proposed future management of the Gala Theatre.	Members will be aware of proposals for the future management of the Gala theatre including work to be undertaken to address future challenges.
External Low Carbon Funding	ESC OSC 9 March 2020	Maggie Bosanquet	The Committee will receive information on successful funding bids for low carbon projects and how projects are progressing.	Members will be aware of funding bids for low carbon projects approved and how they are progressing.
Heritage Assets	Special ESC OSC 23 March 2020	Steve Bhowmick (ReaL)	The Committee will receive detail of the County's Heritage Assets including challenges and opportunities.	Members will be aware of various heritage assets in County Durham and how they are managed including any future opportunities and challenges.
Heritage Coast	Special ESC OSC	Niall Benson (ReaL)	A further update on progress made in relation to various projects on the	Members will have knowledge of the various ongoing projects on the

	23 March 2020		Heritage Coast will be provided to members.	Heritage Coast and will receive detail of future projects.
Highways maintenance	ESC OSC 20 April 2020 (Invite E&E OSC members)	John Reed/Brian Buckley (ReaL)	Members will receive further detail of the work currently undertaken and issues/challenges in relation to highways and bridge maintenance.	The committee will be able to monitor the progress made by the authority in relation to highways and bridge maintenance in the county.
Visit – Heritage Assets	March 2020 TBC	Steve Bhowmick (ReaL)	Members will be given the opportunity to visit various heritage sites in the county. This will link to an overview of Heritage Assets to be provided to the committee.	Members will be able to see how DCC and partners manages heritage assets in the county.
Visit – Lanchester Wines	April/May TBC	Steve Bhowmick (ReaL)	Members will be provided with the opportunity to see how a company in County	Members will be able to see first-hand how a local business is using both wind and solar power in the county.

			Durham is using wind and solar power.	
Performance				
Q 4	12 July 2019	Tom Gorman/Debra Kitching		Ongoing – to provide members with information on performance of the service grouping and highlight areas of prominence (those going well, and those giving cause for concern).
Q 1	4 Oct 2019			
Q 2	24 Jan 2020			
Q 3	20 April 2020			
Budget Outturn				
Q 4 & Q1	4 Oct 2019	Phil Curran		Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings.
Q 2	24 Jan 2020			
Q 3	20 April 2020			



**County Durham Environment Partnership Board
Minutes**

**Wednesday, 27th March 2018
The Lantern Room, Town Hall, Durham**

Attendees:

- Oliver Sherratt (Chair) (OS) - Direct Services, DCC
- Liz Charles (LC) - Durham Community Action
- Vicky Burrell (VB) - Strategic Waste, DCC
- Lyndsey Waters (LW) - Communications, DCC
- Steve Bhowmick (SB) - Chair, Coastal, Heritage and Landscapes Group
- Matthew Bateman (MB) - Communications, DCC
- Claire Thompson (CT) - NEENP
- Pauline Walker (PW) - Durham County Council
- Peter Samson (PS) - DCA/Food Durham County Council
- Katharine Birdsall (KB) - Environment Agency
- John Reed (JR) - Chair, Climate Change Group
- Gordon Elliott (GE) - Partnerships, DCC
- Glenn Robinson (GR) - Partnerships Team, DCC
- Angela Brown (Minutes) (AB) - Secretariat, Partnerships, DCC

Item No.	Subject	Action By	
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>OS welcomed everyone to the meeting and initiated round table introductions.</p>		
2.	<p>Minutes and Matters Arising</p> <p>All actions were agreed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The database for Durham Insight – an email was circulated but only had 3 responses back. OS reminded the Board that at the meeting before last there was an option available to put Environment information onto Durham Insights database. This adds to public awareness and they can then access the data. GR will resend link</p>	GR	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government have developed a YoGA toolkit <p>Questions/Comments</p> <p>KB gave an example of work the Environment Agency do. They offer their staff 2 environmental days, where staff go out and do some environmental voluntary work and they are given a choice of what they would like to do. Only 10% of these days are taken up by people. She asked partners to give examples of work that they would like help with. These could be put into a database - with the idea of having a matching service which could flag up organisations around the table that may have things people could help with. LC mentioned that DCA are now part of the sub group for this and will promote through Abby Thompson.</p> <p>OS mentioned that there could be pitfalls of having just a year as projects may run into 2020. CT mentioned that this will act as a platform with the intention to run it again next year. Its Defra's way of gauging interest and to see exactly what people would like. OS felt it was relatively easy to brand and promote it. However, this year we are promoting year of culture, which may restrict the opportunities to promote YoGA. Hopefully, if it leads to good practice, it will generate more activity on the ground.</p> <p>PW informed the Board that her team is doing research into developing a volunteering scheme and are currently working on a code of conduct for businesses, to see if they wish to be involved. PW will circulate to OS over the next 2-3 weeks</p>	PW	
4.	<p>Environment Awards 30th Anniversary</p> <p>SB mentioned that most people will be aware that it is 30th Anniversary for the Environment Awards. The launch will coincide with World Environment Day on 5th June, there will be a storyboard exhibition which will be touring the county and they will be encouraging projects to come forward.</p> <p>The ceremony will be in October and they are looking at a format based on 2 pathways</p>		

	<p>category winners for 2019 and an additional element which will look at all projects over the last 30 years and give a personal recognition award for work over those 30 years. They are working on budget now and doing internal work to get money ring-fenced and they are also trying to identify sponsors.</p> <p>PW informed the Board that they initially narrowed it down to 5 venues but are now down to 2. The Radisson which is a nice venue, if we held it there how could we make it different to other years and it only holds 200 people comfortably. Hardwick Hall hotel is the other option. The Hotel has been revamped and parking is great. Hardwick Park have won awards and have a green flag park. They would offer reduced rate for anyone staying there. Hardwick capacity is 380. We could encourage people to car share if this venue is chosen.</p> <p>The cost is £200 more at Hardwick Hall but the Radisson can't hold same amount, therefore we are steering towards Hardwick. Transport and accessibility are potentially an issue.</p> <p>Sponsorship is on target, looking at £20,000 to cover everything, and they have £11,000 already. OS mentioned that it would be good to weave in some APP projects.</p> <p>The date they are looking at is 23rd October</p>		
<p>5.</p>	<p>Single Use Plastics Charter</p> <p>Since the last meeting a report went to Cabinet relating to use of Single Use Plastic (SUP) and an action plan was put in place to reduce it. Part of the plan was to develop a pledge to make further steps – key partners endorsed this.</p> <p>The pledge has been developed and partners came together to sign the pledge to reduce SUP following CDP meeting on 14th March. As a way forward for the group we want to encourage more partners to sign the SUP Pledge and disseminate through their networks. This aim will be to increase the numbers signed up to the pledge from the 14 current partners. VB will be arranging a meeting very soon to take this forward. We have already had interest from town and parish councils and potentially</p>		

	AAPs. We would also like to encourage schools to get involved.		
6.	<p>Strategic Actions</p> <p>Comments in relation to the following High Level Actions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote a suite of environmental training and volunteering opportunities – Abby at DCA is leading on various ideas of how this can be taken forward. It also links into the work PW is doing. • Expand existing leaf composting project trial into 3-4 new areas – some work was done on this last year. Leaves are a problem on pavements, gardeners find them to be a valuable resource maybe it would be useful to have collection points. • Coordinated a countywide insect friendly pollinator project – we want people to become more aware of this. Would like to build up bigger resource especially for food production. Stuart from DCC Ecology team is involved with a bee pollinate project which is being developed on a regional basis. • Develop and promote e-learning awareness course for littering offenders – the Council are developing an online e-learning course for people caught littering in the county. • Publish Natural Capital Strategy for County Durham – setup a cross-sector working group to deliver this – partners to help in evaluating biodiversity and improve upon it – Defra’s 25-year plan has set the profile for the County to work regionally and locally to deliver biodiversity. • Focus on supporting existing and pipeline landscape scale partnerships; Seascapes and Durham Woodland Revival, through collective networks, knowledge sharing and identifying potential joint funding opportunities. Seek engagement of new lottery programme; National Lottery Heritage Fund – want to look at further funding opportunities coming through the new lottery agenda and need to engage and work in partnership • Promote Catchment Based Approach (CaBa) with NWL, EA and Wear Rivers 		

Trust to expand reach of water environment funding and projects, including delivery of Topsoil project with the Wears Rivers Trust – the water group are keen to promote wider catchment around water – the EA are working in partnership to look at water table/quality and wider amenities value around catchments – KB mentioned that in relation to the River Trusts timescales should be ongoing. The leads for this action should be EA, Wear Trust and Water Agency.

- Pursuing projects to utilise the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding allocated to County Durham – There is still £16m available for Durham
- Investing opportunities with partners to use heat from mine water – mine water in County Durham is a legacy from the coalmines. The Coal Authority are looking at opportunities to use ground water to heat the Stanley Louisa Centre
- Developing Solar Photovoltaic Arrays farm at Tanfield Lea – constantly looking at other opportunities and have tenders in for project at Tanfield Lea
- Retrofitting Council buildings with energy efficient LED lights – OS felt we need to broaden this as it could be linked to financial savings.
- Coordinated local recording of built heritage – supporting engagement of communities in identifying local (non-designated) heritage assets through current initiatives/programmes e.g. Seascapes and wider DCC-led recording, working with Historic England on relevant partnership projects
- Promote activities at the County's two Heritage Action Zones (HAZs); Bishop Auckland Town Centre and Stockton & Darlington Railway. Regarding the legacy and sustainability of projects – there are no additional resource for these actions.

OS concluded that from the list there was a number of things identified going forward. This provides us with a focus. GR will refine this from the comments.

GR

	CT mentioned she would like to have regular updates with the Partnership to build on the plan	CT	
7.	<p>Updates from Group Chairs</p> <p><u>Coastal, Heritage & Landscape Group</u></p> <p>SB – The group last met on 7th March, had discussion with Clare Deesy from Northumbrian Water regarding commitments on funding scheme. Allocated £500,000 to work with partners on biodiversity, looking at other parameters asking for tie ups on work. Improve 300km across 9 catchments.</p> <p>Heard from Paul Black in relation to the Brightwater Programme funding for River Skerne; it is now onto the delivery phase and there will be launch for Brightwater Programme big open weekend which will involve lots of public engagement.</p> <p>The Wildflower Meadows Project has been a success and is now moving into new phase of Green Infrastructures. They are looking at a review to utilise wider assets.</p> <p>Seascape Project – this is big scale from Tyne to Tees. Will find out in August this year if been successful to extend this programme.</p> <p><u>Environment in Your Communities</u></p> <p>The Big Dig Day – to promote edible gardens and encourage people to volunteer will take place Saturday 27th April.</p> <p>Eat them to defeat them/vegpower & ITV – this is a new national advertising campaign that aims to inspire kids to eat more healthily and help tackle rising childhood obesity.</p> <p>Waste & Recycling have a new food waste challenge in March and April which will involve 10 families.</p> <p>Regarding the Resources and Waste Strategy for England 2018 - we have 4 current waste consultations.</p> <p>We met with Michelle Cooper from CDCF with the idea of setting up community growing, this</p>		

	<p>was a really good meeting however, we have not heard back from her since.</p> <p><u>Climate Change & Air Quality Group</u></p> <p>The group met earlier this week and actions were identified. In the media this week there has been coverage of poor air quality around schools. Want to do something appropriate in Durham possibly have a day of action for children to walk or cycle to school. Will be in touch with comms team to discuss national air quality day which is around 20th June.</p> <p>There have been number of updates including quite a few council projects e.g. Louisa Mine Water Project at Tanfield and the Council Light Project.</p> <p>There have been quite a few positive stories in the media recently including the Council adopting a pledge to reduce Carbon by 2050.</p> <p><u>Chair update</u></p> <p>OS mentioned that the SUP had already been covered. The CDP saw a presentation on the Year of Culture and are looking at ways of how the Environment could be weaved into this.</p> <p>The Council have agreed 2 targets - to reduced DCC emissions by 60% by 2030, and secondly to investigate how County Durham could be carbon neutral by 2050. This is a big issue for the partnership. Full Council want report within 6 months which has to outline the council's plans and an action plan.</p>		
<p>8.</p>	<p>Environment Partnership Communications</p> <p>LW circulated the draft newsletter and gave overview on the content. OS mentioned was great to see SUP on front cover. Could board members take this away and feed any comments back to LW or MB.</p> <p>Caring for Environment Awards have nominations for Chester-Le-Street so will contact these people and let them know.</p>	<p>ALL</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>GR mentioned he had had a discussion around the strategy and there are changes to come from SB sub group meeting – need to broaden</p>		

	<p>to cover water changes, these are highlighted in red. The Board endorsed this.</p> <p>PS said that County Durham Kitchen managers had won a LA sustainability award for a kitchen in Leadgate, which is a real accolade.</p> <p>SB reminded the Board that Earth Hour is 30th March. The Council would be honouring this on Friday 29th March from 3-4pm</p> <p>OS mentioned that there has been a mini restructure within the Council. Building Services have moved into Assets and Property and part of JR team has too. Head of Planning and Assets will be losing assets but gaining Housing and Economic Regeneration. SB Team and Ecology teams have come across to Environmental Service, Parks and Countryside now are also no longer in direct services they now come under Environmental Services.</p> <p>CT asked partners if they were aware of the project relating to climate change and children's voices. The panel are to meet with elected members to discuss the challenges. OS is meeting with portfolio holder tomorrow and will mention this.</p> <p>OS mentioned that this would be LC last meeting with the Environment Board. As a thank you for her time and dedication to the Environment Partnership she was awarded a Care for Environment Award.</p>		
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date and time of next meeting: 19th June, 2019, 10.00am, Town Hall, Durham</p>		

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