



Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date **Friday 14 July 2017**
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
2. Substitute Members
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 April 2017 (Pages 3 - 12)
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8. Air Quality Management in County Durham (Pages 23 - 30)
 - (a) Report of the Corporate Director of Adult and Health Services
 - (b) Presentation by Denyse Holman, Pollution Control Manager, Adult and Health Services

9. Waste Programme (Pages 31 - 34)
 - (a) Joint Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services
 - (b) Presentation by Jo Blackie, Contracts Team Manager, Regeneration and Local Services
10. Performance Management Quarter 4 2016/17 - Report of Corporate Management Team (Pages 35 - 46)
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12. Minutes from the County Durham Environment Partnership Board on 9 March 2017 (Pages 57 - 62)
13. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Durham
6 July 2017

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, D Bell, L Brown, J Carr, J Clare, J Clark, R Crute,
A Gardner, P Howell, P Jopling, C Kay, R Manchester, C Martin, A Patterson,
A Simpson, P Sexton, L Taylor, M Wilson and S Zair

Co-opted Members:

Mr T Bolton and Mr D Kinch

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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 **Thursday 13 April 2017** at **9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor B Graham (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors E Adam, J Armstrong, J Clare, J Clark, J Gray, G Holland, B Kellett, A Liversidge, P May, O Milburn, S Morrison and L Taylor

Co-opted Members:

Mr T Bolton and Mr D Kinch

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bell, D Hall, I Jewell and P Stradling.

2 Substitute Members

No notification of Substitute Members had been received.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held 6 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

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.

6 School Carbon Reduction Programme and other Outdoor and Sustainability Education School Initiatives

The Chairman introduced the Educational Development Advisor, Rich Hurst, who was in attendance to give an update as regards the School Carbon Reduction Programme and other outdoor education school initiatives (for copy see file of minutes).

The Educational Development Advisor - Sustainability noted that he would give Members a “whistle-stop tour”, noting that in terms of governance, the School Carbon Reduction Programme (SCRCP) was steered through the Carbon Management Programme (Revenue Board). He added that the Climart project and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Challenge were coordinated through the Climate Change Group, a sub-group of the Environment Partnership. It was explained that OASES (Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists) led initiatives were monitored by the NEEN (North East Environment Network) Board of Trustees.

In terms of the background to the SCRCP, Members were reminded that the Durham County Council (DCC) Carbon Management Plan had been developed in 2008 and schools had been identified as a key group to engage. It was added that in 2010, DCC took part in a national Low Carbon Schools programme with the Carbon Trust and The Schools Forum agreed to fund a pilot, working with 60 schools initially. The Educational Development Advisor – Sustainability explained that this work had been delivered in schools by OASES, a charity partner of DCC.

Members learned that the challenge was for DCC and therefore in turn schools to reduce carbon emissions and that schools were becoming a larger proportion of the Council’s estate as the number of Council buildings was rationalised. It was added that the Authority has invested significantly in its buildings and street lighting through programmes such as SPA (Solar Photovoltaic Arrays) and BEER (Building Energy Efficiency Retrofits) and on energy efficiency and renewable, however not at schools specifically unless as part of repairs or a new build. Councillors learned that emissions from schools had increased from 53% in 2008/09 to 61% in 2015/16, as a percentage of the total emissions from all Council buildings.

The Educational Development Advisor - Sustainability noted that in developing the programme, a pilot scheme trialled and adapted resources available via the Carbon Trust and from this the programme was incorporated into a DCC Energy service level agreement (SLA) which schools buy into, to ensure the programme was viable long term. It was explained that in 2016/17, 92% of schools had bought into the SLA and, while there was a risk from the increase in academy schools and mergers, it was important that the programme met the needs of schools for the future.

It was added that the support available to secondary schools and academies allowed 11 hours of flexible support which included: a review of progress with the Head Teacher/Business Manager and evaluation of the data; re-assessing of the action plan, agreeing upon key priorities; and sessions with pupils and key staff groups to support and initiate further behaviour change activities, “active citizenship”.

Members learned that in terms of primary schools, 8 hours of flexible support included: a review of progress with the Head Teacher/Business Manager; re-assessing of the action plan and identifying new key priorities; meeting with pupils and key staff groups to support and initiate further behaviour change activities; and a minimum of two visits per year.

The Educational Development Advisor – Sustainability highlighted the software that gave the analysis of the data, on a plus one day basis, with schools logging in to access their data, enabling them to drill down and look at specific issues. It was highlighted that from 2013 gas use was able to be tracked quickly and with better accuracy, with an ability to also use the information with pupils in terms of the curriculum for mathematics lessons. The Committee learned that occupancy times were recorded in terms of boiler use.

Councillors noted that the Government had changed regulations in respect of water billing and that currently the Council was in the process of procuring a company to undertake the billing element of water contracts. It was added that looking to see if a better deal could be made was part of the Energy SLA and that this may lead to cheaper prices due to increased competition, with this likely to take effect sometime in summer.

It was noted that the spend in terms of school energy costs had risen from £2,578,640 in 2004/05 to £6,484,460 in 2014/15 and therefore it was clear that action needed to be taken. It was explained that he estimated spend for 2016/17 was £5,423,640, reversing the trend. Members were referred to a graph showing the emissions in terms of kgCO₂ over time and it was highlighted for secondary schools these were levelling off this year.

It was explained in terms of capital investment, there had been work with Honeywell in terms of whole building retrofits, with piloting of the concepts to ensure they were appropriate for schools. It was added that the Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs) worked by guaranteeing savings so that clients know they can afford repayments. It was noted that 15 shortlisted schools were to undergo a free desktop analysis, with further information to come forward around Easter. Members noted a whole package of energy saving measures which would be paid for through the energy efficiency savings, again guaranteed by Honeywell.

Another capital scheme explained to the Committee involved working with Salix Finance to develop a countywide LED lighting project that would be 0% on up to 8 year payback. Members noted a case study at Coundon in this regard, repaying over 5 years and providing a higher quality LED lighting solution.

The Educational Development Advisor - Sustainability noted REBUS (Renovation for Energy efficient BUildingS) an EU funded project, led by one of the several partners, the City of Malmo, with the DCC lead being the Principal Officer: Funding And Projects, Ian Bloomfield from the Low Carbon Economy Team.

Members noted that the School Carbon Reduction Programme was the category winner in the Climate change section for “the outstanding contribution to the reduction of school energy consumption and the advancement of education”. Councillors were reminded of the participation of schools, and other Council buildings, in Earth Hour 2017 helping children to understand the global combined effect that can be achieved.

In terms of other projects, the Educational Development Advisor - Sustainability noted the Climart project involving 6 secondary schools, developed in conjunction with the Council's Civil Contingencies Unit. It was explained that pupils would look at climate change and climate resilience and adaptation and work with professional artists to develop artwork that appears when it rains, to then highlight and raise awareness of those issues.

Members were informed of another project, developed through the Climate Change Group, working with Thorn Lighting at Spennymoor. The challenge was to develop a product or concept that helped reduce energy use in the home or a school, with the STEM Club from Wolsingham School having pitched two proposals: a remote light monitoring system; and a kettle with simple LEDs to indicate the fill level.

Councillors noted a year-long teacher training initiative linking art with other curriculum opportunities to nature and the four seasons for primary and special education schools. It was noted that "Harmony" had been developed by the Prince's School of Traditional Arts in London and that sixteen schools were involved. Members noted an exhibition of the work in schools would be on display in the Durham Room at County Hall the week beginning 10 July 2017.

Members noted that school projects led by OASES included "Doorstep Orchard", a People's Postcode Lottery funded project running between June 2016 and April 2017, involving 5 schools to learn about the creation of the Doorstep Orchard at Fordham Road, Newton Hall. It was added that 4 family events would help promote the use and care of the site. Another OASES led project mentioned was "Growing Together", a Children in Need funded activity, over the period September 2015 to September 2017. It was noted it aimed to improve the relationships, activity levels and diets of disadvantaged families. Members noted 4 schools had established growing areas and family Gardening Clubs, with family growing events running through the school holidays.

The Educational Development Advisor – Sustainability added that other OASES led projects included Illuminating Waste, Active Learning and activities at Hamsterley Forest.

It was noted that Illuminating Waste had been funded by the Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership (AAP), running between June 2016 and March 2017. It was explained it aimed to raise community awareness of local environmental issues, with 7 schools and 4 youth groups having produced a show window displays that were illuminated as part of the "Christmas at Consett" event. It was added that local businesses had sponsored the event, donated clean waste and housed the window displays.

Members noted that Active Learning was a consultancy service, accessible using the Primary PE and Sports Premium funding or Pupil Premium. It was explained that it was available as pupil sessions or accredited teacher training and had been proven to enhance pupil engagement with learning, particularly amongst those pupils who struggled to engage in the classroom.

The Educational Development Advisor – Sustainability concluded by noting that OASES held the Forestry Commission Learning Licence for Hamsterley Forest and supported around 40 school visits each year, enabling pupils to engage in outdoor learning, with activities such as: Gruffalo Discovery for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS); Flora and Fauna Identification at Key Stage 1 (KS1); Homes and Habitats at KS2; and Orienteering at KS3.

The Chairman thanked the Educational Development Advisor - Sustainability and asked Members for their questions and comments.

Mr D Kinch asked if graphs could be produced larger or transmitted electronically for clarity.

Councillor G Holland noted this would likely be his last Committee meeting and utterances as a County Councillor and added for the record that he felt the work of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee was outstanding, first class and therefore should be congratulated. Councillor G Holland noted that the topic of energy was a politically driven one, with energy independence for the country being very important. He highlighted the cost of around £5 million in terms of maintaining school buildings in energy terms and reminded Members that many new buildings were now energy self-sufficient. Members learned that the efficiency of solar panels was increasing from around 3% to around 23% and that by incorporating such technologies, schools should not cost these large amounts to maintain in the future. Councillor G Holland added that while he did not think that such measures widespread would stop global warming, he felt that looking to countries such as Sweden that had around 50% of their energy from renewable, that this was something that the Government, and the County Council should be looking towards, securing our energy independence for the future.

The Educational Development Advisor - Sustainability noted that 12 schools had solar arrays fitted, externally funded, however issues in terms of being able to connect to the grid, the roofs on the buildings and limited capital had been factors. Initiatives to reduce demand were also being pursued by schools through better technology such as LED lighting.

Councillor G Holland added that he felt that capital investment in such technologies and schemes was investing for the future of those schools and he felt that central Government was very backward in terms of such schemes.

The Educational Development Advisor - Sustainability noted that schools had independent budgets and would likely become more independent in the future, that therefore he would work with them where invited utilising whatever means available in terms of securing funds, such as Salix Finance as mentioned.

Councillor J Armstrong noted that he lived at Esh Village and was therefore knew of the excellent work carried out by OASES and at the EWE (Esh Winning Eco-Learning Centre) and Esh Winning Primary School and suggested that the new Committee after the Local Government elections may wish to undertake a site visit to see for themselves firsthand. The Educational Development Advisor - Sustainability noted this suggestion and added that a visit to Thorn at Spennymoor may also be beneficial for the Committee.

Councillor A Liversidge, while accepting the savings being made, noted that many people had complained as regards what they felt was a lesser quality of light from the new LED streetlights and therefore asked what could be learned from the LED lighting being used in schools as it was being described as of a higher quality. The Educational Development Advisor – Sustainability noted that internal LED lighting was different from external lighting, with also a focus to the external lighting, preventing light pollution. It was added that in Malmo, some schools were testing with different coloured LEDs to help engage learning and have a calming effect.

Councillor B Kellett noted that five new LED streetlights at a recent development near Ramside were marvellous and suggested that these may be of a new type.

The Chair thanked the Educational Development Advisor – Sustainability for a very interesting presentation and asked if he could return at some point in the future to provide detail of progress on the projects.

Resolved:

That the Committee note the wide range of initiatives being developed and offered to schools across the County and that the Committee receive a progress report to a future meeting to enable the Committee to monitor progress on projects.

7 Quarter 3 Forecast and Revenue and Capital Outturn 2016/17

The Committee considered the report of the Regeneration and Local Services Management Team which set out details of the forecast outturn as at Quarter 3 for 2016/17 and highlighted variances against revenue and capital budgets for Neighbourhood Services. The Finance Manager, Resources – Regeneration and Local Services, Phillip Curran (for copies, see file of minutes).

Mr D Kinch asked as regards whether figures included the new waste transfer station at Barnard Castle. The Finance Manager, Resources – Regeneration and Local Services noted that the figures were just for 2016/17.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

8 Quarter 3 Performance Management 2016/17

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Management Team which presented progress against the Councils corporate basket of performance indicators for the Altogether Greener theme and report other significant performance issues for the second quarter of the 2016/17 financial year, covering the period October to December 2016 (for copy of report, see file of minutes)

The Customer Relations Policy and Performance Manager, Mary Readman gave a presentation which gave an update of the performance indicators relating to:

- Performance summary
- Achievements
- Refuse and Recycling
- Improved Environmental Cleanliness
- Fly-tipping
- Condition of the Local Authority road network
- Reduction in carbon emissions
- Renewable Energy Generation

Councillor Joan Gray left at 10.15 am

The Chairman thanked the Customer Relations Policy and Performance Manager and asked Members for their comments and questions.

Councillor P May noted the improvements to the Local Authority road network and asked whether now there could be improvements to the unclassified or estate roads, filling in potholes and such. The Customer Relations Policy and Performance Manager noted that it was dependent upon funds and weather conditions, as further investment may need to be made, however, the Head of Technical Services, John Reed would be the appropriate Officer to speak to Members in this regard.

Councillor O Millburn asked how dog fouling was monitored, noting that anecdotally it seemed to be on the increase. The Customer Relations Policy and Performance Manager explained that there were three surveys carried out annually looking at areas including residential, business and retail and assessing litter, detritus and dog fouling. It was added that whenever incidents were reported, the Neighbourhood Protection Team and Neighbourhood Wardens would look to investigate as appropriate.

Councillor J Clare noted that household waste was sometimes left on street corners and added he felt that this could be linked to education, awareness of the bulky household waste collection that the council offered, furniture schemes and ensuring people chose reputable tradespeople who dispose of their waste responsibly. Councillor J Armstrong agreed with Councillor J Clare that there was a need to educate, and to reiterate the message that individuals were responsible in terms of checking that anyone carrying out works for them had all the requisite permits in terms of waste disposal. He added that the use of household waste recycling centres was free for the disposal of domestic waste and that not all residents were aware of this. Councillor J Clark added that she felt that there needed to be wider publicity of a facility available on the Council's website whereby members of the public could upload photos of fly-tipping and this was useful in helping to investigate and secure convictions. The Customer Relations Policy and Performance Manager noted that the facility was being tested and added that it was important to help provide the Neighbourhood Protection Team with evidence to follow up, and to then prosecute offenders. Councillor J Clark noted that often people were reticent to come forward and provide a statement, however, would be likely to be willing to upload photos.

The Chairman noted that she felt it was important to try and educate parents, adding that at school closing time parents would often empty their cars of rubbish and this then becomes windblown and all over the area.

Councillor P May noted a serious fly-tipping incident in his Division and that in that case there had been an attempt to burn evidence, and that information from members of the public was vital in terms of tackling the issue. He added that the local AAP, environment groups, Parish Council, residents group all worked together to help in this regard and he added that the word was spreading amongst such groups of how to take action. Councillor P May added he would advise any Member to look to engage through their local AAP and neighbourhood groups on this issue.

The Customer Relations Policy and Performance Manager noted a Facebook page, separate from the Council's page, that highlighted recycling "do's and don'ts", which also set out facts to bust myths around these issues.

Mr D Kinch noted that the Neighbourhood Protection Manager, Ian Hoult had spoken to the Smaller Councils' Forum as regards training Town and Parish Council staff in how to issue Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) and that this training had been provided at no cost. He asked whether many had taken up this opportunity and if not could it be more publicised. The Customer Relations Policy and Performance Manager noted she would speak to the Neighbourhood Protection Manager. Mr T Bolton noted that speaking to Shildon Town Council, he had noted that two members of staff had been trained in how to issue PSPOs. Councillor J Armstrong added it would be interesting to see whether it would have an effect.

Councillor O Milburn noted she had tried to explain to her neighbour as regards 95% diversion from landfill and was not believed. She asked whether this figures could be displayed along the sides of the refuse vehicles to help educate the public on the excellent work of the Authority in this regard. The Customer Relations Policy and Performance Manager noted the performance information was made public and discussions were ongoing with the Head of Planning and Performance, Jenny Haworth as regards how best to get the information out to the public.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

9 Refresh of the Work Programme

The Chairman asked the Overview and Scrutiny Officer, Ann Whitton to speak to Members in relation to the Council Plan 2016-2019 – Refresh of the Work Programme (for copy see file of minutes).

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer explained that the report highlighted work that had been undertaken by the Committee within the past year and also looked forward to seek suggestions from Members to be included within the Committee's work programme for the forthcoming year. Members were reminded that the aims and objectives were aligned to those of the Council Plan and associated plans, as well as the Altogether Greener priority theme.

It was explained that the work programme for 2017/18 would need to include further updates on a number of items considered in 2016/17, systematic reviews of recommendations in previous scrutiny review reports, focused scrutiny meetings and additional areas of overview activity.

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer noted possible areas for review, however, a further report would come back to Committee in July for Members' consideration.

Councillor J Armstrong noted that this would be for the new Committee to determine in July, however, he agreed with Councillor G Holland in that the effect of the EU Referendum result would need to be taken into account. The Chairman added that many Officers who had spoken at Committee had highlighted Brexit as a risk.

Councillor J Clark noted in paragraph 11 that the Heritage Coast was not at the Derwent Valley and it was noted that this should have been in reference to the Land of Oak and Iron.

Mr T Bolton left at 10.40 am

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank all the Members for their hard work in terms of supporting the Committee and for their insightful questions and good debate. She added that she especially would like to thank Councillor G Holland who was not standing at the next election, and wished him all the best for the future. She added that as no one could be sure who would return after the election she wished everyone good luck.

Councillor J Armstrong reiterated the sentiments of the Chairman and added that the Officers supporting the Committee, and those that attended to provide information should also be commended for their hard work.

Resolved:

- (i) That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the information contained in the Altogether Cleaner priority theme of the Council Plan 2016 -2019.
- (ii) That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on 14 July 2017, receive a further report detailing the Committee's Work Programme for 2017 -2018.

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



14 July 2017

**Environment and Sustainable
Communities Overview and
Scrutiny Review - Management of
the Woodland Estate owned by
Durham County Council**

**Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation
and Partnerships and Ian Thompson, Corporate Director,
Regeneration and Local Services**

Purpose

- 1 The attached report presents members with detail of the progress made in relation to the recommendations contained within the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee Review Group report on the management of the woodland estate owned by Durham County Council.

Background

- 2 At a meeting of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 November 2014 members agreed the terms of reference for the review with the aim of the review to investigate how Durham County Council strategically manages its woodland estate and identify any areas for improvement. It was agreed that the review would focus on:
 - (a) Are DCCs current policies, strategies and plans effective in managing the woodland estate?
 - (b) Is partnership working robust in relation to managing the woodland estate robust?
 - (c) How will DCC fund woodland management in the future including consideration of opportunities for income generation?
 - (d) Should DCC be seeking to create new woodland that meets multiple objectives on DCC estate where appropriate?

- (e) How DCC and partners encourage, engage with and support communities within County Durham to participate in woodland projects and initiatives?
 - (f) DCC's current and future arrangements for the diversification of the woodland estate?
 - (g) How DCC and partners promote biodiversity within the woodland estate?
- 3 A review group of ten members was established from the membership of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Evidence was gathered over a period of six meetings and two site visits with information provided by Durham County Council officers, the Forestry Commission, contractors, Durham Wildlife Trust (DWT) and Northwoods.
- 4 The report was considered by Cabinet at the meeting on the 16 September, 2015. At that meeting Cabinet agreed the recommendations contained within the review report which included a recommendation for a six monthly update on the progress made against the recommendations contained in the report. The report was shared with the County Durham Environment Partnership Board at the meeting on the 10 December 2015.

Recommendations of Review

- 5 The review group made the following recommendations:
- (a) That Durham County Council as part of the audit of the woodland estate considers:
 - The future strategic management of the woodland estate.
 - The partnership management approaches adopted by key partners within County Durham such as Durham Wildlife Trust.
 - The development and implementation of a streamlined corporate strategy/policy framework for the management and protection of woodland owned by Durham County Council.
 - (b) That Durham County Council maximise the income generation and employment opportunities from timber extraction on existing and potential new sites including consideration of new management models such as those produced by the SIMWOOD project for the marketing and extraction of timber.
 - (c) That Durham County Council's procurement process for the letting of timber extraction contracts ensure that:
 - Contracts are advertised to target and maximise interest from the private sector.
 - That in conjunction with the Corporate Procurement Manager the required documentation and process is simplified to make contracts more attractive to private sector companies.

- (d) That Durham County Council maximises the funding opportunities available via the Common Agricultural Policy (Countryside Stewardship Scheme for England) and the European Structural and Investment Fund (Low Carbon Economy Strand) if and when such funding becomes available for the benefit of the Durham County Council woodland estate.
 - (e) That Durham County Council continues to actively encourage and promote the volunteering opportunities available within the woodland estate via the Durham Community Action's Do-it website, AAPs, Durham County News, Durham County Council Staff (current and former), Resident Organisations, Community Centres and County Council Members.
 - (f) That Durham County Council ensures that the contact details of the Countryside Service are clearly displayed on community woodland sites for use by the general public and that Durham County Council publicise via factsheets information in relation to the benefits of biodiversity; woodland management and the illegal status of fallen timber taken from the woodland estate.
 - (g) That a review of this report and progress made against the recommendations will be undertaken six months after the report is considered by Cabinet.
- 6 The last update on progress made in relation to the recommendations contained in the report was considered by the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in October 2016.
- 7 Arrangements have been made for Sue Mullinger, Landscape Delivery Officer to attend the meeting on the 14 July to provide the committee with an update on the progress made in relation to the recommendations contained in the review report together with detail of the 'Durham Woodland Revival' project resulting in an invest of almost £1m in woodlands and the forestry sector in County Durham.

Current position

- 8 The attached Action Plan (Appendix 2) provides information on the progress made in relation to the recommendations contained in the scrutiny review report.

Recommendation

- 9 Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider and comment upon the progress made in relation to the recommendations contained in the scrutiny review report.

Background papers:

Management of the woodland estate owned by DCC Scrutiny Review Report 2015.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – The report highlights the need for DCC to maximise the funding opportunities for woodlands available via the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme and the European Structural and Investment Fund via the Low Carbon Economy Strand when funding becomes available. In addition, woodlands present an opportunity to generate income for the Authority which needs to be maximised via timber extraction from the forest estate on appropriately identified sites.

Staffing – Not applicable

Risk – Not applicable

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – The necessary Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared concerning the review report.

Accommodation – Not applicable

Crime and Disorder – Not applicable

Human Rights – Not applicable

Consultation – Not applicable

Procurement – In relation to timber extraction contracts for DCC woodland estate the report identifies the need to ensure that contracts are advertised appropriately to maximise interest and target the private sector. The report also identifies the need for the required documentation and procurement process to be simplified to make the contracts more favourable to the private sector.

Disability Issues – DCC tries to ensure that community woodlands sites can be accessed by people with disabilities including by the use of mobility scooters. However, some sites have limited access and advice can be given by the Countryside Service as to the accessibility of individual sites.

Legal Implications – Not applicable

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**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP REPORT - MANAGEMENT OF THE WOODLAND ESTATE OWNED BY DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL
REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED BY CABINET ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2015.**

Review Recommendation	Progress Report of Action taken to implement recommendation	Resib'ty	Timescale
<p>1. That Durham County Council as part of the audit of the woodland estate considers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future strategic management of the woodland estate. • The partnership management approaches adopted by key partners within County Durham such as Durham Wildlife Trust. • The development and implementation of a streamlined corporate strategy/policy framework for the management and protection of woodland owned by Durham County Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Review of Durham County Council Woodland Estate produced in 2015. Number of key findings and delivery recommendations including; Consolidating woodland management and operations across the council; Scoping out outsourcing of forestry operations • Durham Woodland Revival HLF application successful. A grant of £59k has been awarded for the development phase, leading to a future £432,700 bid to HLF. Along with match funding from DCC, the Woodland Trust and Forestry Commission it will mean £1m investment in woodlands and the forestry sector in the County. Recruitment for a Development Manager is underway. The next 15 months will be spent working up detailed projects to stimulate management of small woodlands and provide opportunities for communities to help manage the sites. The project will deliver from early 2019 to the end of 2023 and will be managed by 3 new staff members funded through the programme. 	<p>SM</p>	<p>2017</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

<p>2. That Durham County Council maximise the income generation and employment opportunities from timber extraction on existing and potential new sites including consideration of new management models such as those produced by the SIMWOOD project for the marketing and extraction of timber.</p>	<p>Income from thinning contracts is almost £50k to date. Most of the economical woodlands have now been thinned . A new contract with Stobart Forestry is underway to thin a further 14 woodlands. These are woodlands with young trees and access/security issues where previous attempts at selling standing timber have failed. There will be no income from these sites but it does mean that the woodlands will be better managed and more resilient in the future.</p>	<p>SM</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>3. That Durham County Council's procurement process for the letting of timber extraction contracts ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts are advertised to target and maximise interest from the private sector. • That in conjunction with the Corporate Procurement Manager the required documentation and process is simplified to make contracts more attractive to private sector companies. 	<p>Sales of standing timber are now going through a timber auction company.</p>		
<p>4. That Durham County Council maximises the funding opportunities available via the Common Agricultural Policy (Countryside Stewardship Scheme for England) and the European Structural and Investment Fund (Low Carbon Economy Strand) if and when such funding becomes available for the benefit of the Durham County Council woodland estate.</p>	<p>This is an issue for all areas not currently under management as there will be no new funding agreements issued by the Forestry Commission after the autumn statement. In order to get funding to prepare management plans and get felling licences in place, land has to be registered on the Rural Land Registry which is an extremely time consuming exercise.</p> <p>The remaining areas of woodland have been registered on the Rural Land Registry making them</p>	<p>SM</p>	<p>2017</p>

for the updating of existing information and the development of PDF's for sites not currently available. There is also an ongoing review of publicity and marketing across Culture and Sport. Outcomes relating to this and the impacts on Parks and Countryside will be available later this year.

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



14 July 2017

**Air Quality Management within
County Durham**

**Report of Jane Robinson, Corporate Director, Adult and Health
Services**

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with detail of progress on all air quality management work projects since the previous meeting on 8 July 2016.

Background

- 2 Members will recall that at the meeting of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 8 July 2016 an update was provided on the further development of the Air Quality Action Plan for Durham City.
- 3 It was agreed by members at the meeting on the 8 July 2016 that the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee would receive a further update at a future meeting detailing, in particular:
 - The progress on the development of all of the Local Air Quality Management work across the county and, in particular, the implementation of the Durham City Air Quality Action Plan.
4. Arrangements have been made for Denyse Holman, Pollution Control Manager and David Gribben, Senior Air Quality Officer, Adult and Health Services to deliver a presentation focusing on:
 - The outcome of air quality monitoring at Menceforth Cottages within the declared Air Quality Management Area in Chester le Street.
 - The draft National UK Air Quality Plan for tackling elevated levels of nitrogen dioxide in towns and cities across the UK and what this may mean for Durham County Council.
 - A summary of the progress made on the implementation of the action measures in the Durham City Air Quality Action Plan.
 - Details of the outcome of air quality monitoring at locations across the Durham City Air Quality Management Area.

Local Air Quality Management - Background

- 5 The Environment Act 1995 requires the Council to undertake review and assessment of local air quality across County Durham. This has identified areas of Durham City and Chester le Street where the assessed concentrations of nitrogen dioxide, a pollutant that occurs from vehicle emissions, are above the National Air Quality Objective.
- 6 The Government has discretionary power under the Localism Act 2011 to transfer all or part payment of the fine imposed following infraction proceedings on to Local Authorities that have failed to carry out responsibilities under Local Air Quality Management.
- 7 The Council declared an Air Quality Management Area within Durham City for nitrogen dioxide on the 9th May 2011. This extended across the city centre from Highgate, over Millburngate Bridge to the Hild and Bede roundabout and then along Gilesgate to the junction with Dragon Lane. The boundary of the Air Quality Management Area was extended in July 2014 to include the West End of the city following the route of the A690 to Neville's Cross and down to Stonebridge roundabout together with sections of Claypath and New Elvet.
- 8 The Council declared an Air Quality Management Area within Chester le Street for nitrogen dioxide on the 17 May 2013. This extended along Pelton Fell road to include Menceforth Cottages and Glen Terrace situated to the west of Chester le Street town centre. The declared Air Quality Management Area was subsequently amended to solely include Menceforth Cottages on 25 March 2015.
- 9 The review and assessment of air quality elsewhere has not identified any other areas within the County where the concentrations of air quality pollutants have exceeded the National Air Quality Objectives.
- 10 Once an Air Quality Management Area has been declared the Council is required to establish an Air Quality Action Plan. The Action Plan comprises of air quality improvement measures that, when implemented, will reduce nitrogen dioxide concentrations towards achieving compliance with the National Air Quality Objectives.

Current position

- 11 The data from monitoring at No 5 Menceforth Cottages is available for the last 3 years (2014 to 2016) with the annual mean below the National Air Quality Objective (40 µg/m³). Further monitoring was commenced at No 1 Menceforth Cottages from July 2015 and again the annual mean for the last two years (2015 & 2016) was below the National Air Quality Objective. However, during the previous 3 years there has been some variability in the results with an increase in levels occurring between 2015 and 2016.

- 12 At this stage, an Air Quality Action Plan has not been developed for Chester le Street. Instead, the Council have consulted with DEFRA to agree a way forward since the results from the monitoring have been below the National Air Quality Objective. In response DEFRA agreed that monitoring should continue at this location until sufficient data has been obtained for the Council to be confident in reaching a decision to either revoke the Air Quality Management Area or to progress the preparation of an Air Quality Action Plan.
- 13 The Durham City Air Quality Action Plan was adopted by the Council on 15 June 2016. Subsequent to this an Implementation Plan has been approved by the Air Quality Corporate Steering Group. There has now been progress on some of the actions that include the improvement of the emission standards of the bus fleets operating in Durham City, the completion of cycle-way sections on access routes to and from the city and also promotion of using alternative modes of travel to the use of the private motor car with businesses within Durham City.
- 14 The effectiveness of the action measures within the Air Quality Action Plan can be determined by changes to 'indicator' information that are applicable to some of the actions and also the air quality monitoring data. The 'indicators' provide an indication of improvement in air quality.
- 15 There is an established network of air quality monitoring sites across the County but with the main focus on Durham City and Chester le Street. The sites are reviewed at three monthly intervals to take into consideration the results of recent monitoring or where there are changes proposed that may have an impact on air quality. For example, two new sites have been established close to the junction of Sutton Street and the A690 in Durham city centre that will take into consideration changes made to the routing of buses to and from the new location for the bus station.
- 16 The results of the monitoring highlight that the National Air Quality Objective ($40 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) is being exceeded at discrete localised 'hotspots' across the city. The 'hotspots' occur at sites at the following locations:
- Properties at Gilesgate close to the uphill section of the east-bound carriageway.
 - Properties at and in close proximity to the junction of Church and Hallgarth Street at New Elvet.
 - Properties on Sutton Street and Alexandra Cres on the approach to the traffic lights at the Crossgate junction.
 - Properties on Belle Vue Terrace in close proximity to the junction of Sunderland Road and Dragon Lane.
 - Properties at Highgate situated close to the carriageway on the exit from the Framwellgate Moor roundabout.
- 17 DEFRA commenced consultation on a draft UK Air Quality Plan for tackling nitrogen dioxide in towns and cities across the country on 5 May 2017. This set out proposals for reducing levels of nitrogen dioxide by the implementation of national and local measures

The responsibility on Local Authorities for implementing action measures to reduce levels to below the National Air Quality Objective (40 µg/m³) in the shortest time frame possible was included. The main way in which this may be achieved is for the establishment of either a charging or a non-charging Clean Air Zone (CAZ).

- 18 The Plan identifies Local Authorities with a major road within their area for which national air quality modelling has shown that there are levels of nitrogen dioxide that exceed the National Air Quality Objective. The implication is that these Local Authorities will be required to implement either a charging or a non-charging Clean Air Zone (CAZ). At this stage, Durham County Council have not been included as one of these Authorities although amendments may be made to the Plan before the anticipated date of issue by the end of July.

Next Steps

- 19 It is considered the main focus of local air quality management work in the future will remain on Durham City. The review of the monitoring data every three months will continue and also discussed at future meetings of the Air Quality Technical Working Group. In this way the overall effectiveness of the Air Quality Action Plan will be determined and a requirement identified for the revision or the inclusion of additional action measures to reduce levels of nitrogen dioxide at the 'hotspot' locations. The Air Quality Corporate Steering Group will give approval to any revisions proposed to the Durham City Air Quality Action Plan.
- 20 The further monitoring of levels of nitrogen dioxide at the two locations at Menceforth Cottages (Nos 1 and 5) in Chester le Street will continue. It is considered that sufficient data for the Council to make a decision on whether to revoke the Air Quality Management Area will be available at the end of the year. Following a review of the results then the Council will either revoke the Air Quality Management Area or proceed with developing an Air Quality Action Plan.
- 21 Following the release of the UK Air Quality Plan, anticipated by the end of July, it will be necessary to determine whether or not there are any requirements for Durham County Council. Any requirements that are applicable will then have to be implemented.

Recommendations

- 22 That the members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee note and comment upon the information provided in the attached report and presentation.
- 23 That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive as part of the refresh of the work programme for 2018-19 a further report detailing progress on the development of air quality management within County Durham.

Background Papers

Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Report – 8
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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

There are cost implications with the implementation of the air quality improvement measures incorporated within the Durham City Air Quality Action Plan. The source of the pollution is from vehicle emissions and therefore the majority of the actions are traffic improvement measures and the capital funds required for these is yet to be determined and would need to be met from the Local Transport Planning budget or other relevant external funding streams.

There are also cost implications with the ongoing requirement to carry out monitoring of air quality pollutant (nitrogen dioxide) and 'indicators' e.g. traffic volume flow rates following the implementation of the action measures. Further portable continuous monitors will be required to provide a daily profile of levels of nitrogen dioxide at locations where the implementation of the action measures is likely to have an impact. The portable continuous monitors were replaced in September 2016 with an upgraded specification that includes the capability of measuring particulates. The cost to cover this was £10,628 and the funding for this was sourced from the budget for the implementation of the Local Transport Plan.

Staffing

Officers in the Pollution Control Team will be required to plan and then undertake monitoring at locations across the County with a particular focus on the Durham City Air Quality Management Area. The responsibility for the implementation of the actions will involve a number of key service areas across the Council in accordance with an agreed Implementation Plan. This will require the allocation of staff resources in these sections to ensure the actions are effectively delivered and monitored.

Meetings of the Air Quality Technical Working Group will continue and progress on the implementation of the proposed action measures will be reported to the Air Quality Corporate Steering Group on a regular basis.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Local Air Quality Management focusses on improving or reducing the impacts of air quality. Therefore the completion of air quality projects and especially the implementation of the Durham City Air Quality Action Plan will have a beneficial impact irrespective of the background of the residents of the properties of the areas to which the projects relate.

An Equalities and Diversity Impact Assessment was initially prepared for the draft Air Quality Action Plan to the NSMT on 25th August 2015. This has been reviewed and updated to take into consideration the outcome of the consultation that concluded on 14th December 2015. Further reviews will be undertaken as necessary.

Accommodation

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Human Rights

None

Consultation

The Council is legally required to consult, under Schedule 11 of the Environment Act 1995, following the completion of Local Air Quality Management projects. The requirements are to consult with statutory consultees comprising of neighbouring local authorities, DEFRA, the Highways Authority, the Environment Agency and organisations/associations that represent business interests in areas to which the project relates.

The main purpose of previous consultation was to obtain feedback on the air quality improvement actions that have been included in the Durham City Air Quality Action Plan. Some of the actions have indirect benefits on air quality and are dependent on participation by the public such as encouraging other forms of travel to private car use. The carrying out of a campaign that highlights the importance of air quality is included as one of the action measures and this will also provide an opportunity to raise the profile of air quality across the city and therefore impact on the effectiveness of these actions.

Procurement

It may be necessary to purchase further monitoring equipment and/or consultancy services to enable the Council to complete these projects. The purchase of further monitoring equipment or consultancy services, if required, will be undertaken in accordance with the applicable Council procurement policies and procedures.

Disability Issues

None

Risk and Legal Implications

The Council is legally required to implement the air quality improvement actions in an Air Quality Action Plan to demonstrate that it is pursuing compliance with the air quality objectives.

To fail to carry out this duty may lead to judicial proceedings being taken against the Council and/or intervention by the Secretary of State.

The UK Government is also required to comply with EU legislation and failure to do so can lead to infraction fines being imposed. Under the Localism Act 2011 all or a proportion of the fine maybe passed on to Local Authorities where there is failure to carry out its statutory duties in relation to air quality.

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**Environment and Sustainable
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14 July 2017

Waste Programme

**Joint report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation
and Partnerships and Ian Thompson, Corporate Director of
Regeneration and Local Services**

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with detail of progress made in relation to the Waste Programme.
2. To outline to members some of the future work in waste management across the county.

Background

3. A presentation will be provided to Members outlining the progress made in the Waste Programme since Local Government Reorganisation when the then new unitary Council inherited a waste service that had:
 - Seven different patterns of waste collection practiced by the previous Districts, some 5 day week, other four days, one on alternate weekly collection.
 - Different collection policies (e.g. side waste), different charges (e.g. bulky collections) and different materials collected.
 - Contracted with a Local Authority Waste Disposal Company that was landfill based for disposal.
 - Had a Waste Transfer Station infrastructure with a pressing need of modernisation and improvement.
4. In March 2010, the Council adopted a refreshed waste management strategy and established a Waste Programme to develop and deliver a major transformational project involving elements of significant service redesign and procurement to deliver this strategy. The strategy places an emphasis on sustainable waste management and prioritises waste reduction, re-use and recycling in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

A business case for the new waste management arrangements was approved by Cabinet in 2011. The key elements and associated timetable for these new arrangements included:

- 2011-13 - Disaggregation and procurement of the services delivered under the Local Authority Waste Disposal Company (LAWDC) arrangement.
 - 2012 - Introduction of an Alternate Weekly Collection (AWC) service for household refuse and recycling.
 - 2013 – Commencement of new contracts for; Residual Waste Treatment, Haulage Services, Management, Operation and Maintenance of Household Waste Recycling Centre's (HWRCs).
 - 2013 - In-house the operation of the four waste transfer stations around the county, and their subsequent improvement.
 - 2013 - In-house the operation of Joint Stocks Landfill and power generation.
 - 2013 - In-house the environmental monitoring of closed landfill sites and their associated power generation.
 - 2016 – Commencement of a new contract for Dry Recyclables
5. The presentation will highlight some of the success arising from the waste programme, including but not restricted to:
- Procurement of the Waste Treatment, Household Waste Recycling Centre management, and Haulage and Dry Recyclables contracts alone will save the Authority over £28 Million the end of their terms.
 - Savings of nearly £1Million per annum arising from Alternate Weekly Collection.
 - Waste to landfill has reduced from 54% in 2010/11 to 4% in 2016/17.
 - The percentage of materials re-used, recycled or composted has remained at a consistently good level at nearly 40% from 2010/11 to present.

Future Work

6. There remains a variety of opportunities and challenges for the service, which it will be important to keep this Committee apprised of. These will be outlined in the presentation and include:
- Closer integration of collection and disposal work afforded through both structurally now being part of Direct Services.
 - Responding to the challenges of increased number of households, with the consequent impact on collection rounds and tonnages of waste arising's.
 - Encouraging greater recycling and less contamination through education programmes.
 - Reviewing opportunities for garden waste collections, including examining the results of consultation, which has just been undertaken.
 - Exploring opportunities for savings that contribute to the Councils Medium Term Financial Plan.
 - Continuing the programme of development, for instance to include the Stainton Grove Household Waste Recycling Centre.
 - Contract reviews and re-procurement of the waste contracts going forward.

Recommendation

7. It is recommended that the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee note and comment on the progress of the waste programme.

Background papers:

Cabinet Report: Waste Programme Business Case - Delivering the Waste Strategy, March 2011

Cabinet Report: Waste Programme Update Report (including an update on the procurements and the introduction of Alternate Weekly Collections) – December 2012

Cabinet Report: Award of Contract for Residual Waste Treatment (including the amendment to the Waste Programme Scheme of Delegation) – November 2012

Cabinet Report: Review of the Garden Waste Collection Service – September 2013

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – N/A

Staffing – N/A

Risk – N/A

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – N/A

Accommodation – N/A

Crime and Disorder – N/A

Human Rights – N/A

Consultation – N/A

Procurement – N/A

Disability Issues – N/A

Legal Implications – N/A

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**Quarter Four 2016/17
Performance Management Report**

**Report of Corporate Management Team
Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships
Councillor Simon Henig, Leader of the Council**

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present progress against the council's corporate performance framework for the Altogether Greener priority theme for the fourth quarter of the 2016/17 financial year.

Background

- 2 This report sets out our key performance messages from data released this quarter and a visual summary of the Altogether Greener theme that presents key data messages showing the latest position in trends and how we compare with others.
- 3 Key performance indicator progress is reported against two indicator types which comprise of:
 - (a) Key target indicators – targets are set for indicators where improvements can be measured regularly and where improvement can be actively influenced by the council and its partners; and
 - (b) Key tracker indicators – performance is tracked but no targets are set for indicators which are long-term and/or which the council and its partners only partially influence.
- 4 A comprehensive table of all performance data is presented in Appendix 4.
- 5 We continue to look at ways to further develop the format of the report, as part of the transformation programme, to provide a clearer way of understanding how the council is performing, with the leanest possible process.
- 6 An explanation of symbols used, how we classify our performance as red, amber or green and the groups we use to compare ourselves is in Appendix 2.
- 7 To support the complete indicator set, a guide is available which provides full details of indicator definitions and data sources for the 2016/17 corporate indicator set. This is available to view either internally from the intranet (at

Councillors useful links) or can be requested from the Corporate Planning and Performance Team at performance@durham.gov.uk.

Key Performance Messages from Data Released this Quarter

- 8 Environmental measures show we continue to divert more than 95% of our waste from landfill and our reuse, recycling and composting rate has achieved target. Requests for the 2017 garden waste collection scheme have increased with over 1,700 more signups than last year. Good levels of street and environmental cleanliness continue across the county however, fly-tipping incidents are still increasing. There are various projects and campaigns running across the county to help tidy villages and towns including Operation Spruce Up and the Big Spring Clean, and our community litter-pick campaign, running throughout spring. Such schemes have helped the council secure the coveted Local Authority of the Year honour at the Keep Britain Tidy Awards for commitment to improving and protecting the environment, while our anti-fly-tipping programme, Operation Stop It, scooped Environmental Campaign of the Year.
- 9 Improvements in maintenance of our major roads (A, B & C roads) have been achieved. However, unclassified roads are now the focus for improvement. Overall satisfaction with maintenance and the condition of our highways has improved and is better than national averages.
- 10 The latest position in volume trends is presented in the chart available at Appendix 4.

Risk Management

- 11 There are no key risks in delivering the objectives of this theme.

Key Data Messages by Altogether Theme

- 12 The next section provides a one page summary of key data messages for the Altogether Greener priority theme. The format of the Altogether theme provides a snap shot overview aimed to ensure that key performance messages are easy to identify.¹ The Altogether theme is supplemented by information and data relating to the complete indicator set, provided at Appendix 3.

¹ Images designed by Freepik from Flaticon

Altogether Greener

Environmental cleanliness

Dec 2016 - Mar 2017

Low levels of litter, detritus and dog-fouling remain in County Durham, better than national averages



6.1% litter



9.5% detritus



1.2% dog fouling

Keep Britain Tidy Awards, Durham awarded:

Local Authority of the Year: for dedication to improving, enhancing and protecting the environment, despite financial cuts, and developing a range of projects and campaigns to change people's behaviour

Environmental Campaign of the Year: for Operation Stop It (Anti-fly-tipping programme)

Big Spring Clean: Our community litter-pick campaign is running throughout spring to encourage and support residents, businesses and volunteers to organise litter pick activities or events to help tidy villages and towns

Fly-tipping

Apr 2016 - Mar 2017

8% increase in fly-tipping incidents recorded compared to 2015/16

7,768 incidents recorded in 2016/17 compared with 7,204 in 2015/16

69% was household waste

20% increase in white goods

Actions—2016/17

Cameras deployed to 117 locations	19 incidents caught on CCTV
10 stop and search operations	17 duty of care warning letters 10 fixed penalty notices issued
120 further investigations	14 prosecutions £7,019 awarded in fines, compensation, costs and surcharges

Refuse and recycling

Feb 2016 - Jan 2017



95.2% municipal waste diverted from landfill, in line with target (95%)



39.4% household waste re-used, recycled or composted, better than target (38%) but below national average (43%)



65,687 properties have joined the 2017 recycle garden waste scheme, 1,733 more than last year

Local authority road network

% of roads where maintenance should be considered (2016/17)



3% A roads

3% B and C roads

17% Unclassified

Improvements in our major roads was achieved through significant investment, effective use of resources and working with neighbouring authorities to provide mutual assistance.

Unclassified roads are now the focus for improvement as levels are above North East average (14%)

Overall Satisfaction with.... (National Highways & Transport survey)	2014	2016	National Ave 2016
...condition of the highways	38%	45%	38%
... highway maintenance	49%	55%	53%

Actionable defects repaired (Apr 2016 - Mar 2017) all below target of 95%

89% repaired in 24 hours, worse than previous quarter (91%)

90% repaired within 14 working days, worse than previous quarter (92%)

90% repaired within 3 months, worse than previous quarter (78%)

61% repaired within 12 months, worse than previous quarter (65%)

Recommendations and reasons

- 13 That the Environment & Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the report and consider any performance issues arising there with.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Appendix 2: Report Key

Appendix 3: Summary of key performance indicators

Appendix 4: Volume measure

Appendix 1: Implications

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

Staffing - Performance against a number of relevant corporate health Performance Indicators (PIs) has been included to monitor staffing issues.

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

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - Corporate health PIs are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

Accommodation - Not applicable

Crime and Disorder - A number of PIs and key actions relating to crime and disorder are continually monitored in partnership with Durham Constabulary.

Human Rights - Not applicable

Consultation - Not applicable

Procurement - Not applicable

Disability Issues - Employees with a disability are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

Legal Implications - Not applicable

Appendix 2: Report key

Performance Indicators:

Direction of travel/benchmarking

Same or better than comparable period/comparator group

GREEN

Worse than comparable period / comparator group (within 2% tolerance)

AMBER

Worse than comparable period / comparator group (greater than 2%)

RED

Performance against target

Meeting/Exceeding target

Getting there - performance approaching target (within 2%)

Performance >2% behind target

- ✓ Performance is good or better than comparable benchmark
- ✗ Performance is poor or worse than comparable benchmark
- ↔ Performance has remained static or is in line with comparable benchmark

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.

Nearest Neighbour Benchmarking:

The nearest neighbour model was developed by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), one of the professional accountancy bodies in the UK. CIPFA has produced a list of 15 local authorities which Durham is statistically close to when you look at a number of characteristics. The 15 authorities that are in the nearest statistical neighbours group for Durham using the CIPFA model are: Barnsley, Wakefield, Doncaster, Rotherham, Wigan, Kirklees, St Helens, Calderdale, Dudley, Northumberland, Tameside, Sheffield, Gateshead, Stockton-On-Tees and Stoke-on-Trent.

We also use other neighbour groups to compare our performance. More detail of these can be requested from the Corporate Planning and Performance Team at performance@durham.gov.uk.

Appendix 3: Summary of Key Performance Indicators

Table 1: Key Target Indicators

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Current performance to target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	National figure	*North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
Altogether Greener											
43	NS10	Percentage of municipal waste diverted from landfill	95.2	Feb 2016 - Jan 2017	95.0	GREEN	95.0	GREEN			
44	NS19	Percentage of household waste that is re-used, recycled or composted	39.4	Feb 2016 - Jan 2017	38.0	GREEN	39.5	AMBER	43.0	35.3*	2015/16
45	NS14a	Percentage of relevant land and highways assessed (LEQSPRO survey) as having deposits of litter that fall below an acceptable level	6.11	Dec 2016 - Mar 2017	7.00	GREEN	7.28	GREEN	10.00		2014/15
46	NS14b	Percentage of relevant land and highways assessed (LEQSPRO survey) as having deposits of detritus that fall below an acceptable level	9.49	Dec 2016 - Mar 2017	10.00	GREEN	9.35	AMBER	27.00		2014/15
47	REDPI48	Percentage change in CO ₂ emissions from local authority operations	-6.00	2015/16	-4.00	GREEN	-10.40	RED			
48	REDPI109	Number of private sector properties benefiting from an energy efficiency measure installed by British Gas through the Warm Up North	392	2016/17	250	GREEN	515	RED			

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Current performance to target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	National figure	*North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
		Partnership									
49	NS04	Percentage of recorded actionable defects on carriageways and footways repaired within 24 hours (category 1)	89	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	95	RED	94	RED			
50	NS05a	Percentage of recorded actionable defects repaired within 14 working days (category 2.1)	90	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	95	RED	83	GREEN			
51	NS05b	Percentage of recorded actionable defects repaired within 3 months (category 2.2)	90	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	95	RED	62	GREEN			
52	NS05c	Percentage of recorded actionable defects repaired within 12 months (category 2.3)	61	Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	95	RED	80	RED			

Table 2: Key Tracker Indicators

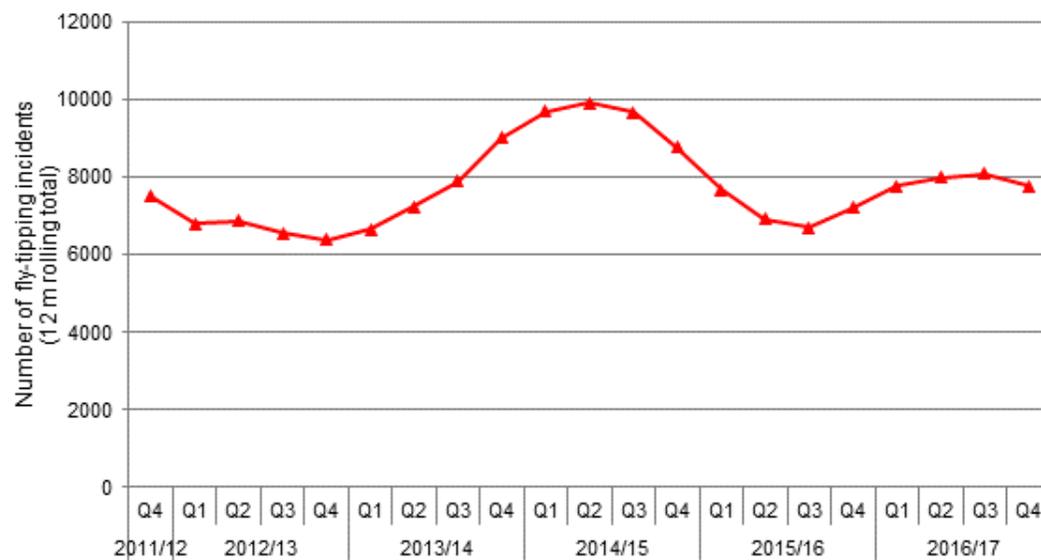
Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Previous period data	Performance compared to previous period	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	National figure	*North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
Altogether Greener											
166	NS15	Number of fly-tipping incidents	7,768	2016/17	8,100	GREEN	7,204	RED			
167	NS09	Megawatt hours (MWh) of energy produced from municipal waste sent to the energy from waste plant	66,269.0	Oct 2015 - Sep 2016	56,575.0	GREEN	66,756.0	AMBER			
168	NS14c	Percentage of relevant land and highways assessed as having deposits of dog fouling that fall below an acceptable level	1.22	Dec 2016 - Mar 2017	1.89	GREEN	1.89	GREEN	7.00		2014/15
169	REDPI4 6	Percentage reduction in CO ₂ emissions in County Durham	48.0	As at Dec 2014	42.0	GREEN	42.0	GREEN			
170	REDPI4 7	Amount of renewable energy generation - megawatts equivalent (MWe) installed or installed/approved capacity within County Durham	220.92	As at Mar 2017	222.16	Not comparable [13]	220.84	Not comparable [13]			
Page 41 43	REDPI4 9	Number of new registered and approved new feed in tariff installations [14]	87	Jan - Mar 2017	72	GREEN	329	RED			

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Previous period data	Performance compared to previous period	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	National figure	*North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
172	NS06	Percentage of A roads where maintenance is recommended (scanner survey)	3	2016/17	4	GREEN	4	GREEN	4	3*	2015/16
									GREEN	GREEN	
173	NS07	Percentage of B and C roads where maintenance is recommended (scanner survey)	3	2016/17	4	GREEN	4	GREEN	7	6*	2015/16
									GREEN	GREEN	

[13] Data cumulative year on year so comparisons are not applicable

[14] Government have made major changes to the tariffs payable which have reduced take up

Chart 1. Fly-tipping incidents



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**Refresh of the Committee's work
programme 2017 - 18**

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

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide for Members' consideration an updated work programme for the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2017-2018.

Background

- 2 At the meeting on the 13 April 2017, the Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016-2019 for the Altogether Greener priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have also been identified that are in-line with the Council Plan, Cabinet's notice of key decisions, Sustainable Community Strategy, partnership plans and strategies, performance and budgetary control data and changes in Government legislation.

Detail

- 3 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2017-2018 has been prepared and attached in Appendix 2. The work programme is flexible to enable additional items to be accommodated during the year.
- 4 When considering the work programme, Members are asked to identify a topic for focused scrutiny review. During the discussion of the work programme by the committee at the meeting on the 13 April a possible topic suggested for focused scrutiny review is DCC's future allotment strategy as detailed in Appendix 2. This would provide an opportunity for members of the committee to undertake policy development activity, helping to develop and inform DCC's future strategy.

Recommendation

- 5 Members of the Committee are asked to:
- (i) Discuss and agree the new work programme for 2017-2018 as detailed in Appendix 2.
 - (ii) Identify a topic for future focused scrutiny review activity.

Background Paper(s)

Council Plan 2016-2019, Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee report-Refresh of the work programme-13 April 2017.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – N/A

Staffing – N/A

Risk – N/A

Equality and diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty – N/A

Accommodation – N/A

Crime and Disorder – N/A

Human rights – N/A

Consultation – N/A

Procurement – N/A

Disability Issues – N/A

Legal Implications – N/A

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<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2017 TO 2018</p> <p>Environment & Sustainable Communities OSC</p> <p>Lead Officer: Tom Gorman</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Officer: Diane Close / Ann Whitton</p> <p>IPG contact: Andy Palmer</p>	<p>Note: O/S Review - A systematic 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan</p> <p>Scrutiny/Working Group – Indepth Review</p> <p>Overview/progress – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p>Performance – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets</p>
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	When	Who	Outcome	Comment
O/S Review				
Woodlands – Update	Env OSC 14 July 2017	Sue Mullinger (ReaL)	To provide members of ENV OSC with an update on progress made against the recommendations contained in the review report.	The committee will monitor the progress made against the recommendations within the review report and receive detail of the ‘Durham Woodland Revival’ project.
Allotment Services Management- Possible Review Project 2017/18 TBC	Env OSC 6 October 2017	Ian Hoult Mark Farren (ReaL)	Members will receive during the review process detail of DCC’s future Allotment Services and have the opportunity to provide comment and further develop the strategy.	Members will comment on and further develop DCC’s future Allotment Services prior to consultation and consideration by Cabinet.

Overview/Progress				
Air quality management in County Durham	Env OSC 14 July 2017	Denyse Holman David Gribben (AHS)	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.
EU funding and other funding	8 March 2018	Maggie Bosanquet (ReaL)	Members of the committee will receive detail of funding currently available and the progress of individual projects.	Members will be aware of various funding currently available and the progress of various funded projects/initiatives in the county including those projects receiving EU funding.
Waste Programme	Env OSC 14 July 2017	Oliver Sherratt/ John Shannon (ReaL)	The committee will receive detail of the progress and delivery of the waste programme.	Members will have knowledge of the progress and delivery of the waste programme.
Winter Maintenance Policy	Env OSC 6 October 2017	Brian Buckley/Brian Kitching (ReaL)	To provide members with information on the delivery of the winter maintenance programme in 2016/17 and proposals for the delivery of the programme in 2017/18.	Members will be aware of the performance and delivery of the winter maintenance programme for 2016/17 including identifying any issues and challenges. Members will also be aware of the plans for the future delivery of the winter maintenance programme in 2017/18.
Warm Up North - Update & Fuel Poverty	Special Env OSC 11 December 2017 TBC	Dianne Hedley/Cliff Duff (ReaL)	The committee will receive information on fuel poverty in the county and the performance of the Warm Up North Project.	Members will have detail of the performance of the Warm Up North Project together with information on fuel poverty in the county and various initiatives to tackle this issue.
Carbon Management Plan	Env OSC 13 November 2017	Maggie Bosanquet /Stephen Beresford	To provide members with an overview of the work undertaken by DCC in relation	Members will be aware of the work undertaken by DCC in relation to the Carbon Management Plan including detail

		(ReaL)	to the Carbon Management Plan.	of the progress of the LED lighting programme, use of electric cars etc.
Climate Change Strategy & Delivery Plan	Env OSC 13 November 2017	Maggie Bosanquet (ReaL)	The committee will receive detail of progress made in relation to the delivery plan.	The committee will be aware of the progress made against actions identified in the delivery plan including detail of relevant projects in the county for example geothermal schemes.
Business Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP)	Special Env OSC 11 December 2017 TBC	Calum Baker (ReaL)	The committee will receive detail of the BEEP.	Members will have knowledge of the BEEP and will be able to promote the project to SMEs in their local communities.
Community Action Team (CAT)	Env OSC 8 March 2018	Joanne Waller/Kelly Gilmore Craze (AHS)	To provide members of the committee with detail of the work undertaken by the CAT team and the use of targeted interventions.	Members will be aware of the work of the CAT team and how the use of targeted interventions can benefit local communities.
Flood Risk Management Authorities for County Durham	Special Env OSC 2 February 2018 TBC	John Reed/Simon Longstaff/ Northumbrian Water Limited & Environment Agency. (ReaL)	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.	Members will be aware of current and future flood mitigation projects, funding availability and any issues/challenges.
School environmental campaigns	Env OSC 11 December 2017	Richard Hirst (C&YPs)	To provide members of the committee with further detail of school environmental projects.	Members will knowledge of the work undertaken in schools to develop various environmental projects and how these projects have progressed for example REBUS, Honeywell and Salix projects.
Environmental	Env OSC 13	Ian Houlton	The committee will receive	Members will be aware of various

Initiatives/campaigns (including fly-tipping initiatives)	November 2017	(ReaL)	information on various environmental campaigns and initiatives undertaken in the county.	environmental campaigns including those targeting fly-tipping delivered by DCC and partners and the evaluation of the Spruce Up Campaign.
Culture and Sport Service	Env OSC 8 March 2018	Steve Howell (ReaL)	To provide the committee with detail of the work undertaken by DCC's culture and sport services.	Members will have knowledge of the various activities undertaken by DCC's culture and sport services.
Bereavement Service	Env OSC 17 April 2018	Ian Hoult (ReaL)	To provide detail to members of the work undertaken by DCC in relation to bereavement services.	Members will be aware of the various bereavement services provided by DCC.
Highways maintenance (potholes & actionable defects)	Env OSC 23 January 2018	John Reed/Brian Buckley (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of the work currently undertaken and issues/challenges in relation to potholes, actionable defects and general maintenance.	The committee will have knowledge of the work currently undertaken by DCC in relation to highway maintenance including potholes and actionable defects.
Fleet Management	Env OSC 23 January 2018	Michael Toas (ReaL)	The committee will receive detail of DCC's fleet structure and how it is managed.	Members will be aware of how DCC's fleet is structured, identifying advantages of current structure and any future challenges.
DCC Environment Award Scheme	Env OSC 17 April 2018	Steve Bhowmick (ReaL)	Members will receive detail of the DCC Environment Award Scheme.	Members will have knowledge of the Award scheme and will be able to promote the scheme in their local communities.
Visit – Suez – municipal waste	TBC	Oliver Sherratt/John Shannon/Jo Blackie	To provide members with an opportunity to see how municipal waste is processed at the SUEZ site.	Members will see how municipal waste from County Durham is processed by SUEZ at the Haverton Hill Plant.

		(ReaL)		
Visit – Thornley Waste Transfer Station	TBC	Oliver Sherratt/John Shannon/Jo Blackie (ReaL)	To provide members with the opportunity to see the completed waste transfer station and how it is operating.	Members will see the station in operation.
Visit – Thorn Lighting and BEEP	TBC	Calum Baker (ReaL)	Members will visit Thorn Lighting and some local businesses which have benefitted from the BEEP.	Members will have the opportunity to see the innovative work undertaken at Thorn Lighting and speak to representatives from some local businesses which have received funding and support from the BEEP.
Visit – DCC managed parks	TBC	Steve Howell (ReaL)	Members will be given the opportunity to visit some DCC managed parks in the county.	Members will be able to see how DCC currently manages parks in the county.
Performance Q 4 Q 1 Q 2 Q 3	13 July 2017 6 Oct 2017 23 Jan 2018 17 April 2018	TBC		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).
Budget Outturn Q 4 & Q1 Q 2 Q 3	6 Oct 2017 23 Jan 2018 17 April 2018	Phil Curran		Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings.

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County Durham Environment Partnership Board Minutes

Thursday, 9th March 2017
Terry Collins Office, County Hall, Durham

Apologies

Liz Charles	-	Durham Community Action
Tim Wright	-	Durham County Council
Jayne Watson	-	Durham County Council
Jamie Fletcher	-	Environment Agency

Attendees:

Chair: Terry Collins	-	Durham County Council
Jim Cokill	-	Durham Wildlife Trust
David O'Toole	-	Environment Agency
Oliver Sherratt	-	Durham County Council
John Reed	-	Durham County Council
Gordon Elliott	-	Durham County Council
Steve Bhowmick	-	Durham County Council
Victoria Burrell	-	Durham County Council
Stella Hindson	-	Durham County Council
Beverley Clark (Minutes)	-	Durham County Council

Item No.	Subject	Action By
1.	Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
2.	Minutes and Matters Arising All actions from the previous minutes were carried out.	
3.	County Durham Partnership Presentation Gordon Elliott circulated a County Durham Partnership Presentation which was launched at the CDP Forum and provided an overview, the main points being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership 'Good to Great' programme has commenced. • The Partnership recognises that Durham has a lot to offer. • Proposals to streamline partnership working – considering unitising them. • Unified support – improve connectivity across 	

	<p>partnerships.</p> <p>Two messages from the Forum:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAPs – exemplar projects spread across AAPs – does the Board have any ideas? • Review of Partnerships – bringing support staff together, starting in May/June. <p>A discussion took place which included management of green spaces, more volunteering, passing things over to the community.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Structure & Governance Report</p> <p>Terry Collins is to stand down as chair from March 2017. The Board agreed that Oliver Sherratt will act as interim chair. The Environment Partnership Board acknowledged that great work had been achieved and this will be considered with a wider review of Partnerships. The priorities of the Environment Partnership will be assessed. Oliver will act as interim chair and Terry Collins will represent at the County Durham Partnership. A discussion was held in relation to the current Board membership. The Board would benefit from a Strategic member of Durham University.</p> <p>Oliver proposed that whilst waiting for the CDP review, the next session informally would carry out a SWOT analysis of the Environment Partnership.</p> <p>Oliver stated that Terry Collins had championed this cause and thanked him on behalf of the Environment Partnership for his work as chair.</p>	<p>Oliver Sherratt</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Updates from Group Chairs & Questions</p> <p><u>Coastal Heritage & Landscape Group</u> Steve Bhowmick is Vice-chair of the Group. It was agreed that he would now act as interim chair.</p> <p>Steve Bhowmick stated that the group is very active and has a huge attendance. He circulated copies of the latest Coastal, Heritage and Landscape Steering Group newsletter and provided an update on the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart of Teesdale project. • Historic England want to work with Durham County Council. Raising the profile of Heritage work in the built and natural environment. • Reach for the Beach which is taking place on 27th May to 4th June. • New projects supporting woodlands. • Wear Catchment. 	

- Wharton Park.
- Wildflower Meadows – taking it to another level by providing more grassland that's off the highway.
- Seascape project – looking at acquiring HLF funding. Seascape work with neighbouring authorities.
- Durham City Riverbanks – looking at improving access and interpretation.

Environment in Your Communities

Victoria Burrell stated that the group has representation from Environment Agency and other members. The Group invites a guest speaker at each meeting and tries to maximise opportunities and encourage more environmental participation on the ground. The group is focusing on the following areas-

- Flytipping.
- Communications – The Big Spring Clean.
- Environmental responsibility to householders.
- Local Environment Quality Surveys – over 900 carried out across the county.
- Leaf mould – looking at the possibility of an initiative taking place around Autumn to encourage schools and community groups to collect leaves and take them home.
- 2 Caring for your environment awards handed out to a community garden and Blackhill Club. Appreciation from groups is amazing.
- The Big Dig is scheduled to take place on 22nd April 2017 and 6 community gardens have signed up for the event where community gardens encourage the community to join in.
- CAT Team work ongoing.

Oliver asked if there are any council allotments involved in the Big Dig as he would like to see some involved.

- The Student Campaign (Green Move out scheme) is starting in June and will be promoted at the end of May.
- World Environment Day is 5th June and we always try to carry out publicity. It was decided that each of the sub groups will do something for World Environment Day. Set the groups a date to pull something together. Groups to get back to Victoria Burrell with ideas by the end of March. A discussion followed regarding ideas which included flowers and collecting rubbish and making a map out of it.

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Local Nature Partnership

	<p>Jim Cokill gave an update and informed the group that the Local Nature Partnership had been renamed and is now The North East England Nature Partnership. A conference was held at the Centre for Life and the new name was launched there.</p> <p>The Partnership needs to stand alone – selling investors in the environment.</p> <p>Capability Foundation – go around businesses and local organisations looking at funding.</p> <p>Pipeline of projects – work ongoing. DEFRA has £15m funding – Upper Weardale given £2.3m looking at feasibility and modelling of floodlines.</p> <p><u>Climate Change</u></p> <p>John Reed stated that as the group doesn't have a Chair, he's representing at the Board in the capacity of vice-chair. There needs to be a discussion for a replacement for Tara Duncan. Tara has arranged a new rep from the University (Paul Riddlestone) to attend future Climate Change meetings. He said that Oliver Harman is the new director at the Environment Agency.</p> <p>The group is focusing on 3 main areas-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Community Resilience to Severe Weather – working with school children • Council homes and businesses becoming more efficient – The Sustainability Team are working on this. • Sustainable Travel Team – Go Smarter project funded through DFT. 	
6.	<p>Environment Partnership Communications</p> <p>Stella Hindson circulated copies of the latest Altogether Greener newsletter and provided an overview of projects and items from it.</p> <p>Oliver Sherratt pointed out that 2 national awards had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Britain Tidy – Operation Stop IT. • Local Authority of the Year. <p>Two Caring for your environment awards had been given out.</p> <p>The group was encouraged to nominate further potential candidates for awards. It was suggested that they look at the shortlisting for previous environment awards and nominate these for a Caring in Your Environment Award.</p> <p><u>Environment Awards</u></p> <p>Steve Bhowmick is co-ordinating the Awards. He is currently calling for sponsors. Going live soon with press releases.</p>	All

	The Environment Awards will go live on 5 th June and the information will go on the DCC website. The ceremony is to be held at The Radisson on 23 rd November. There will be live tweets and a video link for the launch, as well as the ceremony itself.		
7.	AOB John Reed informed the group that Paul Riddlestone is the representative from Durham University and he will attend future Climate Change Group meetings.		
8.	Date and time of next meeting 14 th June, 10.00am, The Burlison Room, Durham Town Hall.		

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