

Corporate Plan Delivery Plan 2021/22 Scrutiny Committee 4 March 2021

Vision: Making Uttlesford the best place to live, work and play

Progressive Custodian of our Rural Environment				
We Will:	Activities	Outputs/Milestones	Resources	Lead Member
<i>1. Take action on Climate Change</i>				
<i>a. Adopt policies to meet new environmental national guidelines/standards as they emerge</i>	Develop a Climate Crisis Action Plan, prioritised by impact, cost, and deliverability.	Action Plan to be developed by 30 Sept 2021	Officer time in 2021/22. Funding allocated for the plan actions of £333K for 21/22	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues /Assistant Director of Planning
<i>b. Drive policies to deliver low carbon buildings</i>	Implement policies that reduce the carbon footprint of new development	Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Crisis Action Plan (30 Sept 2021)	Within existing officer resources	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues /Assistant Director of Planning
<i>c. Improve average energy efficiency of Council housing stock</i>	To be included in the Review of HRA business plan	Measurable improvement in energy efficiency of housing stock. Details to be included in the HRA business plan to be developed by 30 Sept 21	Within existing officer resources and subject to BEIS grants	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health / Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities
<i>d. Increase the number of trees in the district (and protect existing trees).</i>	Introduce a tree planting initiative in partnership with town and parish councils	Detailed proposals to be included in Climate Crisis Action Plan (30 Sept 2021)	Climate Change Budget	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues /Assistant Director of Planning
<i>e. Oppose a second runway at Stansted Airport</i>			BAU: Any policy proposals that might signal potential increase in runway capacity	Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted

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			will be reported to members	Airport/Assistant Director of Planning
<i>f. Set a Net Zero Carbon goal for the Council and implement supporting policies</i>	<p>In making every policy decision, consider the opportunity to reduce the Council's carbon emissions, including:</p> <p>Review viability of replacing Council vehicles & equipment with electric alternatives at end of life.</p>	<p>Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Crisis Action Plan (30 Sept 2021)</p> <p>Review capital programme to consider vehicle replacement and acquisitions programme ahead of budget setting for 2022/23.</p> <p>All handheld petrol driven council equipment (such as strimmer's), will transition to electric; 50 separate items of equipment by 31 Dec 2021.</p> <p>Conduct a study to investigate the feasibility of Electric Shuttle Buses for Saffron Walden and Dunmow by 31 Dec 2021</p> <p>Explore the option of hydrotreated vegetable oil</p>	<p>Part of Climate Change Budget</p> <p>Within existing resources</p> <p>Existing equipment budget</p> <p>Climate Change budget</p> <p>£45,000 for the installation of suitable fuel tanks</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Portfolio Holder for Finance and Budget/Assistant Director of Environmental Services</p> <p>Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted</p> <p>Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Assistant Director</p>

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	Optimise the environmental opportunities at Little Canfield Business Park (LCBP)	<p>(HVO) as an alternative to diesel for the Council fleet. If feasible implement by 31 December 2021</p> <p>Install a new vehicle washdown facility that recycles 90% of the water used</p> <p>Install PV panels on the vehicle workshop</p>	<p>Within existing budget</p> <p>Within existing budget</p>	of ICT and Facilities/Assistant Director of Environmental Services
<i>g. Increase walking, cycling and sustainable transport</i>	<p>Improve connectivity for walking and cycling</p> <p>Introduce EV charging point provision</p>	<p>Leverage S106 contributions and liaison with ECC to secure the implementation of additional walking and cycling facilities.</p> <p>Four 22kw fast charging posts with twin ports at London Road Council Offices by 30 Sept 21. Twelve 7kw charging posts across three car park sites (Chequers Lane, White Street, Crafton Green) by 30 Sept 21 Four 7kw charging points at LCBP by 31 October 2021</p>	<p>Within existing budget.</p> <p>Resources identified as part of the Climate Change Budget (and £15k capital programme and external grant funding)</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport/ Assistant Director of Planning</p> <p>Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure/Transport and Stansted Airport and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Assistant Director ICT and Facilities</p>

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<i>h. Recognise the district's 'greenest' businesses and developers</i>	No proactive work is scheduled on this item in 2021/22			Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Planning
2. Conserve our natural resources				
<i>a. Implement and enforce policies that protect water and reduce energy consumption</i>	<p>Include in Climate Change Action Plan</p> <p>Engage in Water Resources East's work on developing projects with the water industry to address over abstraction of the chalk aquifer and protect the district's chalk streams</p>	<p>Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Crisis Action Plan (30 Sept 21)</p> <p>The details of precisely what action might be required by UDC is not yet clear; engaging with WRE is the preliminary stage</p>	Resources identified as part of the Climate Change Budget	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Planning
<i>b. Drive programmes that increase biodiversity</i>	Include in Climate Change Action Plan	Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Change Action Plan Sept 21	Resources identified as part of the Climate Change Budget	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Planning
<i>c. Support local energy production initiatives</i>	Develop local energy production initiatives	Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Crisis Action Plan Sept 21	Resources identified as part of the Climate Change Budget	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Director of Corporate Services

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<p><i>d. Implement programmes to reduce single-use plastics</i></p>	<p>Develop the Chair’s Charter to promote reduction in single use plastics and carbon footprint</p>	<p>The details are still being worked up but will initially focus on residents and communities. <i>The intended roll out to schools and then businesses will need to be timed to ensure that they are able to engage fully in this promotion having regard to the pandemic related issues they will be managing for most of this year In addition it should be recognised that some businesses will have the added burden of new trading arrangements with the EU.</i></p>		<p>Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Assistant Director Environment</p>
<p>e. Work to reduce per-capita landfill in the district</p>			<p>BAU: campaigns will be run, within existing resources, including Love food Hate waste campaign and Keep Britain Tidy National Litter Pick (11th-27th September 2021)</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Assistant Director of Environment</p>

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3. Protect and enhance our rural character and heritage				
<i>a. Meet or exceed national standards for open and green spaces</i>	Policies to be developed through the Local Plan process	Timescales incorporated in the Local Development Scheme	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Local Plan/Assistant Director of Planning
<i>b. Encourage positive planning that values and protects our heritage</i>			BAU: heritage considerations will continue, within existing resources pending completion of EELGA review	Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Local Plan/Assistant Director of Planning
<i>c. Work with others to increase access to the heritage and history of our district</i>	Walden Castle project Saffron Walden Museum improvements	Castle to reopen to the public early summer 2021 (Subject to Covid19 restrictions) Completion of National Lottery Heritage Fund Resilient Heritage Project by 30 April 21 Completion of Fund-raising Strategy and Forward Plan for selected development option by 31 October 21 Fund-raising and new approach to National Lottery Heritage Fund for significant Heritage Grant Stage 1 application by 31 March 22.	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Sports, Leisure, Education and the Arts/Assistant Director of Corporate Services/Assistant Director of IT, Facilities and Assets

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		Note: New grant scheme about to be rolled out so details of specific requirements uncertain at this stage.		
<i>d. Work with our rural partners and developers to maintain habitat and wildlife corridors</i>		Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Crisis Action Plan (Sept 21)	Resources identified as part of the Climate Change Budget	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Planning
<i>e. Target littering and fly-tipping</i>			BAU: Through the Cleaner Essex Group and KBT we continually promote initiatives to help combat or clean up littering which remains an issue within the district.	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Environment
4. Take strong action on dealing with pollution				
<i>a. Increase air quality monitoring across the district</i>			BAU: continuous automatic monitors continue and Air Quality Annual Status Report will be published in 30 June 21	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities
<i>b. Deliver reductions in pollution at identified problem areas</i>	No proactive work is scheduled on this item in 2021/22			Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities