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Date: Friday, 7 February 2025

To: **Members of the Environment Scrutiny Committee**

Please attend a meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Monday, 17 February 2025 at 3.30 pm in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2**, District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Chesterfield S42 6NG.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Steuberg".

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Members of the Committee

<u>Labour Group</u>	<u>Conservative Group</u>	<u>Green</u>
Councillor Graham Baxter MBE Councillor Richard Beech Councillor Tony Lacey Councillor Fran Petersen Councillor Caroline Smith – Chair	Councillor Alex Dale Councillor Lilian Deighton Councillor Carolyn Renwick	Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer

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A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 11 November 2024.

4 Performance Management (Pages 9 - 16)

Council Plan Targets Performance Update.

Kath Drury, Information, Engagement and Performance Manager/Amar Bashir, Improvement Officer

5 Re-Wilding and Wildlife Corridors/Verges and Planting to improve Biodiversity (Pages 17 - 25)

To receive an overview of what the Streetscene Team are doing to improve biodiversity.

Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene

6 New Legislation for Waste Management and Disposal

To receive an overview of the new legislation.

Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene

7 Cabinet Business (Pages 26 - 38)

To inform Committee of recent and forthcoming Cabinet business.

A digest of Cabinet decisions taken since 23 May 2024. This information is published by Cabinet meeting on the Council's website. Cabinet Agendas, Decisions and Minutes can be viewed at: [Cabinet](#)

The Forward Plan of Executive decisions.

[Plans](#)

These plans are updated to include new business.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

8 Policy Development

To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council.

9 'Horizon Scanning'

To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example.

10 Work Programme (Pages 39 - 45)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

11 Additional Urgent Items

To consider any other matter which the Chair of the Committee is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 12 May 2025 at 3.30 pm.



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ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2024

Present:

Councillor Caroline Smith (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE
Councillor Lilian Deighton
Councillor Fran Petersen

Councillor Richard Beech
Councillor Tony Lacey
Councillor Carolyn Renwick

Also Present:

S Lee	Assistant Director of Regeneration and Programmes
T Burdett	Programmes Manager
A Bashir	Improvement Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer
J Hayden	Senior Scrutiny Officer
J Tyler	Net Zero Innovation & Delivery Manager (Midlands Net Zero Hub)

ESC/ Apologies for Absence

25/2

4-25 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Alex Dale.

ESC/ Declarations of Interest

26/2

4-25 Councillor Carolyn Renwick advised the Committee of an interest in any discussions relating to both environmental issues and Derbyshire County Council, as she was the County Council's Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment. This would not prevent Councillor C Renwick from participation in any item.

ESC/ Minutes of Last Meeting

27/2

4-25 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 9 September 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

ESC/ Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP)

28/2

4-25 The Net Zero Innovation & Delivery Manager for the Midlands Net Zero Hub delivered a presentation to the Committee about the below aspects of the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP):

- Who are the Midlands Net Zero Hub?
- What is Local Area Energy Planning?
- Energy Systems Catapult (the organisation) and their method for Local Area Energy Planning

- The Hub's approach in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
- Socioeconomic Benefits
- Timescales

Members discussed the amounts of funding involved for the Plan and the presentation referring to how the East Midlands Combined County Authority would fund the whole cost. The Net Zero Innovation & Delivery Manager explained that costs would be kept as low as possible, because LAEP would simulate decarbonisation pathways to find the most cost-effective route to net zero.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

**ESC/
29/2** **Performance Management**

4-25 The Improvement Officer presented a report to the Committee summarising progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective 'A great place that cares for the environment' for the period ending 30 September 2024.

Some of the Members felt that the Key Performance Indicators in the report should describe more of what they involve and include detailed data.

RESOLVED – That progress against the Council Plan "A great place that cares for the environment" objective was noted.

**ESC/
30/2** **Climate Change Strategy Action Plan**

4-25 The Programmes Manager delivered a presentation updating Members on the Climate Change Action Plan since its publication in July 2024. The presentation included detail on specific areas targeted since July 2024, including:

- The Carbon Disclosure Project Report
- Dronfield Active Environment Management System Audit
- Home Energy Advice Team Hub
- Promotion of National Vegetarian Week

Members were informed that performance progress reports were linked to the Action Plan outcomes. Members suggested that it would be beneficial to see some measurable targets against the actions in the Plan.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

**ESC/
31/2** **Cabinet Business**

4-25 The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented a digest of Cabinet decisions taken since the last Committee meeting on 9 September 2024. The digest set out key information for each decision.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer also presented Members with the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period 15 October 2024 – 15 November 2024.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

ESC/ Initial Reflections on the Government Budget

32/2

4-25

The Senior Scrutiny Officer informed the Committee that there were a number of things to make Members aware of in light of the Government's recent Autumn Budget, and pointed them to the DCN Briefing that had been circulated at the meeting.

The Committee were informed that the Senior Management Team were working through the information and incorporating it into the Medium Term Financial Plan which would be presented to Members in due course.

Some Members felt that the Autumn Budget could impact rural areas. The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that she would collate the concerns of Members about the Autumn Budget from every Scrutiny Committee and submit them together to the Senior Management Team so that they were aware of any concerns.

ESC/ Policy Development

33/2

4-25

The Senior Scrutiny Officer informed the Committee that there were no major policies for Members to consider.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

ESC/ 'Horizon Scanning'

34/2

4-25

The Senior Scrutiny Officer updated Members on potential significant changes in the Council's operating environment, including changes to national legislation and regulation.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that there was nothing to bring to the attention of Members.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

ESC/ Work Programme

35/2

4-25

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the draft Work Programme 2024/25 for the Committee to consider.

The Chair explained that a motion accepted by Council on 23 September 2024 about installing more Electronic Vehicle charging points in the District had been researched by the Senior Scrutiny Officer, and following this research, a list of potential sites for installation had been submitted to Derbyshire County Council. The Committee agreed that they would like to consider this issue and add it to the Work Programme.

Members referred to the Assistant Director of Planning attending the Committee meeting on 9 September 2024 regarding bio-diversity and water management, and agreed that the issue of water management and flooding needed revisiting. The Chair stated that the Committee could add this topic to its next Work Programme for 2025/26.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That any additions be made to the Work Programme as required.
- (2) That the Work Programme 2024/25 be approved.

ESC/ Additional Urgent Items

36/2

4-25 None.

ESC/ Date of Next Meeting

37/2

4-25 The next meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place on 17 February 2025 at 3.30pm.

North East Derbyshire Council

Environment Scrutiny Committee

**Council Plan Objective – A Great Place that Cares for the Environment -
Update October to December 2024**

17th February 2024

Report of the Information and Improvement Manager

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Kath Drury, Information and Improvement Manager

Contact Officer: As above

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To report progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective - “A great place that cares for the environment” for the period ending 31st December 2024

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That progress against the Council Plan “A great place that cares for the environment” objective be noted.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	N/A
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
Stage 1 screening undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2 	N/A - information only report
Stage 2 full assessment undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great place that cares for the environment A great place to live well A great place to work A great place to access good public services
A great place that cares for the environment council plan objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district Increasing biodiversity across the district

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

1.1 The Council plan 2023-27 has four objectives:

- A great place to work.
- A great place to access good public services.
- A great place to live well.
- A great place that cares for the environment

Information on the work undertaken this quarter under the environment objective is contained at appendix one.

1.2 Under the environment objective there are two strategies - Reduce carbon emissions and pollution across the district and Increase biodiversity across the district. Underneath those sit tactics - our approaches to positively influence the strategies.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 The appendix notes under each strategy and tactic the significant work that has been undertaken during this period.

2.2 Notable achievement include Dronfield Active receiving Substantial Assurance for the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Financial Audit, securing solar panels on the roof of a new community facility approved in Stonebroom and upgrades made at Dronfield Active including new pool Covers, variable speed drives on pool pumps and triple glazed windows on swimming pool.

2.3 An informative and largely positive update received on the Clay Cross Low Carbon Challenge fund.

2.4 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 27th January 2024 for consideration and oversight.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the council plan objective for the environment.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objective for the environment.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
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1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A great place that cares for the environment – for the period ending December 2024
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	



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Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **a great place that cares for the environment** for the period October to December (Q3)





This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district***

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions.

- Communicated recycle week across our channels, highlighting how to recycle, what you can and can't recycle and what happens to your recycling.
- Submission of Expression of Interest to Warm Homes Scheme for 3-5-year programme of between £22-36m to retrofit approximately 4,500 homes. Outcome expected Spring 2025.

• **Clay Cross Low Carbon**

Challenge Fund - 23 applications approved this quarter with 25 enterprises supported. Total spend to date £528,197.

- Regarding targets for this fund:

Targets exceeded:

- Floor space with improved carbon performance (M2) - Target 6,000 - Achieved 16,351.
- Sites generating electricity from renewable sources - Target 2 - Achieved 10.

Targets not yet achieved:

- Enterprises receiving grant support - Target 37 - Achieved 22.
- Enterprises with improved energy consumption - Target 37 - Achieved 22.
- Innovative projects developed - Target 5 - Achieved 1.

- Climate Change communications plan in place. Articles on Halloween and Christmas sustainability and raising awareness of creating hedgehog highways in gardens to help with biodiversity.



- Community Action Grants - 12 now awarded during 2024/25 totalling £4,586.74. During this quarter 2 grants awarded both for £500, one was for tree planting.
- Streetscene taking forward tree planting scheme on key sites until March 25 funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).
- Sustainable construction methods required by conditions on planning permissions e.g. Hanging Banks, Wingerworth. Facilitated changes to original approval for development of solar park at Manor House Farm.

Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions

- This is currently being reviewed as part of the implementation of the Procurement Act 2023 due to go live on 24 February 2025.

- **Upgrades made at Dronfield Active following £70k funding from Sport England.** Improvements include: - New Pool Covers, VSD (variable speed drives) on pool pumps and triple glazed windows on swimming pool.



This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district***

- Dronfield Active decarbonisation is due to complete January 2025 including commissioning of the Air source heat pumps (ASHPs) and removal of Gas boilers (subject to successful commissioning / resilience testing).

• **Public Sector Decarbonation Scheme Financial Audit for Dronfield Active signed off - Substantial Assurance rating received.**

- Dronfield Active poolside glazing works completed December 2024. Installation of triple glazing will reduce heat loss from the pool hall and subsequently reduce the heating demand.
- Sustainability policy for Leisure Centres produced and published on the Council's website.
- Carbon Disclosure Project (benchmarking project) - NEDDC completed disclosure questionnaire, along with other Derbyshire Borough's and District's. Once results are published, areas for improvement will be analysed.

• **Secured solar panels on the roof of new community facility approved in Stonebroom.**

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce pollution

- Approval of ground mounted solar panels at High Ashes Farm, Ashover.
- Rykneld Homes Ltd continue with the decarbonisation programme: 47 Homes in

progress: 228 completed: 13 to be completed before the end of the year.

Develop policies and plans which require and encourage alternatives to car usage

- Sustainable Travel Plan approved as part of major residential development.

Directly and with partners and residents, reduce litter and pollution from waste

- Ran a dog fouling campaign highlighting the responsibilities of dog owners with the darker nights and how to report littering. Also a sustainable Christmas campaign in December aiming to help residents re-use and recycle at the festive time of year when people are buying more gifts and have more potential recyclable material.
- Undertaken a litter pick with Rykneld Homes Ltd as part of Antisocial Behaviour week in November 2024.
- Article on how to be sustainable during Halloween and Christmas produced for residents.
- Issued EIA (environmental impact assessment) screening opinion to facilitate application for development of a Battery Energy Storage System in Calow.



The following progress has been made on ***increasing biodiversity across the district***

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to utilise their assets to improve biodiversity

- Held a Heat Hub event at Dronfield Active, communications supported with news release and social media promotion for attendance.
- Article published on website which raised awareness of creating hedgehog highways in gardens to help with biodiversity.
- Call for sites underway inviting the submission of land to be used for biodiversity offsetting.

Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity.

- Sustainability officer communicated internal blogs called HUGS which were successful and highly read. Communicated the Hedgehog Highway campaign via digital channels highlighting how to help create wildlife corridors for wildlife across the district.
- Wingerworth Lido - Notice to Quit now served on CCDA to vacate the site on or before 30th June 2025. The plan is to promote the site as a destination in the district as a biodiversity hub.



• **Staff allotment project commenced.** Aim to encourage staff (to be known as the Green Thumbs Group) to use re-purposed beds in the courtyard at Mill Lane to grow vegetables and plants. Anticipated planting to commence in March.

- Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) list provided to Planning and Estates team for possible sites to plant up to offset developments.

Re-Wilding and Wildlife Corridors

Maintenance by NEDDC Streetscene Grounds Maintenance and Works to Improve Biodiversity

The District Council's Grounds Maintenance section undertaken maintenance throughout the district on a wide range of sites including verges, open spaces, recreation grounds, and flower beds.

As part of this maintenance, consideration is given to attracting insects and wildlife, and improving biodiversity.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Derbyshire County Council's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (currently at draft stage) compliments our aims for biodiversity.

Nature recovery is about enhancing and protecting our best nature-rich sites and creating new and restoring sites where there is opportunity. This can have a range of ecological, economic and social benefits.

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire will describe opportunities and prioritise for Derbyshire to help nature recover. Through the mapping of actions (measures) and identifying areas that could become of importance for biodiversity, it will show where we can protect and enhance, and where we can create and restore, whilst conserving and improving the character and quality of Derbyshire's diverse landscapes.

The LNRS will cover the district of North East Derbyshire and become a statutory plan that will need to be taken account by the District Council both within its planning function and its wider decision-making once the Strategy has been approved.

Current Maintenance and Plans

Verges and Green Spaces

Verges are maintained within a maintenance programme, with urban verges cut high frequency (optimum 12 cuts) or low frequency (optimum 6 cuts), and rural verges with optimum 2 cuts swathe width within the second cut every three years being a full width. At some sites specified by Derbyshire County Council, a full width is cut is undertaken of the rural verges.

Open spaces and recreation grounds are similarly maintained within a maintenance programme, with grass normally cut high frequency (optimum 12 cuts), some sites are cut low frequency (optimum 6 cuts).

Where bulbs (e.g. crocus, daffodils) are planted, the bulbs are mown around until mid-June to allow the bulbs time to die back.

Where wild orchids are identified as growing, notes are added to the maintenance programmes and the first cut is delayed until July.

During recent years, the District Council has participated in No Mow May at select sites, and identified some sites for reduced maintenance.

Flower Beds & Planters

The District Council has flower beds on a roundabouts, verges and open spaces. In addition, we have raised planters around the district.

Traditionally the District Council have used seasonal bedding, planting the beds out twice a year with summer and spring bedding.

The District Council maintains flower beds and containers at the following sites:

- **Arkwright Town**
 - A632 Chesterfield Road traffic island
- **Calow**
 - Church Lane verge near Top Road junction
- **Clay Cross**
 - Coney Green Road traffic island
 - Coney Green Business Centre, Coney Green Road (entrance bed and two containers)
 - *Library Grounds, Holmgate Road
 - A61 High Street front of Clay Cross Clinic (two beds and pit tubs)
 - *A61 High Street side 171 (west side of road) (two beds)
 - Sharley Park, Market Street entrance bed
- **Dronfield**
 - Dronfield Sports Centre (two beds)
 - Dronfield Library Gardens, High Street (two beds, two urns, one tower container and four containers)
 - Gosforth Lane junction High Street (two tower containers)
 - Lea Road junction School Lane (two beds)
 - Rawlins Court (seven beds)
- **Duckmanton**
 - A632 Chesterfield Road junction Buttermilk Lane traffic island
- **Eckington**
 - A6135 Littlemoor/B6053 Rotherham Road ATCO crossroads gore
 - Pinfold Street bus station verge
- **Grassmoor**
 - North Wingfield Road side of doctors
- **Killamarsh**
 - Killamarsh Sports Centre, Stanley Street (pit tub)
- **Old Tupton**
 - A61 Derby Road junction Ashover Road (Tupton Tap) traffic island
- **Ridgeway**

- High Lane/Geer Lane verge
- **Tupton**
 - A61 Derby Road junction Queen Victoria Road traffic island
- **Wingerworth**
 - Mill Lane Offices (two containers by entrance door, four containers in quad)

** Beds at High Street (side 171) and Library Grounds, Holmgate Road maintained under service level agreement for Clay Cross Parish Council.*

Seasonal spring bedding is delivered in October and planted October/early November. Seasonal summer bedding is delivered in late May and planted in May/early June.

Historically, the District Council have alternated between polyanthus, and pansies and bellis, for its spring bedding, albeit orders may be subject to availability of seed and germination. However, winter pansies offer no benefit to bees and other insects, so the council's winter bedding often does not benefit biodiversity.

In addition to pansies, some other annual bedding plants such as begonias and busy lizzies offer little benefit to insects.

Furthermore, the purchase of spring and summer bedding has meant:

- Reduced visual amenity as result of removing bedding plants, when they are looking good, to plant up with new bedding
- Ongoing cost of purchase and planting
- Waste from packing (planting trays)
- Environmental impact of transportation of over 18,000 plants twice a year
- Protection against risings costs as result of increased cost of labour or material (e.g. planting trays, compost)

Alternatives options for District Council floral bedding displays:

- Stop planting spring bedding – plant once a year (summer only), and leave the summer bedding in to overwinter.
- Remove floral beds and reinstate to grass.
- Plant floral beds with wildflowers, to be cut down once a year.
- Replace seasonal (spring and summer) bedding with perennial bedding schemes.

It should be noted that many of the sites are roundabouts which are sponsored by local businesses, and removing the beds completely may result in a reduced interest from sponsors/advertisers. For the 2023/24 financial year, sponsorship has generated £9,265, and for 2024/25 year sponsorship is anticipated to generate £12,480.

Establishing perennial bedding schemes can extend the flowering season, increasing the benefit to bees and insects, and increasing the visual impact for residents.

During the initial establishment period, beds may appear sparse, due to the team leaving space to spread and fill out as they grow.

In recent years, some site have had a limited number of perennial plants planted to leave in overwinter. This provided more structure to those beds and an extended flowering period, and slightly reduced the number of plants required on those sites.

In December 2023, a plan for moving to perennial bedding in the north of the district was put in place, when the bedding was ordered for summer 2024.

During summer 2024, the District Council planted approx. 3,800 perennial plants in Arkwright, Calow, Dronfield, Duckmanton, Eckington, Killamarsh and Ridgeway. Some of the beds in those areas contain a mix of annual and perennial planting.

With some of these sites, winter bulbs will be planted for added colour during the winter/spring period.

The perennial planting ordered was a mix of planting which will provide nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies and many other types of pollinating insects. The perennial planting mix ordered for summer 2024 comprised of:

- Arenaria Montana 'Blizzard' – not only good for bees, but evergreen
- Campanula carpatica Pristar White / Deep Blue
- Echinacea purpurea 'Cheyanne Spirit'
- Gaura lindheimer 'Whirling Butterflies' – known for attracting bees and butterflies
- Coreopsis grandiflora 'Early Sunrise'
- Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm'

The scheme of improvements to Dronfield Civic Centre also includes establishing a new perennial planting scheme, and this will further reduce the quantity of seasonal bedding required.

The combined result of this has decreased by more than 5,200 the number of new plants (annuals) required for spring 2025.

Order for	Quantity of plants	Cost	Average cost per plant
Summer 2022	16,292	£5,871.60	36p
Spring 2023 (rec'd Oct 2022)	15,633	£4,238.00	27p
Summer 2023	19,080	£7,056.85	37p

Spring 2024 (rec'd Oct 2023)	18,252	£6,048.00	33p
Summer 2024	18,972	£8,222.70	43p (63p / 33p*)
Spring 2025 (rec'd Oct 2024)	12,996	£3,436.50	26p
Summer 2025	13,473	£5,817.30	43p

Additional beds (i.e. Coney Green Road traffic island) were established in 2023, which resulted in the higher quantity ordered for 2023. The inclusion of perennial bedding was reflected in the higher cost for summer 2024.

**Average cost in areas where perennial bedding used was 63p per plant, compared with average cost of 33p per plant in other areas of district.*

Whilst the perennial planting is more expensive, it benefits biodiversity and through the reduced number of new spring and summer annuals required reduces the cost of future orders. This saving is reinvested to extend the perennial planting provision around the district.

As seasonal bedding is grown to order by the District Council's supplier, summer bedding is ordered November/December for delivery the following May, and spring bedding is ordered June for delivery the early- to mid-October. This does mean that any changes to the plans for the beds need to be established at least six months in advance.

For summer 2025, the plants ordered are a mix of perennials and annuals, including plants which will provide nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies and many other types of pollinating insects. The perennial planting mix ordered for this coming summer comprises of Arenaria Montana 'Blizzard', Echinacea purpurea 'Cheyanne Spirit' and Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm', with Rudbeckia along with the also ordered Centaurea cyanus 'Blue Ball' and Salvia Merleau Blue being on the RHS Plants for Pollinators list.

Other Works to Increase Biodiversity and Benefit Wildlife/Insects

The District Council has participated No Mow May since 2023, and apply No Mow May to selected sites.

During 2023 the No Mow May sites 26,000m². In 2024, the No Mow May areas totalled 42,342m², which was an increase of over 63%.

Wild flora seeding has been undertaken at grassed embankments in Killamarsh, Clay Cross, and further seed beds are being established on the centre of Bowshaw roundabout Dronfield, which has been sown with Yellow Rattle to encourage the establishment of wildflowers.

Streetscene and Rykneld Homes have worked with Killamarsh Conservation Group, who established a wildflower bed which is maintained by the District Council.

Members of the public have been invited to propose new No Mow May areas and reduced maintenance sites by way of the No Mow May signage and information on the council's website and social media.

Streetscene are identifying sites and developing plans for re-wilding, biodiversity net gain, and reduced cuts. See Appendix.

Tree Planting

Planting additional tree canopies particularly across the southern area of the district and creating more biodiverse areas is planned.

Community Orchards are being established around the district. Two Community Orchards were planted on District Council land in Eckington in 2022, and further community orchards will be delivered.

Streetscene are undertaking a £10,000 UKSPF tree planting project during winter 2024/25, this planting is a mix of species and sizes, and part of these planting works new community orchards are being created. As part of this project, we have a site set up as an in-community tree nursery, at Alices View, North Wingfield, where young trees/whips are being planted during February/March 2025.

Streetscene are also developing a Community Tree Nurseries project, with community involvement.

Biodiversity Net Gain sites

Streetscene are developing a schedule of works to be delivered over 3 years for investment of the section 106 monies received from the developments at Clay Lane (20/00221/FL) and Coney Green Road (20/00830/FL), Clay Cross. These monies are allocated for use on District Council land at Clay Lane, Sharley Park, Egstow and Coney Green Road, and as part of these works a community orchard is to be planted at Clay Lane during 2025.

Community Tree Nurseries

The District Council is keen to engage the local community and work with local community groups for the maintenance of Community Tree Nurseries.

The primary purpose of the Community Tree Nurseries is to grow small trees on, to transplant to a suitable site elsewhere when the tree is large enough. This would

allow the District Council to invest in small trees, to maximise tree numbers and increase tree planting around the district.

Young trees (i.e. whips or feathered trees) would be purchased by the District Council for planting on suitable sites around the district, where they would be maintained by a local community group at a tree 'nursery' space, whilst the tree is growing on to be a suitable size to replant elsewhere.

When the trees are of a suitable size, some or all of the trees will be dug up and re-planted on elsewhere. Where possible, the replanting will take place in the same parish, however in some cases the trees will be re-planted elsewhere in the district.

Community Tree Nurseries project would be a negotiable commitment, but the District Council would prefer minimum 5 year commitment, though this may vary depending upon the individual tree species, growth rate and initial size.

Community Tree Nursery sites would need to be in publicly accessible areas.

Who would be involved?

The Community Tree Nursery project would invite interest from groups including, but not limited to:

- Parish Councils
- Community Gardening Groups
- Allotment Associations
- Tenants and Residents Associations
- Rykneld Homes Community Involvement Officers on behalf of otherwise unaffiliated groups of tenants

If community groups are interested in taking part in maintaining a Community Tree Nursery, but do not have a suitable site, the group may be able to use suitable District Council site subject to agreement.

The District Council will advertise the project online and promote via email to the above groups.

Summary of Current Actions and Plans in Sustainability Strategy

Focal point	Actions/Plans	KPIs - measuring success	Targets – What will success look like?
Flower Beds & Planters	Include pollinator-friendly plants and perennial plants in planting schemes. During 2024, beds in the north of the district were planted with perennial bedding. Further perennial bedding has been ordered for summer 2025, for the south of the district. Using perennial bedding extends the flowering season, reduces waste and environmental impact of bedding deliveries, and benefits pollinators.	% of pollinator-friendly plants planted per year	1% increase per year. Perennials selected for 2024 and 2025 are pollinator friendly with some on the RHS Plants for Pollinators list
Verges and green spaces	Promote green spaces and access corridors in specific areas. Encourage No Mow May. Work with Rykneld Homes and local community groups for on bulb and wildflower planting. Undertake tree planting on NEDDC land.	Resident engagement.	Number of interested party contacts.
No Mow May	Continued participation in No Mow May. NEDDC have participated in No Mow May site 2023, and the size of the land allocated in 2024 was a 63% increase on the previous year. Encourage No Mow May. Continue to invite public engagement and nomination of new No Mow May sites.	Size of land allocated	Minimum additional 3 sites identified each year until 2028.

Focal point	Actions/Plans	KPIs - measuring success	Targets – What will success look like?
Increase tree & hedge planting	<p>Develop a Tree Management Plan.</p> <p>Refer to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (currently in draft form) when developing plans.</p> <p>Refer to Derbyshire Heartwood Forest & DCC's Tree and Woodland Strategy.</p> <p>Develop Community Orchards and continually identify potential sites for new or replacement planting, including where trees have been lost due to storm damage.</p> <p>Develop Community Tree Nurseries.</p> <p>Create new hedges and improve existing hedgerows.</p> <p>Explore potential development of new woodland areas.</p>	<p>Tree Management Plan adopted.</p> <p>Number of trees planted.</p> <p>Number of hedge whips planted.</p> <p>Resident engagement.</p>	<p>Tree Management Plan adopted during 2025.</p> <p>1000 trees planted during period 2025-2028</p> <p>1000 hedgerow whips planted during period 2025-2028</p> <p>Number of interested party contacts.</p>
Increase overall biodiversity	<p>Continue to identify sites for No Mow May, reduced maintenance, planting and biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>Identify opportunities to work with partners on schemes to increase biodiversity.</p> <p>Work with Rykneld Homes Community Involvement team on sites for wildflower and bulb planting by local community groups, signage on community orchards, and identifying potential planting sites.</p> <p>Engage with public on identifying potential community orchard sites.</p> <p>Promote schemes undertaken by NEDDC e.g. No Mow May, allocating BNG sites, developing community orchards</p> <p>Delivery of s106 funded schemes from recent Clay Cross developments (20/00221/FL and 20/00830/FL) within 3 years.</p>	Resident/Parish Council engagement.	Number of Parish Council/interested party contacts.

CABINET DECISIONS 2024/25

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
21 Nov 2024	Council Plan 2023-2027 Performance Report - Update July to September 2024 – Relevant to all Scrutiny Committees	Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council	Non Key & Open	That progress against the Council Plan 2023-2027 objectives, be noted.	This was an information report to keep Cabinet informed of progress against the Council plan objectives.
21 Nov 2024	Medium Term Financial Plan - Revised Budget 2024/25 – Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor P R Kerry, Deputy Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	<p>That the following recommendations be made to Council:</p> <p>the budget in respect of the General Fund as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved as the Current Budget for 2024/25.</p> <p>the budget in respect of the HRA as set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved as the Current Budget for 2024/25.</p> <p>the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 of this report be approved as the Current Budget for 2024/25.</p>	The purpose of the report was to prepare revised budgets as early as possible within the financial year to provide sufficient time to allow any planned changes to be delivered. The Council had faced some specific financial challenges this year putting pressure on the ability to set a balanced General Fund budget but, use of reserves ring fenced for providing resilience when needed had mitigated this.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
21 Nov 2024	New Local Plan - Proposed Timetable for Preparation including New Local Development Scheme – Relevant to Environment Scrutiny	Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	<p>That the challenging timescales set out in the report, and that this relied upon maintaining the necessary resources, securing input from third parties and both timely and efficient decision making at key stages, be noted.</p> <p>the timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan be approved and tasks the Local Plan Working Group with regular monitoring and reporting on progress against key milestones.</p> <p>the Local Development Scheme take effect, authorising its publication and that it shall have effect from 25 November 2024.</p>	To enable the Council to progress with plan making with the aim of achieving submission of the Local Plan by December 2026 in line with the Government's proposed transitional arrangements. This would enable the Council to get an up-to-date plan in place at the earliest opportunity and limit the Council's exposure to ad hoc speculative development. In order for the scheme to take effect Cabinet must formally resolve that the scheme was to have effect and specify the date from which it was to have effect.
21 Nov 2024	Complaint Performance and Service Improvement Report for Housing – Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council	Non Key & Open	<p>That the publication of the annual Complaints Performance and Service Improvement Report for Housing be noted and agreed.</p> <p>Cabinet provide a governing body's response to the report.</p> <p>Councillor N Barker be elected as the Member Responsible for Complaints ('the MRC').</p>	To comply with legislation and the Housing Ombudsman's regulatory requirements. To ensure the complaints procedures were working in practice and compliant with the Code. To ensure complaints were open and transparent to the public in line with legislation.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
21 Nov 2024	Clay Cross Active Update – Relevant to Communities Scrutiny	Councillor K Rouse, Portfolio Holder for Health and Leisure	Key & Exempt	<p>That the report and associated impacts be noted.</p> <p>That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director of Leisure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health & Leisure and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer), to enter any agreements as was necessary to progress the Clay Cross Active development through to completion, both construction related and financial.</p> <p>That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director of Leisure, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health & Leisure and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer), to enter any agreements as was necessary to progress the 3G pitch development through to completion, both construction related and financial.</p> <p>To agree to fund the £1.56m increased project cost from existing resources with the intention that additional funding from partners would reduce this figure considerably.</p> <p>That authority be delegated to the Director of Finance and Resources (S151 Officer) following approval by the Town Deal Board, to submit a project access request to the</p>	To continue with the leisure facilities centre development, which contribute to the Council Plan objectives.

				Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government along with any associated documentation.	
23 Jan 2025	Communities Scrutiny Review on Leisure Activities for Older Children/Teenagers – Relevant to Communities Scrutiny	Councillor M Durrant, Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Committee	Non Key & Open	<p>That the recommendations of the review into leisure activities for older children/teenagers by the Communities Scrutiny Committee be approved as set out below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review fees and charges around young person activities to ensure activities are inclusive and accessible for all young people, reporting the outcome to committee. 2) Increase the offering to open up the membership to allow access to more activities such as Tag Active, soft play or access to other fitness classes. 3) Increase engagement with older children/teenagers, this includes targeting non-users as well as current users, by way of questionnaire/survey out to schools within the District and using social media channels. Reporting the outcome back to committee. 4) Targeted promotion of the activities we have on offer 	The Review had enabled the Council to develop further its Plan Objectives as being a Great Place to Live Well and a Great Place to Access Good Public Services.

				<p>to children, specifically older children/teenagers.</p> <p>5) Encourage young people to engage in sports and leisure activities, not just within our Leisure Centres but also outside the Leisure Centres such as Extreme Wheels, Climbing Walls, outdoor sports i.e. football and running.</p>	
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Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
23 Jan 2025	Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 - 2028/29 – Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor P R Kerry, Deputy Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	<p>That the following recommendations are made to Council on 27 January 2025:</p> <p>(1) That the view of the Director of Finance Resources, that the estimates included in the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2028/29 are robust and that the level of financial reserves are adequate at this time, be accepted.</p> <p>(2) That officers report back to Cabinet and the Services Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis regarding the overall position in respect of the Council's budgets.</p> <p><u>General Fund</u></p> <p>(3) A Council Tax increase of £6.29 will be levied in respect of a notional Band D property (2.99%).</p> <p>(4) The MediumTerm Financial Plan in respect of the General Fund as set out in Appendix 1 of this report be approved as the Current Budget 2024/25, as the Original Budget 2025/26, and as the financial</p>	Cabinet sought to recommend budgets to Council in respect of the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account, and the Capital Programme.

				<p>projections in respect of 2026/27 to 2028/29.</p> <p>(5) That the shortfall in the General Fund budget for 2025/26 as set out in Appendix 1 be met from reserves at this time.</p> <p>(6) That the General Fund Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2024/25, and as the Approved Programme for 2025/26 to 2028/29.</p> <p>(7) That any under spend in respect of 2024/25 be transferred to the Resilience Reserve to provide increased financial resilience for future years of the plan.</p> <p><u>Housing Revenue Account (HRA)</u></p> <p>(8) That Council sets its rent levels for 2025/26 in consideration of the Social Housing Rent Standard increasing rents by 2.7% from 1st April 2025.</p> <p>(9) The Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the Housing Revenue Account as set out in Appendix 3 of</p>	
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				<p>this report be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2024/25, as the Original Budget in respect of 2025/26, and the financial projection in respect of 2026/27 to 2028/29.</p> <p>(10) That the HRA Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2024/25, and as the Approved Programme for 2025/26 to 2028/29.</p> <p>(11) That the Management Fee for undertaking housing services at £12.81m and the Management Fee for undertaking capital works at £1.1m to Rykneld Homes in respect of 2025/26 be approved.</p> <p>(12) That Members note the requirement to provide Rykneld Homes with a 'letter of comfort' to the company's auditors and grant delegated authority to the Council's Director of Finance & Resources (S151 Officer) in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council to agree the contents of that letter.</p>	
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Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
23 Jan 2025	Housing Strategy 2024 – Relevant to Communities Scrutiny	Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet agreed to adopt the Housing Strategy for implementation.	The Housing Strategy provides a strategic framework for meeting the districts housing needs and sets out a clear plan of how this will be implemented.
23 Jan 2025	Private Sector Housing Strategy – Relevant to Communities Scrutiny	Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet adopted the Private Sector Housing Strategy for implementation.	The Private Sector Housing Strategy provides a strategic framework and sets out a plan which considers the different solutions the council may be able to offer to support private sector households and landlords.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
23 Jan 2025	Derbyshire County Council Preparation of Consultation Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Relevant to Environment Scrutiny	Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	<p>(1) That the update on the preparation of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire set out in the report be noted;</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet agrees to raise no objection with Derbyshire County Council about:</p> <p>(a) the proposed consultation draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire; or</p> <p>(b) their preparation of the proposed consultation draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire, including the extent to which the responsible authority has involved the supporting authority in that preparation.</p>	The proposed consultation draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Derbyshire is considered to set out appropriate priorities and proposals with regard to North East Derbyshire District to help nature to thrive and provide wider environmental benefits in the future.



Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period 15 January 2025 – 15 February 2025

This Forward Plan sets out all of the decisions that are expected to be taken over the next four months by either: (i) The Cabinet, or (ii) an officer on an Executive function of the Council.

Some of the decisions listed in this plan are 'Key Decisions'. A Key Decision is one that is likely to:

- (a) Result in the Council spending or receiving income of over £125,000 revenue or £310,000 capital, or
- (b) Have a significant impact on two or more wards in the Council's area.

At least 28 calendar days' notice must be given before they are due to be taken by the Cabinet or an officer under delegated powers.

The Cabinet can make urgent decisions which do not appear in the Forward Plan. A notice will be published at the District Council Offices and on the Council's website explaining the reasons for the urgent decisions. Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change.

The Forward Plan also lists those 'Exempt' Decisions which are going to be taken over the next four months. Exempt Decisions are those decisions which have to be taken in private. This is because they involve confidential or exempt information which cannot be shared with the public.

The contact details for the officers or senior employees responsible for producing the reports and reports for these decisions are included in the plan. Please contact them if you would like more information. If you have any queries about why something is a Key Decision or is going to be taken in private then please contact the Governance Team on 01246 217391 or email: amy.bryan@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk.

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Cabinet members and their responsibilities

Member	Portfolio of responsibilities
Councillor N Barker	Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance
Councillor P R Kerry	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance
Councillor J Barry	Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets
Councillor J Birkin	Portfolio Holder for Council Services
Councillor S Pickering	Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place
Councillor K Rouse	Portfolio Holder for Health & Leisure

DECISION TO BE TAKEN	DECISION-MAKER	DATE OF DECISION	KEY DECISION	EXEMPT DECISION (INCLUDING GROUNDS FOR EXEMPTION)	RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
Strategic Asset Management Plan – Relevant to Business Scrutiny	Cabinet	27 Feb 2025	Non-Key	Open	Councillor Jayne Barry	Director of Growth and Assets

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25
MONDAY/15:30HRS
CHAIR: CLLR CAROLINE SMITH
VICE CHAIR: CLLR FRANK ADLINGTON-STRINGER

AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
Meeting Date: 29 July 2024		
Scrutiny— A Practical Overview	Overview of Scrutiny and remit of the Committee	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into the role of Scrutiny</i>	
Update on Combined Authority	An update on the Combined Authority — who's who and NEDDC's role	Lee Hickin, Managing Director
	Outcomes: <i>Gained a better understanding of EMCA</i>	
Energy Performance — NEDDC Buildings	An overview on what the Council are doing to make their buildings more efficient	David Broom, Facilities and Contracts Manager - ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Learned about the changes being made to make our buildings more efficient. Concerns were raised around Leisure Centres and power companies, and the delays in getting fully connected at time of completion. The Leader was to be approached about lobbying companies.</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Learned about the Cabinet Decisions made to date and upcoming reports going forward to Cabinet</i>	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To have contributed on new/revised policies and strategies</i>	
Horizon Scanning	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include	Lead Officer

	legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	
	Outcomes: To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise	
Outcome of the Review on the Council becoming 100% Plant-Based	To receive an update on the outcome following the Review being presented to Cabinet	Chair, Cllr Caroline Smith
	Outcomes: Advised that recommendations to Cabinet had been accepted	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: Agreed a Work Programme going forward for the year	
Meeting Date: 9 September 2024		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Kath Drury — Information, Engagement and Performance Manager / Amar Bashir — Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: Gained an insight into the quarterly targets to date, and how areas are performing	
Bio-Diversity Net Gain	To receive an update on what the Council are doing to achieve bio-diversity net gain	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning — ACCEPTED / DWT — TBC
	Outcomes: Gained an understanding of what the Council are doing to achieve bio-diversity net gain. To come back at a later date to see where we are but also to Invite Streetscene to a future meeting to discuss the re-wilding, hedge cutting and planting process as highlighted in the plan.	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: Learned about the Cabinet Decisions made to date and upcoming reports going forward to Cabinet	

Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: Contributed on new/revised policies and strategies	
Horizon Scanning	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: Agreed the Work Programme going forward for the year	
Meeting Date: 11 November 2024		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Kath Drury — Information, Engagement and Performance Manager / Amar Bashir — Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: Gained an insight into the quarterly targets to date, and how areas are performing	
Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP)	To receive an overview of the LAEP	Jason Tyler — Project Lead, LAEP Co-ordinator — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: Gained and understanding of the East Midlands LAEP, heard about input required from NEDDC and want to see how this progresses going forward.	
Climate Change Strategy Action Plan	To receive the action plan	Sylvia Moffatt — Sustainability Officer — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: Understood the key actions. Requires more specific measures of outputs to be provided as these have not been included.	

Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: Learned about the Cabinet Decisions made to date and upcoming reports going forward to Cabinet	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: Contributed on new/revised policies and strategies	
Horizon Scanning	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: Agreed the Work Programme going forward for the year. Add Electrical Car Charging Points to programme ASAP – need to contact DCC. Look at bogs/marshes and what we are doing about them to alleviate flooding – need to contact DCC.	
Meeting Date: 17 February 2025		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Kath Drury – Information, Engagement and Performance Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing	

Re-Wilding and Wildlife Corridors / Verges and Planting to improve Biodiversity	To receive an overview of what the Streetscene Team are doing to improve biodiversity	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene - ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To understand what the Council are doing to encourage re-wilding and wildlife corridors for public open spaces and wildflower verges and planting to improve biodiversity</i>	
New Legislation for Waste Management and Disposal	To receive an overview of the new legislation	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene - ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To understand what the new legislation means for the Council's waste service</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To identify Cabinet Decisions made to date and see what topics are due to be presented in the future, and determine if any require further follow-up by Scrutiny</i>	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To have contributed on new/revised policies and strategies</i>	
Horizon Scanning	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise</i>	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 12 May 2025		

Electrical Car Charging Points	To receive an overview of the plans for installing charging points across the District	Daniel McCrory, Sustainable Travel Team Leader, DCC – VERBALLY ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To understand the work being done to install charging points across the District</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Kath Drury – Information, Engagement and Performance Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
Air Quality Monitoring Update	To receive an update on the current position and what we are doing going forward	Gill Halliwell / Paul Denton - ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To get an update on the monitoring process and understand what the Council are doing to improve air quality across the District</i>	
Energy Efficient Homes	To be informed of what has been done by Rykneld Homes to achieve energy efficient homes	Lorraine Shaw and Niall Clarke, Rykneld Homes - ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To understand what RHL have done so far, what they are planning on doing going forward and lessons learned</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To identify Cabinet Decisions made to date and see what topics are due to be presented in the future, and determine if any require further follow-up by Scrutiny</i>	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To have contributed on new/revised policies and strategies</i>	

Horizon Scanning	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise</i>	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	

NOTES

- Bio-diversity net gain update (2025 programme)
- Single Use plastics
- Council Motion – Charging Points
- Warm Home Grants (Private Sector)