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Date: Thursday, 21 August 2025

To: Members of the Environment Scrutiny Committee

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Skenberg

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Members of The Committee			
Councillor C Smith (Chair) Councillor G Baxter Councillor A Dale Councillor T Lacey Councillor C Renwick	Councillor F Adlington-Stringer (Vice-Chair) Councillor R Beech Councillor L Deighton Councillor F Petersen		

Any substitutions must be notified to the <u>Governance Manager</u> in advance by midday the working day before the meeting.

AGENDA

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 4 - 6)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 21 July 2025.

4 Performance Management (Pages 7 - 14)

Council Plan Targets Performance Update.

Kath Drury, Information & Improvement Manager/Amar Bashir, Improvement Officer

5 Biodiversity Net Gain Update

Update on what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain.

David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning

6 Planning Infrastructure Bill/Planning Reform

To hear about changes to Planning and how this impacts the Council.

David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning

7 Local Plan Update

Update on the Local Plan.

David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning

8 <u>Cabinet Business</u> (Pages 15 - 17)

To inform Committee of recent and forthcoming Cabinet business.

A digest of Cabinet decisions taken since May 2025. 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

9 Policy Development

To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council.

10 '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.

11 Work Programme (Pages 18 - 23)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

12 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.

13 <u>Date of Next Meeting</u>

The next meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 17 November 2025 at 3.30 pm.

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ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 21 JULY 2025

Present:

Councillor Caroline Smith (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE Councillor Lilian Deighton Councillor Fran Petersen Councillor Alex Dale Councillor Tony Lacey

Also Present:

J Hayden Senior Scrutiny Officer

D Broom Facilities and Contracts Manager

T Fuller Governance Officer

ESC/ Apologies for Absence

1/25-

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F Adlington-Stringer and R Beech.

ESC/ Declarations of Interest

2/25-

26 There were no declarations of interest.

ESC/ Minutes of Last Meeting

3/25-

26 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 12 May 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

ESC/ <u>Electrical Car Charging Points</u> 4/25-

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Committee received a presentation on the electric vehicle (EV) charge point infrastructure in North East Derbyshire. The presentation included an overview of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Strategy & Action Plan, the charging types that are considered as part of the plan, and the available locations for chargers in the District. Members heard that a representative from Derbyshire County Council (DCC) was meant to have presented/provided a briefing paper for the meeting but had declined due to shifting organisational priorities, as such the available information was limited.

Committee considered the presentation. Members discussed the LEVI grant, it was shared that it covered primarily residential charging as the focus from National Government has shifted to improving the infrastructure EV charging in residential areas. In this context, Committee discussed the challenges around installing and operating the charging infrastructure that would support houses that

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used on-road parking. Committee also discussed the provisions that are included in planning policy for EV charging, the price of charging, the infrastructure included in the Clay Cross Active project that would support EV charging, and what there is to learn from the singular charging point hat currently exists in the District.

At the end of the discussion, Members considered how to take the topic forward. It was agreed that Officers would keep a watching brief on the situation and report back to Environment Scrutiny Committee if necessary.

RESOLVED -

That Committee noted the presentation.

ESC/ Cabinet Business

5/25-

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented a digest of Cabinet decisions taken since the last Committee meeting in May 2025. 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 up to 15 July 2025.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

ESC/ Policy Development

6/25-26

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'

7/25-26

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

8/25-26

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the draft Work Programme 2025/26 for the Committee to consider.

The Committee considered the Motion centred around fly-tipping that had been put forward by Councillor A Dale at the full Council meeting on 14 July 2025. The Motion had been referred to Scrutiny to take forward. Members considered the Motion and agreed to add it to the Work Programme 2025/26.

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The Committee considered the Local Plan Update that was due to be considered at the November meeting. It was suggested that, if possible, the update included a focus on the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust review of available sites and the impact on Biodiversity Net Gain.

RESOLVED -

1. That the Work Programme 2025/26 be approved.

ESC/ Additional Urgent Items

9/25-

26 None.

ESC/ Date of Next Meeting

10/2

5-26 The next meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place on 1 September 2025 at 3.30 pm.

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North East Derbyshire Council

Environment Scrutiny Committee

<u>Council Plan Objective – A Great Place that Cares for the Environment - Update April to June 2025</u>

1st September 2025

Report of the Information and Improvement Manager

<u>Classification:</u> This report is public			
Report By: Kath Drury, Information and Improvement Manager			
Contact Officer: As above			
PURPOSE / SUMMARY			
To report progress on the strategies under great place that cares for the environment			
RECOMMENDATIONS			
 That progress against the Council environment" objective be noted. 	Plan "A great place that cares for the		
IMPLICATIONS			
Finance and Risk: Yes□ Details:	No ⊠		
	On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer		
Legal (including Data Protection): Details	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?	No
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 □ Capital - £310,000 □	
☑ Please indicate which threshold applies	
Is the decision subject to Call-In?	N/A
(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
 Stage 1 screening undertaken 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 Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
Consultation:	Yes
Leader / Deputy Leader □ Cabinet □ SMT ☒ Relevant Service Manager □ Members □ Public □ Other □	Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities:

- 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:

- 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. <u>Details of Proposal or Information</u>

- 2.1 Notable achievement include progressing the £5.1m Warm Homes Local Grant scheme to improve energy efficiency in private homes, promoting sustainable behaviours through Earth Day and Food Waste Action Week campaigns, and having three car parks shortlisted for rapid EV chargers. Action was taken against littering, and our new Community Recycling Officer actively forging links with schools and community groups. Biodiversity was supported through No Mow May, adding 30+ sites, and campaigns like Community Garden Week and Great Big Green Week.
- 2.2 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 28th July 2025 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.

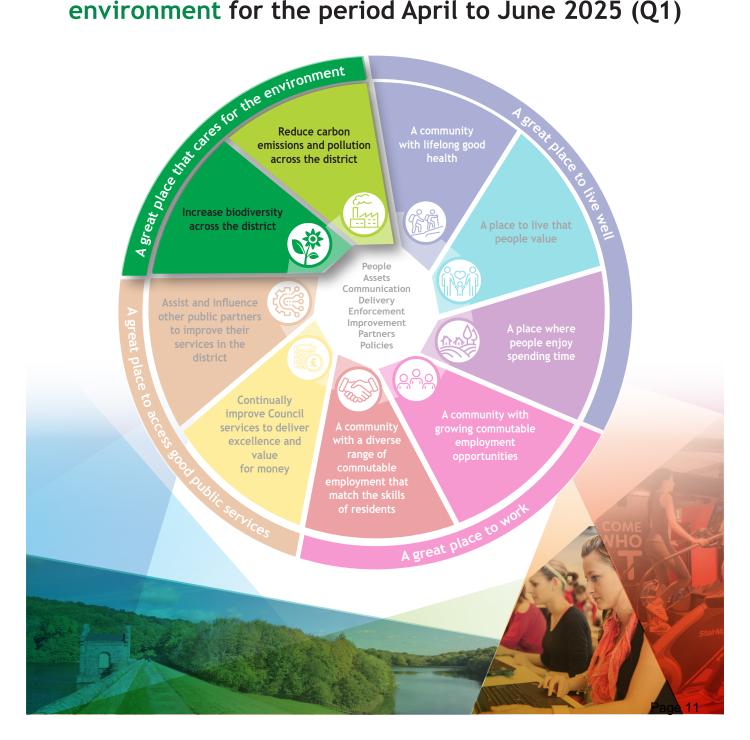
DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A great place that cares for the environment – for the period ending June 2025

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)



A summary of progress for a great place that cares for the environment for the period April to June 2025 (Q1)



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.

- Derbyshire Accelerator business support service commissioned for 2025/26 using UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This will no longer include specific business de-carbonisation plans, instead focusing on the introduction of new technologies or processes which may include reducing impact on climate change.
- Work underway to deploy the £5.1m Warm Homes Local Grant scheme to fund energy performance upgrades, low carbon heating installations and solar panels to privately owned or privately rented households in targeted priority areas.
- We've begun a monitoring exercise on the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. Progress on delivering actions during this period was limited due to capacity challenges previously unsuccessful in appointing a dedicated Sustainability Officer and the need to prioritise the setup of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme for 2025/26.
- Communication campaigns around Earth Day and Food Waste Action Week promoted sustainable behaviours such as reducing waste and composting, helping to lower carbon emissions.



- Three Council-owned car parks have been shortlisted for new rapid electric vehicle chargers, as part of a county-wide rollout funded by Derbyshire County Council through the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure scheme. This will provide residents and visitors with more EV charging options within the district.
 - Initial findings from the Carbon Disclosure Project regarding the Council's emissions have been **published**. These results are currently being analysed to identify opportunities for improved efficiency and further emissions reductions.

Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions.

 Removal of unnecessary hardware phones in council offices completed and staff transferred to softphone to reduce power consumption and provide consistent remote working tools.

A great place that cares for the environment

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 pollution.

 One Community Action Grants awarded to support Eckington Litter Pickers, grant total £463.



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

· No outcomes to report this quarter.

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

- A notable enforcement action was publicised in June 2025, where a Morton resident was issued a £100 fixed penalty notice for discarding a cigarette butt from a vehicle.
- Our new Community Recycling
 Officer is now in post and
 actively forging links with
 schools and community groups.
 Bookings are already confirmed for the
 upcoming academic year, supporting
 greater awareness and engagement around
 recycling and sustainability.

A great place that cares for the environment

This quarter, 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

- Communication campaigns around Community Garden
 Week and No Mow May supported local biodiversity by promoting green space use and creating habitats for pollinators. Great Big Green Week celebrated communityled environmental action, including initiatives that protect and enhance local ecosystems.
- No Mow May has now concluded, with over 30 new sites added to support pollinators and promote biodiversity. However, due to extremely dry conditions, the growth of wildflowers and other species was limited this year. Residents can continue to support the initiative by nominating future sites through our online form.



Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity.

 Biodiversity plans are in place for Clay Cross Active facility and 3G pitch. Tree planting and other associated grounds works won't be undertaken until October when conditions are more suitable.



Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period 15 August 2025 – 15 September 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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Sarah Sternberg Assistant Director of Governance & Monitoring Officer

Published on: 14th August 2025

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 K Gillott	Portfolio Holder for Local Government Reorganisation
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
Appointment of Facilities Management Contractor	Assistant Director of Property Estates and Assets	Not before 21 Aug 2025	Key	Open	Councillor Jayne Barry, Portfolio Holder for Growth and Assets	Assistant Director of Property Estates and Assets
Simpler Recycling	Cabinet	11 Sep 2025	Key	Open	Councillor Stephen Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place	Assistant Director of Streetscene

Agenda Item 1

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26 CHAIR: CLLR CAROLINE SMITH VICE CHAIR: CLLR FRANK ADLINGTON-STRINGER

AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION	
Meeting Date: 21 July 2025			
Electrical Car Charging Points	Overview of the plans for installing charging points across the District	David Broom, Facilities & Contracts Manager / DCC ACCEPTED	
	Outcomes: Understand the work being done to roll out EVCP across the district. ACTION: Monitor decisions made by DCC on this topic and try and get overview on what is being done, especially in terms of residential charging		
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer	
	date and upcoming reports going		
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer	
	Outcomes: To have 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 a Work Programme going forward for the		

Meeting Date: 1 September 2	025		
Biodiversity Net Gain Update	Update on what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – ACCEPTED	
	Outcomes: Gain an understanding of what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain		
Planning Infrastructure Bill/Planning Reform	To hear about changes to Planning and how this impacts the Council	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – ACCEPTED	
	Outcomes: To understand the impact of the Planning Bill/Ref	orm	
Local Plan Update	Update on the Local Plan	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – ACCEPTED	
	Outcomes: To hear about the Local Plan and any changes	<u> </u>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 1	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer	
	Outcomes: To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date		
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer	
	Outcomes: To identify Cabinet Decisions made to date and presented in the future, and determine if any require further		
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer	
	Outcomes: To have contributed on new/revised policies an	d 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 environment that may arise	I changes in the operating	

Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer	
	Outcomes: To agree a Work Programme for the year		
Meeting Date: 17 November	2025		
Fly-Tipping	To receive an overview on fly-tipping and to hear about the issues faced by the Authority and what is being done to combat the issue	Gill Halliwell, Service Manager (Commercial & Environment) / Thomas Rush, Team Manager (Environment Enforcement) – REQUESTED	
	Outcomes: To understand the issues/concerns and to find combat the issue	out what the Authority are doing to	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 2	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer	
	Outcomes: To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date	e, and see how areas are performing	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer	
	Outcomes: 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		
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer	
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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 environment that may arise	al changes in the operating	

Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: To agree a Work Programme for the year	
Meeting Date: 23 February 20	026	
Tree Strategy	Overview of the Strategy and the Council's plans for implementation	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene / Cate Harris, Streetscene Coordinator – ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: To understand the strategy and how this impact	's the Council
Update on Waste Reforms	Update on the new legislation and future plans for the Council	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene – (invite sent)
	Outcomes: To understand the impact of the Reforms on the	e Council, and plans going forward
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 3	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date	, and see how areas are performing
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: To identify Cabinet Decisions made to date and presented in the future, and determine if any require further	
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	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: To agree a Work Programme for the year		
Meeting Date: 11 May 2026			
Climate Change Action Plan Update	Update on achievements to date against the Action Plan	Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes / Tris Burdett, Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager -TBC	
	Outcomes: To gain an insight into the work that has been u	undertaken against the Action Plan	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 4	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer	
	Outcomes: To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date	e, and see how areas are performing	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer	
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NOTES

- Warm Home Grants (Private Sector) Feb/May 2026
- Waste management and disposal implication of processes and stats in terms of recycling etc (to look at further once embedded)