



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

## **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

**Date: Monday, 11 March 2024**

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### **AGENDA**

**Open to Public and Press**

**1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

At this point Members must declare whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or other interest, in any items on the agenda, unless it is already entered in the register of members' interests.

**2 Minutes of the previous meeting and action log**

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To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2024 and to note the Action Log.

**3 Public Questions**

Arrangements for asking a public question can be viewed here  
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<b>4</b>	<b>Combined Authority Forward Plan</b> To note the Combined Authority <a href="#">Forward Plan</a>	
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Councillor Lorna Dupre

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# Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee – Draft Minutes

**Monday 22 January 2024**

Venue:	Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon PE29 3TN	
Time:	10.00 to 12.00	
Present:	Councillor Lara Davenport-Ray* Councillor Peter Sandford Councillor Martin Goodearl Councillor Nicola Day Councillor Mike Todd-Jones Councillor Lorna Dupre Mayor Dr Nik Johnson  *Acting Chair for the meeting	Vice Chair and member for Huntingdonshire District Council South Cambridgeshire District Council East Cambridgeshire District Council Peterborough City Council Cambridge City Council Cambridgeshire County Council CPCA Mayor
Apologies	Councillor Bridget Smith Councillor Gavin Elsey Councillor Dee Laws	South Cambridgeshire District Council Peterborough City Council Fenland District Council

## Minutes:

<b>1</b>	<b>Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest</b>
1.1	The Chair of the Committee, Cllr Smith was unable to attend the meeting so as Vice-Chair, Cllr Davenport-Ray took up the Chair.
1.2	Apologies were received from Cllr Smith, who was substituted by Cllr Sandford, Cllr Elsey who was substituted by Cllr Day, and Cllr Laws.
1.2	No declarations of interest were made.
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee meeting on 13 November 2023 and Action Log</b>
2.1	The minutes of the meeting on 13 November 2023 were approved as an accurate record, subject to the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That Cllr Goodearl be removed from the list of attendees as he had submitted his apologies for this meeting.</li><li>• That an addition be made to minute 6.2 (j) as follows: “The LNRS steering group had representation from each of the constituent authorities, except for <del>one</del> <b>East Cambridgeshire District Council</b> which had decided not to get involved in the development of the strategy but to comment on its proposals later.”</li></ul>

2.2	<p>An action noted in the Log was for a report on the potential economic consequences of failing to maintain the road infrastructure to be presented at a future meeting. This would be added on to the Committee's Agenda Plan under items for future consideration.</p> <p>The Action Log was noted by the Committee.</p>
3	<p><b>Public Questions</b></p> <p>3.1 No public questions had been received.</p>
4.	<p><b>Combined Authority Forward Plan</b></p> <p>4.1 The Combined Authority Forward Plan was noted by the Committee.</p>
5.	<p><b>Directorate Highlight Report</b></p> <p>5.1 Steve Cox, Interim Executive Director – Place &amp; Connectivity, introduced the report which provided a general update on the key activities of the Place and Connectivity Directorate in relation to Environment and Sustainable Communities, which were not covered in other reports to the meeting. It also provided information on some key developments, risks and opportunities that had emerged.</p> <p>5.2 During discussion the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllr Day gave an update from a Peterborough perspective and informed the Committee that Cllr Eley, the Peterborough member for the Committee, having met with the CA, would be making a direct approach to eligible care homes to see if any support could be offered in applying for funding from the CA Care Homes Retrofit programme.</li> <li>b) Peterborough officers had confirmed that there were no outstanding issues from Peterborough City Council (PCC) with the Cross Keys Homes sites and that the issues sat with Cross Keys Homes and their contractor.</li> <li>c) Officers had worked with the Care Quality Commission and the constituent Councils' care teams to identify and approach eligible properties for the Care Homes Retrofit programme. There had been a number of barriers to take-up, including capacity within the care homes, the match funding costs, and timings, which was why the deadline had been extended. A further report, outlining possible amendments to the Scheme would be brought back to the Committee at their March meeting.</li> </ul> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>1. The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee resolved to note the report.</p>
6.	<p><b>Affordable Housing Report</b></p> <p>6.1 Azma Ahmad-Pearce, Housing Programme Manager, introduced the report which updated the Committee on the progress of the Affordable Housing Programme 2017-2022.</p> <p>6.2 During discussion the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The CA did not receive the expected £41m from central Government so the original target of 2000 homes was unrealistic; however 1438 homes would be completed.</li> <li>b) The Housing Manager was in conversation with Heylo and hoped to bring to the next meeting confirmation of the use of a surplus fund to purchase a small number of market homes in Peterborough to convert to shared ownership.</li> <li>c) The Housing Manager would speak to Heylo in the next few days to confirm whether the March 2024 longstop dates cited for the Larkfleet and Vistry sites, as shown in Appendix 2, were still viable.</li> </ul> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>1. The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee noted the report.</p>

## 7. Climate Action Plan

7.1 Adrian Cannard, Strategic Planning Manager, introduced the report which provided an update on the refresh of the Climate Action Plan 2022-2025 and highlighted climate emission targets adopted by constituent councils.

7.2 During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) The Chair urged fellow members to review their own net zero targets and report any changes or updates back to Adrian.
- b) Members feedback could result in a different way of representing the Chart shown at 2.7 of the report, with perhaps local authority internal emissions targets on one chart and the geographic area targets on another. However, the input of the engagement group would be needed to see how best this information could be conveyed to the public.
- c) Because so much of the CPCA area's emissions were attributed to land use and forestry sectors, particularly peat, Fenland Soil had been funded by the CPCA to lead work on monitoring this. Through their programme, the number of data monitor stations and carbon capture devices had been increased.
- d) The challenge for the CPCA area was not only how transport was managed within in but also through it. The CPCA's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) had recently been approved and this had a very good carbon assessment appendix which set out different scenarios and their different impacts.
- e) As part of the review, more of a risk-based reporting mechanism would be adopted so that whilst there may be progress on things the CPCA funded, there would also be reporting on the sector as a whole and whether it was going in the right direction.
- f) Additional work would need to be commissioned in order to provide trajectories for the next report in March.
- g) At the national level the Government had recently announced additional opportunities through their environmental stewardship funding for farmers to have an impact on carbon by converting some of their land to nature-based outcomes.
- h) There was not yet an effective carbon credit market on which to pass on the carbon footprint to the customer who was buying the product out of area.
- i) Officers had been in discussion with the Waste Partnership and some of the public services, and were intending to put on an HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) workshop to bring together some of those who were currently trialling it with others who might be interested, to discuss opportunities for reducing costs and to explore what infrastructure was needed.
- j) There was a potential market opportunity for farm vehicles as well as waste vehicles to use HVO.
- k) Having agreed with members, and after voicing his own concerns about the urgency with which work was progressing, the Mayor was asked whether he would now be prepared to revisit an earlier decision **not** to declare a climate emergency. In response the Mayor was supportive of a recommendation being presented to the Board for further discussion and exploration.
- l) PCC had declared a Climate emergency in 2019 and had set ambitious targets for the Council and City to be net zero by 2030. Declaring an emergency at that point meant that they now had a growing Climate Change team, they were one of the first councils to put out a Local Area Action Plan, and a £2 million homes project for temporary and social housing was underway.
- m) Because of the Government's push back on fossil fuel heating in homes and the banning of diesel cars until 2035, Peterborough were now recommending that its Citywide net zero target be 2040.
- n) The CPCA had set a target of 2050 because it was a coalition of councils and therefore would reach net zero at the rate of its slowest member. It was however looking at the different trajectories and exploring how things could be done faster. The challenge was whether to present an aspirational target or whether it should reflect where policy, both local and national, was at a given moment in time.
- o) There was a waste partnership that brought all the authorities together to discuss waste issues and on an on-going basis they had been discussing opportunities for collaboration on enhanced EV charging facilities as well as the use of HVO. Officers were also waiting for further clarity on the

National Waste Strategy and the approach to food waste which would have an impact on the amount that was collected and therefore the type of vehicle required.

- p) In the MTFP proposals that would be going to the Board next week there was a capital programme of £9m and a revenue programme of £2m to help constituent council partners achieve their net zero targets. The criteria for that funding would be presented to the Committee at their March meeting.
- q) The independent Climate Commission had not met recently but there was a commitment to meet this year to undertake a more detailed review. Unfortunately, due to other work demands, Baroness Brown was looking to hand over the Chairmanship.
- r) PCC and Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) would be taking into consideration their respective Climate Action Plans as well as the work of the Commission when developing their Local Plans
- s) Although East Cambridgeshire were putting a Climate Chapter into their Local Plan there were Government restrictions that hindered progress and innovation.
- t) The Chair requested that a report on Locally Determined Contributions, as referenced in paragraph 2.9 of the report be brought to a future meeting.
- u) The urgency of the Climate issue could be increased by sharing information, such as the pie chart graphs shown in the report, more widely with the public and also by sharing the Transport emissions graph with all members of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee.
- v) The Mayor and constituent council partners were encouraged to be more pro-active and use social media and the Comms team to promote the urgency of the issue.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) To note progress on the refresh of Climate Action Plan
- b) To note the climate mitigation targets and monitoring

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION:**

**RESOLVED: (UNANIMOUS)**

On being proposed by the Chair, Cllr Davenport-Ray, and seconded by Cllr Goodearl, it was unanimously resolved to:

1. Recommend to the CA Board that that the Climate Commission be reconvened as soon as possible to review the CPCA's progress on their recommendations.

**ACTIONS:**

1. Cllr Dupre to draft a recommendation on declaring a Climate Emergency and for this to be considered for approval by the Committee at their March meeting before being formally submitted to the CA Board.
2. A report on 'Locally Determined Contributions' to be added to the Agenda Plan and brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
3. The Graphics shown in the report to be shared more widely with the public and included on the dedicated Climate Action Plan webpage.
4. The transport emissions graph shown in the report to be circulated to all members of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee.
5. An update on the Communications Strategy for the Climate Action Plan to be included in the Director's report for the March meeting.

<b>8.</b>	<b>Joint Chalk Streams Programme</b>
8.1	Adrian Cannard, Strategic Planning Manager, gave a verbal update on the Chalk Streams Programme.
8.2	Key points highlighted included the following:

- a) Chalk Streams were a rare habitat, with most of the world's chalk streams being in the UK. The joint Chalk Streams Programme was a project to support the ongoing health of chalk streams which had suffered because of the warmer summers due to climate change and because of the impact of the use of the water aquifer for public water supply.
- b) The project would look at a number of smaller measures to protect habitats on the chalk streams and was based on work done by the Wildlife Trust, and Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Councils.
- c) A project lead had been appointed and an evidence base had been collated in order to prioritise the long list of projects.
- d) The programme would not solve the challenges faced by chalk streams in Cambridgeshire but it would demonstrate how positive impacts could be made and there were other partners, including the water companies, who were looking to invest in the project.

**RESOLVED:**

1. To note the verbal update on the joint Chalk Streams Programme.

**9 £100k Homes, Fordham**

10.1 Nick Sweeney, Residential Development Manager, introduced the report which sought to regularise management arrangements of eight leasehold homes in Fordham that were delivered in accordance with the former £100k initiative.

10.2 During discussion the following points were noted:

- a) Councillors would have liked to have seen more advice on the benefits and risks of either of the options presented.
- b) The principle of the £100k homes scheme was questioned and councillors felt that with only eight of them, they were not in any way a solution to the overall housing problem.
- c) A possible option 3, whereby the CPCA would continue to manage the reallocation process had been discounted as no list was maintained by the CPCA and there were no officers in post with this responsibility.
- d) East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) managed other £100k homes and therefore had the resource in place to manage the scheme which was also based in ECDC.
- e) The freeholder of the homes was a Housing Association who could consider buying out the owners at the point they wanted to sell which could then extinguish the lease so they could start again.
- f) The most straightforward type of affordable housing option would be a shared equity arrangement with a standard lease whereby residents could staircase and buy shares in the property at stages during their tenancy.
- g) If the homes were to be changed to social housing, there could be a financial gap with grant funding needed to subsidise the change.
- h) The member for ECDC proposed the adoption of option 1 as it was essential to protect the local connection and discount as the residents of Fordham had been promised that these houses would be kept in perpetuity.
- i) The CPCA had not provided any funding or loans for this development.
- j) The Executive Director proposed that option 1 could be considered in the scope of option 2, as outlined in the report.

**RESOLVED: (UNANIMOUS)**

The recommendations, as set out in the report, were set aside and instead, on being proposed by the Chair, Cllr Davenport-Ray, and seconded by Cllr Dupre, it was unanimously resolved to:

1. Ask officers to explore all the options available for the £100k homes including; more conventional types of affordable housing units, social rents, retention by the CPCA or replacement agreements with the Local Housing Authority East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC). The report, to be presented at a future meeting of the Committee, should examine the pros and cons of each option and the views of current homeowners and officers at ECDC should be taken into account.



<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10.1</p> <p>10.2</p>	<p><b>Budget and Performance Report – November 23</b></p> <p>Tim Greenwood, Finance Manager, introduced the report which provided an update of the financial position for 2023/24 and an analysis against the 2023/24 budget up to the period ending November 2023.</p> <p>During discussion the following points were noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members queried the variance shown for the Net Zero Hub Core shown in Table 1 and the expected underspend as stated in paragraph 3.3 of the report. This was probably due to an issue of timing as a receipt of grant from Government was to be expected at some point. Officers would check this budget line and come back to the Committee to confirm.</li> <li>The finance paper at the next meeting in March would show an updated revenue and capital expenditure up to January 2024, with the outcome of the MTFP being reported at the following meeting in June.</li> <li>The Chair requested an update on the Net Zero Villages Programme.</li> </ol> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the financial position of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Division for the financial year 23/24 to November 2023.</li> </ol> <p><u>ACTION:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers to provide a written response to the Committee on the expenditure and funding of the Net Zero Hub Core.</li> </ol>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>14.1</p>	<p><b>Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee Agenda Plan</b></p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee Agenda Plan be noted with the addition of the following items, as discussed in the meeting:</li> </ol> <p><u>March meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion and proposed recommendations to Board on declaring a Climate Emergency</li> <li>Update on Care Home Retrofit Programme</li> <li>Update on Net Zero Villages Project</li> <li>Revisions to the Climate Action Plan</li> </ul> <p><u>June meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcomes from the MTFP</li> </ul> <p><u>For future Consideration – yet to be allocated:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locally Determined Contributions</li> <li>£100k Homes</li> <li>Drought Affected Roads</li> <li>Local Area Energy Plan</li> <li>Update on the Waterbeach Solar Panels and Charging Project</li> <li>Rural Communities Energy Fund</li> </ul>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>17.1</p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 11 March 2024.</p>

## Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee Action Log

The action log records actions recorded in the minutes of Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee meetings and provides an update on officer response.

22 January 2024					
Item	Report Title	Lead Officer	Action	Response	Status
7	Climate Action Plan	Adrian Cannard	1. Cllr Dupre to draft a recommendation on declaring a Climate Emergency and for this to be considered for approval by the Committee at their March meeting before being formally submitted to the CA Board.	An update is provided within the Director's Report	Closed
			2. A report on 'Locally Determined Contributions' to be added to the Agenda Plan and brought to a future meeting of the Committee.	An update is provided within the Director's Report	Closed
			3. The Graphics shown in the report to be shared more widely with the public and included on the dedicated Climate Action Plan webpage.	To be taken forward through the Communications/Website workshop in March	Open
			4. The transport emissions graph shown in the report to be circulated to all members of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee.	Action completed	Closed
			5. An update on the Communications Strategy for the Climate Action Plan to be included in the Director's report for the March meeting.	Communications/website workshop to take place in March	Open
9	£100k Homes, Fordham	Nick Sweeney	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlight pros/cons of three options</li> <li>Establish views of homeowners</li> <li>Report back to Cttee</li> </ol>	See update in Director's report	Closed
10	Budget & Performance Report	Tim Greenwood	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers to provide a written response to the Committee on the expenditure and funding of the Net Zero Hub Core.</li> </ol>	Funding update is in the financial report	Closed
15 November 2023					
5	Directorate Highlight Report	Steve Cox Adrian Cannard Jo Morley	1. Officers to investigate the gross CO2 measure and report back to the Committee.	To follow, being investigated	Open
			2. A report on the potential economic consequences of failing to maintain the road infrastructure be presented to both the TIC and E&SCC at a future meeting.	To follow later in 2024	Open
			3. A KPI workshop to be organised for the Committee in the new year.	To be scheduled following approval of the revised Climate Action Plan	To be confirmed



<b>Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee</b>	Agenda Item
<b>11 March 2024</b>	<b>5</b>

Title:	Place & Connectivity Directorate Monthly Highlight Report: March 2024
Report of:	Judith Barker, Executive Director – Place & Connectivity
Lead Member:	Councillor Bridget Smith, Lead Member, Communities and Environment
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required

**Recommendations:**

A	Note the content of this report.
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**Strategic Objective(s):**

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
x	Enabling resilient communities
x	Achieving best value and high performance

**1. Purpose**

1.1	This report provides a general update on the key activities of the Place and Connectivity Directorate in relation to Environment and Sustainable Communities, which are not covered in other reports to this Meeting. It also provides information on some key developments, risks and opportunities that have emerged.
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**2. Combined Authority scheme updates**

2.1	<p>This section provides updates on climate activities not otherwise covered by the main Agenda Papers.</p> <p><b>Climate Emergency</b></p> <p>Following the climate emergency discussion at the January Committee, officers have taken advice from the Monitoring Officer and others on the appropriate next steps. Initial advice is that any decision brought to Committee and then to Board to declare a climate emergency must have a clear rationale and be evidence based.</p> <p>The rationale and evidence base would be strengthened through the Innovate UK funded work on Locally Determined Contributions (LDC). The important role LDCs will have in setting and shaping local climate targets and priorities going forward was noted at the January Committee. It is proposed therefore that</p>
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the next steps on declaring a climate emergency be considered as part of the LDC project and aligned with its work programme. Further advice is also being sought on the process that other MCAs followed in declaring climate emergencies.

### **Locally Determined Contributions**

The LDC project was launched in February and is funded to June 2025. The LDC is an approach that considers local targets and climate action plans with national commitments and reporting requirements. Like the UK's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), which is reported annually at the UNFCCC international conferences, an LDC will consist of targets, commitments and the implementation plans for achieving them. Because there are no current standard reporting requirements or guidelines, nor any common approach on investment in place-based delivery, this project is developing guidance on what a LDC could look like and how it could be implemented. In particular it will develop and test a toolkit for a Cambridgeshire LDC, using work on Local Area Energy Plans as an example. The three themes of investment, alignment with national reporting and replicability will be core to the toolkit development.

### **Net Zero Villages Programme**

The climate allocations include a programme to provide grants to community level net zero projects in villages. The £1m programme is intended to be run as a competitive grant pot, with circa 50 awards between £15k and £30k. Match funding will not be a requirement but will be part of the weighted scoring analysis. The programme will be focused on demonstrating suitable projects in areas that may have more limited options to implement climate focused choices. The urban areas of Peterborough City, Cambridge City, and those towns receiving support through the Market Towns Programme will be excluded from the programme (as other funding routes are available/activities underway). Capacity was not available to launch the programme in 23/24, it is intended to launch the programme after the pre-election period has concluded in May.

### **Centre for Green Technology**

Demonstrating the importance of the link with skills, construction is underway on the £13.5m Centre for Green Technology, a key project for Inspire Education Group (IEG) delivering green skills and student capacity for the future at the Peterborough College campus. A dedicated green curriculum, the only one of its kind within 50 miles, will deliver skills which are sought after by local business across Peterborough and the wider region. It will equip students with cutting-edge knowledge and skills in modern construction methods, emerging technologies, alternative heat sources, and electric vehicle technology, ensuring they are well-prepared for the challenges and opportunities in the ever-evolving construction landscape. The Project consists of a 3-storey new build, totalling 2,435 m<sup>2</sup>. The facility provides a mixture of large and medium workshop space, classrooms, staff room space and a lab. The space will be shared by electrical vehicle and other engineering and new construction technologies. The project will comply with BREAMM, will have several renewable energy initiatives and be gas free supporting the IEG's drive to Net Zero. Due for completion in November 2024.

### **Communications activities within Climate agenda**

The workshop for development of the functionality of the new climate website is being arranged during March. A monthly catchup has been arranged with the C&P Climate Coalition representatives to exchange information and support communications.

### **Overview & Scrutiny Committee 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Climate activity will be one of the agenda items for the next Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting. They will be provided with the climate emissions data (as reported to ESC Committee in January), budget position and a copy of the paper before this Committee today on the Climate Action Plan Review.

## **2.2 Infrastructure Delivery Framework**

The consultants undertaking the Infrastructure Delivery Framework (IDF) have gathered site data from each council. They are undertaking an additional round of discussions with council officers to ensure that the sites, potential areas, and infrastructure barriers are correctly reflected. The first phase of the assessment tool has been developed and discussed at the Steering Group. The next phase is to run all the sites through the tool to test the 'readiness' index that the consultants have developed. This will categorise the individual barriers to delivering sustainable growth and also the cumulative or tipping point barriers. The work remains on track to report to Committee in June 2024.

2.3	<p><b>£100K Homes at Fordham:</b></p> <p>Following the January Committee, a meeting has taken place with the Housing Association that is the freeholder of these homes to explore the option of transferring the Combined Authority’s responsibilities. The Housing Association will consider implications, and the proposal will be escalated within that organisation for a decision in principle.</p> <p>Officers from East Cambridgeshire District Council have confirmed that £100k Homes were approved as an acceptable form of affordable housing tenure for the development. Officers are now clarifying the Combined Authority’s position in respect of nominating purchasers for these homes.</p> <p>It is envisaged that a report shall be presented to Committee in June 2024.</p>
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### 3. Strategic Partner or other major scheme updates

3.1	<p><b>Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects update</b></p> <p><u>Medworth Energy from Waste, Wisbech</u></p> <p>On 20 February the Secretary of State granted development consent for the development, which would generate electricity and steam from non-recyclable (residual), non-hazardous municipal, commercial and industrial waste. The facility will have the capacity to process up to 625,600 tonnes of residual waste per annum and a generating capacity of over 50 megawatts of electricity available to export to local users (including via a Combined Heat and Power connection) and the electricity distribution network. Fenland District Council has resolved to explore the option of a legal challenge to the decision.</p> <p><u>Sunnica Solar Farm.</u></p> <p>On 8th December the Secretary of State re-set the statutory deadline for taking a decision on the proposed Sunnica Energy Farm from 7th December 2023 to 7th March 2024.</p> <p><u>Fenland Reservoir.</u></p> <p>Following its first consultation in 2022, Anglian Water is continuing with the technical design of the reservoir, ahead of the second of three consultation phases due in 2024. This will include the design of the reservoir, how it will be accessed, supporting infrastructure, and recreational opportunities The application is expected to be submitted in 2025.</p> <p><u>Cambridge Waste Water Treatment relocation.</u></p> <p>Currently in the six-month examination phase of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process which began in October 2023 and expected to close April 2024.</p>
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### 4. Appendices

4.1	None
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### 5. Implications

Financial Implications	
5.1	None
Legal Implications	
5.2	None
Public Health Implications	
5.3	Climate and infrastructure developments can have major positive and negative impacts on public health. These would be described under the Significant Implications sections of relevant reports.
Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
5.4	Climate and infrastructure developments can have major positive and negative impacts on public health. These would be described under the Significant Implications sections of relevant reports

Other Significant Implications	
5.5	None
Background Papers	
5.6	None



<b>Environment &amp; Sustainable Communities Committee</b>	Agenda Item
<b>11 March 2024</b>	<b>6</b>

Title:	Affordable Housing Programme – Update on Implementation
Report of:	Azma Ahmad-Pearce – Programme Manager
Lead Member:	Councillor Bridget Smith, Lead Member for Housing and Communities
Public Report:	No
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required

**Recommendations:**

A	The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee is asked to note the update in this report
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**Strategic Objective(s):**

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
1	Achieving good growth – providing the 1400+ homes as agreed by the CPCA and providers, between 2017-2022, in the area of the CA.
2	Enabling resilient communities – providing suitable housing and ensuring communities are robust

**1. Purpose**

1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee members on the progress of the Affordable Housing Programme 2017-2022. Completions are now anticipated by the end of the financial year of 2025/26.
1.2	A further 611 units are yet to be delivered. 827 new homes over several sites have been successfully completed and occupied. The current total of units to be delivered is 1438.

**2. Proposal**

2.1	To update the members on the progress of the Affordable Housing Programme; providing them with details of the progress of the sites in the programme. All sites have been visited at least once by the Housing Programme Manager, as part of her monitoring of this programme.
2.2	The Combined Authority’s Affordable Housing programme ran from 2017 until 31 March 2022 (schemes having to be started on site by that date). The forecast end of the programme is March 2026, but there could be further slippage.

### 3. Background

3.1	The Affordable Housing Programme started in 2017, the objective of the programme was to deliver 2000 houses by 31 March 2022.
3.2	At the time of drafting this report, 827 new homes have been completed with 611 still in construction (from a total target of 1438)
3.3	The Vistry sites with Heylo presented at Committee in September 2023 for 12 units at 3 different sites, in Peterborough, South Cambridgeshire and East Cambridgeshire, is now progressing. Heylo had some problems in identifying the units secured by them. Negotiations with Heylo and Vistry have now concluded, and a Heads of Term is in progress. A Grant Form Agreement is being finalised with Heylo and CPCA.
3.4	<p>There are 12 units as noted from last report in September 2023. The two sites in East Cambridgeshire were presented and one site was replaced with the delivery of units in Peterborough and South Cambridgeshire. The Willow Woods, Ely site has fallen through as has the swap of units proposed at All Angels Park units too. After much collaboration with Heylo, the following sites are now confirmed as: -</p> <p>The 3 new sites are with 4 units at the Boulevards, Northstowe in South Cambridgeshire, 5 units at Quantum Fields, Littleport, East Cambridgeshire and 3 units at Hampton Waters in Peterborough.</p>
3.5	Unfortunately, East Cambridgeshire site Willow Woods, Ely was not achieved and Heylo were able to replace these units at Quantum Fields, Littleport site. This was reduced to 5 units, from the previous number of 6 units. East Cambridgeshire DC accepted the 5 units from the Vistry site, at Quantum Fields, Littleport – (the Heylo units at Quantum Fields are shared ownership tenure), a much-required affordable housing.
3.6	Peterborough City Council was pleased to receive 3 new units at the Hampton Waters site in Peterborough, through Heylo, under the shared ownership tenure.
3.7	<p>South Cambridgeshire accepted the delivery of 4 units at Northstowe of shared ownership tenure. 12 units have now been confirmed by Heylo, and Heads of Terms have been agreed. The completion dates are in June 2024.</p>
3.8	<p>There have been a few events on Development Progress, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024, at Northminster, there is a topping up celebration with photo call. The CPCA was represented by the Deputy Mayor Anna Smith at the Topping Out ceremony and shown around the site.</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>The roof is on, and the internal works have begun with plastering of 7 floors, all bathrooms pods are installed. Brickslip panelling has commenced also. The progress on this site is on track.</p>	





The topping out ceremony on 27 February 2024.

3.9	The second event is at Wisbech Road, March site (now renamed Woodgate Park, Wisbech Road) which is a launch event with a site tour and photo opportunity. This event is on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Mayor will be in attendance to highlight these housing projects progression.
3.10	British Sugar Way will now complete in August 2024. Perkins Phase 2 still has ongoing issues with the road audit, but it is hoped that this will be with a resolved shortly. It is envisaged that this site will be completed before the end of the financial year. Stanground is progressing, and CPCA have been advised that it will comply with new Building Regulations. It will also have air source heat pumps installed (energy efficiency) and still intends to meet National Described Space Standards (NDSS).

#### 4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix A. Affordable Housing Programme - Approved and Started on Site Schemes period up to March 2021.
4.2	Appendix B. Affordable Housing Programme – Approved and Started on Site Schemes period April 2021 to March 2022.

#### 5. Implications

Financial Implications	
5.1	All grant funding is allocated.
Legal Implications	
6.1	There are no new legal implications.
Public Health Implications	
7.1	Affordable, stable and high-quality housing contributes to the mental and physical health of residents and families.
Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
8.1	There are no new Environmental or Climate change implications.
Other Significant Implications	
9.1	None
Background Papers	
10.1	None

Affordable Housing Grants

Scheme Name	Provider / Lead Partner	Local Authority	Start on Site - Units Claimed	Committee/ Funding dates	Actual Completions to Date	possible Handover dates	Longstop dates	CPCA Funding	Paid to Date	Progress
Soham	PGH	East Cambs	8	26/07/2017	8			£ 120,000.00	£120,000	Completed
Littleport	CHS	East Cambs	5	26/07/2017	5			£ 97,500.00	£97,500	Completed
Victoria Way, Melbourn	CHS	South Cambs	8	26/07/2017	8			£ 133,000.00	£133,000	Completed
Willingham	CKH	South Cambs	15	26/07/2017	15			£ 525,000.00	£525,000	Completed
Burwell	Hastoe	East Cambs	8	26/07/2017	8			£ 330,000.00	£330,000	Completed
Perkins, Phase 1, Newark Road, Peterborough	CKH	Peterborough	54	26/07/2017	54			£ 1,700,000.00	£1,700,000	Completed
Snowley Park	CKH	Fenland	24	26/07/2017	24			£ 150,000.00	£150,000	Completed
Belle Vue Stanground	Medesham	Peterborough	21	29/05/2019	21			£ 735,000.00	£735,000	Completed
Luminus HDC Sites	Chorus (Luminus)	Huntingdonshire	14	26/06/2019	14			£ 618,800.00	£618,800	Completed
Crowland Road, Peterborough	Medesham	Peterborough	25	31/07/2019	25			£ 875,000.00	£875,000	Completed
Drake Avenue, Peterborough	CKH	Peterborough	33	31/07/2019	33			£ 1,430,154.00	£1,430,154	Completed
Whaddon Road, Meldreth	Settle (NHH)	South Cambs	5	09/10/2019	5			£ 215,000.00	£215,000	Completed
94 Great Whyte, Ramsey	Platform Housing	Huntingdonshire	15	11/11/2019	15			£ 600,000.00	£600,000	Completed
Middlemoor Road, St Mary's, Ramsey	Places For People (ex-Chorus) (Luminus)	Huntingdonshire	11	13/01/2020	11			£ 509,000.00	£509,000	Completed
Alconbury, Alconbury Weald/Manderville Place, Brampton	Heylo	Huntingdonshire	22	13/01/2020	22			£ 819,800.00	£819,800	Completed
Alconbury Weald, Parcel 4, Ermine Street, Alconbury Weald.	CKH	Huntingdonshire	7	09/03/2020	7			£ 245,000.00	£245,000	Completed
Brampton Park, Brampton, Hunts	ReSI	Huntingdonshire	6	27/04/2020	6			£ 270,002.00	£270,002	Completed
St Thomas Park, Ramsey, Hunts. (Linden Homes)	Heylo/Linden Homes	Huntingdonshire	10	27/04/2020	10			£ 476,997.00	£476,997	Completed
Wintlesy Green, Fenland (11), Harriers Rest, (Lawrence Rd) (7) Wittering & Sandpit Road, Thorney,	Heylo/Larkfleet	Fenland/ Peterborough/Hunts	31	27/04/2020	29			£ 1,367,766.00	£1,002,502	Near Complete
Roman Fields, Paston, Peterborough.	Keepmoat	Peterborough	23	27/04/2020	23			£ 1,000,500.00	£954,489	Completed
JMS, Damson Drive, Peterborough, PE1	Keepmoat	Peterborough	10	27/04/2020	10			£ 412,998.00	£412,998	Completed
Roman Fields, Paston, Peterborough.	Heylo	Peterborough	20	22/06/2020	20			£ 645,000.00	£645,000	Completed
Alconbury Weald, Parcel 6, Alconbury.	MAN GPM	Huntingdonshire	94	22/06/2020	94	30/09/2023	31/12/2023	£ 4,425,000.00	£4,409,831	Completed
Wicken, East Cambridgeshire	Cambridge Housing Society	East Cambs	16	09/11/2020	16			£ 640,000.00	£637,666	Completed

More's Meadow, Great Shelford,	CLT/Parochial Charity	South Cambs	21	09/11/2020	21			£ 1,008,000.00	£1,008,000	Completed
All Angels Park, Highfields, Caldecote.	Heylo	South Cambs	5	09/11/2020	5			£ 247,999.00	£235,048	Completed
Garage sites (5 infill sites)	CKH	Peterborough	19	09/11/2020	0	25/03/2022	30/09/2024	£ 332,500.00	£332,500	In progress - possible changes, to loss of units, no more grant required
Sandpit Road, Thorney, Peterborough	Heylo/Larkfleet	Peterborough	5	09/11/2020	5			£ 237,804.00	£209,805	Completed
PFP HDC Sites, Phase 2	Chorus (Luminus) PFP	Huntingdonshire	15	11/01/2021	15			£ 749,000.00	£749,000	Completed
Heylo 4 sites, Bayard Plaza (11), Pemberton Park (10), Alconbury Weald (2) & Judith Gardens (8)	Heylo	HDC,PCC, ECDC	31	15/03/2021	31			£ 1,272,000.00	£1,220,191	Completed
Heylo - Roman Fields, Phase 2, Paston.	Heylo	PCC	30	11/07/2021	30	31/10/2022	31/10/2023	£ 1,006,173.00	£955,456	Completed
Alconbury Weald	Rentplus	Huntingdonshire	22	15/03/2021	22			£ 989,325.00	£989,325	Completed
24 High Street, Wisbech	FDC	FDC	6	12/09/2022		31/05/2024	31/12/2024	£ 210,000.00	£105,000	In progress
Heylo Allison Homes/Keepmoat, Paston site	Heylo - Allison Homes & Keepmoat	PCC, FDC, HDC	46	14/11/2022	28	28/02/2023	30/11/2023	£ 1,656,000.00		In progress
			<b>685</b>		<b>640</b>			<b>£ 26,050,318</b>	<b>£ 23,717,064</b>	
<b>Loan or other Toolbox Investments</b>										
Haddenham CLT (Loan)	ECTC/PGH	East Cambs	19	27/06/2018	19			£ 6,500,000	£	Repaid
Ely MOD Site (Loan)	ECTC/PGH	East Cambs	15	28/11/2018	15			£ 24,400,000	£	Repaid
Alexander House (Forehill) Ely (Loan)	Laragh Developments	East Cambs	4	26/06/2019	4			£ 4,840,000	£ -	Repaid
Linton Road, Great Abingdon (Loan)	Laragh Developments	South Cambs	7	27/11/2019	7			£ 5,780,000	£ -	Repaid
Histon Road, Cambridge (Loan)	Laragh Developments	Cambridge City	10	25/03/2020	10			£ 9,647,000		repaid 10/11/23.
<b>Sub-total Loan book Investments</b>			<b>55</b>					<b>£ 51,167,000</b>	<b>£ -</b>	
<b>Programme Totals</b>			<b>740</b>		<b>695</b>			<b>£ 77,217,318</b>	<b>£ 23,717,064</b>	

Appendix 2 - £100m Affordable Housing Programme  
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Scheme Name	Provider / Lead Partner	Local Authority	No. of units funded	Committee/ Funding date	Actual Completions to Date	Possible Handover date Date	Longstop dates	CPCA Funding	Paid to Date	Progress
Wisbech Road, March	SAGE	FDC	118	11/11/2019		31/11/2024	31/12/2024	£5,248,700	£3,936,525	In progress
Stanground, Peterborough	CKH	PCC	26	22/06/2020		31/12/2023	31/12/2024	£1,502,500	£585,000	In progress (1,170,000 + 332,500) additional monies from the Garage site
British Sugar Way, Oundle Road, Peterborough	CKH	PCC	70	09/11/2020	51	30/08/2023	31/08/2024	£2,830,000	£1,415,000	In progress
Perkins, Phase 2, Newark Road, Peterborough	CKH	PCC	96	09/11/2020	48	31/01/2024	29/09/2024	£3,740,000	£1,870,000	In progress
Great Haddon, London Road, Yaxley, Peterborough	CKH	PCC	49	11/01/2021	8	30/11/2024	30/11/2025	£1,886,500	£943,250	In progress
Northminster, Peterborough	CKH	PCC	315	21/06/2021		31/01/2026	31/01/2026	£12,521,250	£9,390,937	In progress
14-16 High Street, Girton, Cambridge. CB3 0PU	Girton TP	SCDC	15	21/06/2021	15	31/03/2023	01/10/2023	£675,000	£675,000	COMPLETED
Heylo - 2 sites (SN Developments - removed) & Larkfleet	Heylo	PCC, FDC	16	06/09/2021	10	30/06/2023	31/07/2024	£670,250	£414,000	In progress
Heylo - Vistry sites	Heylo	ECDC, SCDC	12	11/09/2023		31/03/2024	31/07/2024	£538,750		In progress
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>717</b>		<b>132</b>			<b>£29,612,950</b>	<b>£19,229,712</b>	



<b>Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee</b>	Agenda Item
<b>11 March 2024</b>	<b>8</b>

Title:	Climate Action Plan Review
Report of:	Judith Barker, Executive Director, Place and Connectivity
Lead Member:	Cllr Bridget Smith
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	Key Decision KD2023/048
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting Members

**Recommendations:**

A	To agree the revisions to the Climate Action Plan 2022-2025 actions as set out in Appendix A, and delegate authority to the Executive Director, Place and Connectivity to approve relevant changes to the supporting text of the Plan prior to publication.
B	To comment on the proposed approach to developing the capital and revenue climate programme as agreed in the MTFP
C	To agree £50,000 in FY2024/25 and £120,000 in FY 2025/26 from the Subject to Approval revenue budget allocation for Natural Cambridgeshire, delegating authority to the Executive Director Place and Connectivity to consider and approve a revision to the existing grant funding agreement
D	To agree £60,000 in both FY2024/25 and FY 2025/26 from the Subject to Approval revenue budget allocation for Fenland Soil, delegating authority to the Executive Director Place and Connectivity to consider and approve an extension to the existing grant funding agreement

**Strategic Objective(s):**

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
x	Achieving good growth
x	Increased connectivity
x	Enabling resilient communities

**1. Purpose**

1.1	To update the Climate Action Plan 2022-2025 for its final year of implementation, prior to a full review of the Plan to be undertaken in 2024/25
1.2	To set out the broad principles that will, alongside the Climate Action Plan, guide the development of the capital and revenue climate programme delivery.
1.3	To ensure the contribution of stakeholder bodies through allocation of revenue funding, subject to approval of specific business cases for each stakeholder body.

## 2. Proposal

2.1	To agree revisions to the Actions as set out in Appendix A: Rationale for Change.
2.2	To agree revisions to the contextual text of the Climate Action Plan as set out in Appendix B: Draft Revised Plan, and delegate responsibility to the Executive Director, Place and Community for any further revisions to the contextual text prior to publication.
2.3	To agree extensions of revenue funding over the next two-year period to end of FY 25/26 for Natural Cambridgeshire and Fenland Soil.

## 3. Background

3.1	The Committee agreed to have a two-stage approach to updating the Climate Action Plan (“the Plan”). The first stage was to be March 2024 to consider a ‘light touch’ refresh to the current list of actions. This would take the Plan through to its completion date of March 2025.
3.2	The second phase would follow a full evidence-based review during 2024 so that a revised Plan, covering the period 2025-2028, would be approved in March 2025. This can also be informed by the work on Locally Determined Contributions taking place during 2024. A work programme and associated revenue funding (from the MTFP Climate Programme budget) will come to Committee at its next meeting.
3.3	The first phase concentrates on those actions that are still to be delivered over the next year. It also allows the opportunity to update the Plan in line with opportunities in Medium Term Financial Plan which was agreed by the CPCA Board on 31 January 2024.
3.4	Attached as Appendix A are the proposed changes to the actions. The rationale for change has been developed and reviewed by the Plan’s thematic working groups and the officer Climate Programme Board. It was subsequently presented at the Climate Partnership Group on the 1 <sup>st</sup> March. As that date coincided with publication of this Committee’s Agenda papers a verbal update will be made to Committee on any issues arising from the Climate Partnership discussion.
3.5	The Plan has changed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace out of date information / completed actions</li><li>• Highlight progress to date.</li><li>• Align with the latest CPCA Corporate Strategy</li></ul>
3.6	The Plan action table has been modified so that it identifies a lead delivery body in the delivery of the action and their role, whilst the column indicating whether the action supports adaptation and/or mitigation have been removed. The latter column was just for information and did not add to the action itself. Adaptation work remains a core aspect of the Plan.
3.7	Including the previous changes to the <a href="#">Strategic Actions agreed by the CPCA Board on 22 March 2023</a> , the number of actions from 2024 in this revised draft have reduced from 42 to 37 Actions. Appendix A provides the rationale for change.
3.8	The Committee is recommended to approve the revisions to the actions as set out in Appendix A.
3.9	Contextual amendments are required to the Climate Action Plan document itself as part of this updating. A draft outline of the changes are included as Appendix B. To enable the most up-to-date information to be included in a public-facing document it is proposed that this is updated by officers following approval by the Committee of the revised actions.
3.10	The Medium Term Financial Plan includes additional provision for £9m of capital and £2m of revenue climate activity over 4 years. The Combined Authority is implementing the single assurance framework for all programmes and projects. Development of the climate programme will be one of the first to go through. To assist development of the programme, the Climate Partnership are considering at their meeting on 1 March the broad additional ‘climate’ criteria previously discussed at Committee that would support delivery of the revised Climate Action Plan. Outcome of that meeting will be reported verbally

	at Committee. Officers will develop a Climate Programme of activity for agreement by the Committee at its June meeting.
3.11	In addition to the core criteria of the assurance framework, the climate criteria being considered are: Strategic - aligned with the Climate Action Plan and/or the Independent Commission's recommendations Strategic - prioritised in more than one partners climate strategies/action plans Economic - Does not replace other mainstream funding or responsibilities Management - Has considered dependencies and avoids unintended climate consequences
3.12	In addition, the following aims will be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative or innovative demonstrator projects that can be replicated or scaled in the area</li> <li>• Establishing or unlocking crucial 'building blocks' to support the key objectives of Climate Action Plan delivery</li> <li>• Significantly cuts carbon emissions with high value for money</li> <li>• Delivers tangible adaptation benefits</li> <li>• Delivers a nature-based solution</li> <li>• Unlocks significant additional funding</li> <li>• Changes market behaviour</li> </ul>
3.13	Two of the ongoing actions in the Plan have been to support the work of Natural Cambridgeshire (the Local Nature Partnership) and Fenland Soil (the organisation supporting the join-up of farmers, academics to investigate and tackle peat issues). Both organisations have been highly effective in delivery: Natural Cambridgeshire is also key partner in the development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy; Fenland Soil has mobilised significant research and applied activity, including recently securing two separate grants totalling £1m for a paludiculture ('wet' farming) demonstration programme in the Fens and a project on lowland peat management. To ensure the business continuity and forward planning of these two organisations, it is recommended that the Committee approve ongoing revenue funding, extending current support over the next two financial years (funding for Natural Cambridgeshire currently runs to FY24/25, Fenland Soil to FY23/24). This would be subject to negotiation and agreement of revised grant agreements with clearly defined outcomes/outputs for the Combined Authority.
3.14	The revenue support would include an allowance for increased costs since 2021/22. For Natural Cambridgeshire it is recommended that the annual revenue support is increased from £70k per annum to £120k per annum (including in FY24/25). This will ensure their core costs are covered without the risk of reliance on other external funding. This is important as 2024/25 is a critical year for the development of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy, of which Natural Cambridgeshire is a core partner in co-production. The funding agreement would include the requirement to address the long-term financial stability of the organisations,

## 4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix A: Climate Action Plan Rationale for Change
4.2	Appendix B: Draft Revised Climate Action Plan 2022-2025

## 5. Implications

### Financial Implications

5.1	The MTFP has £1.1m revenue in both FY24/25 and FY25/26 for the climate programme. The allocations to Natural Cambridgeshire and Fenland Soil would total £110k in FY24/25 and £180k in FY25/26 from that budget line. This would leave £990k revenue for FY24/25 and £920K in FY25/26 to be considered through the Climate Programme paper at June Committee.,
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Legal Implications	
5.2	None.
Public Health Implications	
5.3	Tackling emissions and impacts of climate change can have significantly positive impacts on public health and future risks to health.
Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
5.4	The Climate Action Plan is a key component of the Combined Authority's response to environmental and climate change impact.
Other Significant Implications	
5.5	None.
Background Papers	
5.6	Item 3.4 - Climate Change Action Plan <a href="#">CA Board Agenda - March 2022</a> Item 3.2 - Climate and Strategy Business Case <a href="#">CA Board Agenda - June 2022</a> Item 4.2 - Climate and Strategy Business Case <a href="#">CA Board Agenda - July 2022</a>



<b>Agenda Item 8</b>	<b>Appendix</b>
<b>Climate Action Plan Review</b>	<b>A</b>

## Rationale for Change

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Current Strategic Action</b>	<b>Retain, remove or update</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	<b>Updated Strategic Action</b>
WS1: Sustainable Finance  <i>Note: No change in number of actions</i>	By March 2023 assess, identify, and set up relevant Funding models to attract investment into: Low carbon infrastructure, adaptation. Low carbon businesses	Update	Innovate UK funded project identified financial flows in CPCA area. IDF work commissioned that will provide additional evidence	<b>By March 2025, identify sustainable financing opportunities. Use output of Infrastructure Delivery Framework Project to inform investment requirements for the area.</b>
	By June 2023 set up a C&P Decarbonisation Fund that attracts investment from businesses purchasing local carbon credits for 'hard to treat carbon emissions only' to invest in local carbon and nature projects.	Update	Carbon credits market has not evolved sufficiently for such a fund.	<b>Keep under review the potential for an investment scheme that channels local businesses purchase of carbon credits into CPCA area schemes.</b>
	By Oct 2022 collectively build local capacity and capability to assemble suitable projects ready for these opportunities. Build up project pipeline	Update	Update the target date	<b>By March 2025 collectively build local capacity and capability to assemble suitable projects ready for these opportunities, building up project pipelines.</b>
WS2: Engagement  <i>Note: five actions to three actions</i>	By June 2022 develop an Engagement Plan for people and businesses to build knowledge, culture, and incentivise action on Climate ensuring links across plans, including NHS, RECAP and local partnerships.	Update	Engagement Plan agreed. Build upon success of climate summit to increase engagement.	<b>Refreshed engagement plan and delivery during 2024, including increased opportunities for engagement with community stakeholders and joint communication opportunities. Examples are annual COP input along with specific Climate website that can aggregate information for residents and business as well as public sector and other stakeholders.</b>
	By July 2022 set up a fund for small scale community projects to access to build local momentum and awareness 'Net zero villages investment programme'.	Update	Delay in scheme start	<b>Deliver small scale community projects to build local momentum and awareness by 2025.</b>

Theme	Current Strategic Action	Retain, remove or update	Rationale	Updated Strategic Action
	Ongoing – develop joint ambitions and outcomes in communications plans for COP events.	Remove	Part of normal business under engagement plan	
	Ongoing – Development of case studies to promote the achievements that have been enabled as a result of CPCA and Partners so that we can share best practice and build momentum in the region to deliver net zero ambitions.	Remove	Aggregate into action 1	
	Ongoing – Developing shared policy positions where appropriate on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough climate and environment issues to influence public policy and identify funding opportunities with relevant stakeholders. The co-dependencies the CPCA Climate Action Plan across the key achievements to be identified and built into the Public Affairs work.	Retain	Public affairs team at CPCA.	N/A
WS3: Energy <i>Note: two actions to one action</i>	1. & 2. By March 2024 deliver two Local Area Energy Plans for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough which include infrastructure investment programmes spatially mapped to deliver net zero by 2050.	Update	Peterborough City Council have completed their LAEP and scoping of Cambridgeshire County Council LAEP is underway.	<b>By March 2025 deliver a Local Area Energy Plan for Cambridgeshire, which is aligned with Peterborough’s Plan. Develop infrastructure investment programmes for spatially mapped projects and put plans into place to commence delivery of key projects supporting decarbonisation at pace.</b>
WS4: Buildings <i>Note: five actions to six actions.</i>	Immediate - target government decarbonisation scheme, private funding, and other competitions to support retrofits (focusing on low income/vulnerable homes and public buildings).	Retain	This action is still live with HUG & PSDS funding.	N/A
	By July 2022 set up relevant Delivery Vehicles and Procurement Frameworks for home retrofits accessible by partners and homeowners to deliver self-financed and grant funded retrofits.	Update	Procurement launched in June 2023 now live and need to move to the next phase to plan how to deliver at pace	<b>In 2024/25 maximise take up of the procurement framework and able to pay market.</b>

Theme	Current Strategic Action	Retain, remove or update	Rationale	Updated Strategic Action
	By October 2022 provide accredited suppliers that make accessing suppliers easier for those able to pay such as 'collective solar' or bulk purchase ASHPs.	Update	A process is in place and being reviewed. Market has not emerged for collective buying on ASHP	<b>In 2024/25 continue to help residents and businesses to access low carbon technologies.</b>
	By March 2024 undertake care home retrofit programme	Update	Project now underway, due to complete in 2024.	<b>During 2024, deliver care home retrofit programme.</b>
	Address the barriers identified in the skills assessment report to boost market capacity and skills training to increase building retrofit.	Retain	Project currently being developed by SENZH and will ensure links with CPCA Skills team.	<b>Address the barriers and boost market capacity through skills training to increase building retrofit in the area.</b>
	NEW	New action	Provide clarity on roles and responsibilities for retrofit in the area.	<b>Maximising the opportunities of retrofit by mapping the roles and responsibilities for the area.</b>
WS5: Transport <i>Note: No change in number of actions</i>	In 2022 to revise the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan to support active travel and passenger transport, reducing the number of miles driven and agree key delivery plans including;	Update	LTCP adopted and moving to the implementation phase.	<b>Implement LTCP in 2024 to support active travel and passenger transport, reducing the number of miles driven and agree key delivery plans including the adoption of supporting area-based strategies.</b>
	An Alternative Fuel Strategy and delivery plan.	Update	Alternative Funding Strategy has been agreed and moved on to the delivery phase.	<b>Implement Alternative Fuel Strategy.</b>
	By Dec 2022 implement project to replace nearly 10% of bus fleet with electric buses (ZEBRA scheme).	Update	Target completed. Exploring opportunities to increase the number of electric buses.	<b>Develop bids for additional Electric Bus provision across the area and infrastructure required to support these.</b>
	Implement a process to 'design down carbon' across all major highway construction schemes supported by the CPCA.	Retain	This is still a requirement.	<b>N/A</b>
WS 6: Business & Commercial <i>Note: five actions to three actions</i>	In 2022 the Climate recommendations to inform the revision of the Local Economic and Skills Strategies;	Remove	Action Complete. Local Economic Strategy produced in June 2022 that included Climate Change and Nature as part of the Capital of the area	
	By March 2023 scope a Carbon Advisory Service to support SMEs linked to the Decarbonisation Fund	Update	Business advice support service was brought in house January 2024 and will include a Decarbonisation	<b>Provide Net Zero and Climate advice to local SMEs as part of the Carbon Advisory Service.</b>

Theme	Current Strategic Action	Retain, remove or update	Rationale	Updated Strategic Action
			Advisor to support Local Businesses	
	By March 2023 through the Economic Strategy identify the economic and planning levers that can incentivise and attract businesses to the area to deliver re-manufacturing facilities for a local circular economy and low carbon ambitions.	Update	Economic Strategy completed in 2022 and sets priorities to support Green Manufacturing. Innovate UK bid on low carbon industrial clusters was developed but not funded, now exploring whether it can be taken forward locally.	<b>Investigate potential for a low carbon clusters project by March 2025.</b>
	In 2022 new Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Integrated Care System organisation to produce and implement Green Plan, building on existing strategies and action.	Remove	Action Complete	
	By March 2023 mapping the cleantech sector companies by the government definition to understand baseline, create a database, to identify strengths in the subsectors; to target investment and measure progress against low carbon growth/jobs to provide opportunities	Update	Study now underway, stakeholder workshop held in January. Target date amended.	<b>By September 2024 mapping the cleantech sector companies by the government definition to understand baseline, create a database, to identify strengths in the subsectors; to target investment and measure progress against low carbon growth/jobs to provide opportunities.</b>
WS7: Nature  Note: five actions to four actions	By Dec 2023 deliver a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough;	Update	Government changed the target date for delivery, based on when it issued the necessary regs and guidance. Project underway.	<b>By March 2025 to have developed a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.</b>
	By March 2023 set up fund for nature-based solutions through a 'Fund for Nature and the Environment'	Update	Currently being delivered and need to update this to extend the remit for delivery in 2024	<b>Through 2024, continue to develop and grow a fund for nature-based solutions through a 'Fund for Nature and the Environment' to attract more private sector investment.</b>
	By March 2024 establish an effective Biodiversity Net Gain system for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that maximises outcomes	Update	Government enacted the mandatory BNG regulations early in 2024.	<b>Ensure we have an effective BNG system for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that maximises outcomes.</b>

Theme	Current Strategic Action	Retain, remove or update	Rationale	Updated Strategic Action
	By March 2023 deliver successful legacy for the Future Parks Accelerator (FPA) that puts in place arrangements to secure the health and wellbeing, climate change mitigation and nature restoration	Update	Funding challenges to achieve target in 2023	<b>Keep under review opportunities for climate outcomes related to public open space.</b>
	March 2023 provide advice on Biodiversity strategies taking account of climate change for all organisations with substantial landownership	Remove	BNG 'live list' of potential sites produced by the Local Nature Partnership. This action has been rolled into to Action 3 above.	
WS8: Soil & Peat <i>Note: No change in number of actions</i>	Increase the area mapped of peatland assets.	Retain	Project still ongoing (has reached 10% original target and now has funding to reach 30%) and seeking more funding to extend the mapping.	<b>N/A</b>
	Immediate -identify operating costs/impacts to shift farming practice to sustainable farming practice	Retain	Report due and will be shared with stakeholders on Fenland Soil	<b>N/A</b>
	Immediate - demonstrate practical projects working with landowners on restoration	Retain	Project ongoing	<b>N/A</b>
WS9: Water <i>Note: No change in number of actions</i>	Immediate - support existing partnerships and plans to deliver water efficiency, supply, storage and manage flood risk including WRE Regional Plan by Dec 2023, Future Fens Integrated Adaptation Plan, and Future Fens Project. Ensure strategies by agencies and stakeholders are aligned and complementary	Update	Regional Water Plan published December 2023 and now moving to delivery phase.	<b>Support existing partnerships and plans to deliver water efficiency, supply, storage and manage flood risk including Future Fens Integrated Adaptation Plan, and Future Fens Project. Ensure strategies by agencies and stakeholders are aligned and complementary.</b>
	Ongoing- update/include policies in local plans that actively tackle water issues;	Retain	This continues to be progressed	<b>N/A</b>
	Immediate - Collaborate on land management changes and understanding of what we plan for in terms of flood defences for the future.	Retain	Environment Agency Fens2100+ project underway	<b>N/A</b>
	By March 2024 develop innovative and nature based solutions for flood/water management.	Update	Organisations have developed solutions and will report to wider stakeholder group.	<b>By March 2025, review pilot projects for innovative and nature-based solutions for flood/water management.</b>

Theme	Current Strategic Action	Retain, remove or update	Rationale	Updated Strategic Action
WS10: Waste <i>Note: No change in number of actions</i>	Immediate - Informing and enabling our communities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste through the facilitated development of circular waste economies with the aim of reducing the emissions from the collection, treatment and disposal of waste.	Retain	Targets have not changed.	N/A
	Ongoing - Within the priorities of individual authorities, funding and contracts, move toward low carbon (electric, biofuels etc) waste vehicles to cut transport emissions from waste. This includes investigating RECAP wide tender opportunities for low carbon diesel alternative fuels building on the pilot projects at Waterbeach and Peterborough Highways.	Retain	Alternative fuels options still being explored.	N/A
WS11: Evaluation & Monitoring <i>Note: No change in number of actions</i>	Immediate - fund the CPICC to monitor progress against their recommendations and carbon footprint to improve alignment of reporting across the CPCA area.	Update	Full review of Action Plan is planned for 2024/25 and will consider progress against CPICC recommendations. Innovate UK Funding secured to develop a process for Locally Determined Contributions for the area.	<b>Undertake full review of Climate Action Plan by March 2025. To include risk based analysis of delivery of CPICC recommendations/net zero targets.</b>
	By March 2025 CPICC Undertake deep dives into different sectors e.g. supply chain maturity for retrofits or economic benefit to low carbon living.	Retain	The deep dives will be undertaken as part of wider review in 2024.	N/A
	By March 2023 identify the Adaptation Trajectory and develop an adaption response for the area	Update	Funding is now potentially available through CPCA MTFP 2024 and propose to carry out a collaboration across CPCA public sector bodies (scoping workshop was held).	<b>By March 2025, identify and quantify the key climate risks that will affect the region and develop a strategic adaption response to manage those risks.</b>
	Ongoing - Monitor, evaluate, and review this Action Plan, with an annual update by each March.	Retain	Ongoing requirement for the Climate Action Plan	N/A

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Climate Action Plan Review	<b>B</b>

Draft Revised Climate Action Plan 2022-2025

Insert Mayors Foreword

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## Introduction

The Final Report of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate looked at climate related risks, sources of greenhouse gases in the area and the ability of residents and businesses to respond. It made 58 recommendations to set the area on a pathway to net zero emissions and to prepare for climate change impacts. It complements the work of organisations on their own strategies and action plans. The Commission highlighted that significant reductions in emissions were needed early over the next ten years to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases collecting in the atmosphere.

The 58 recommendations of the Commission set out a wide range of actions covering multiple organisations, individual organisations and businesses (as well as residents). Collectively, there has been thousands of individual decisions taken over the last few years on investment, upgrades or repairs in mitigating and adapting to climate change. We cannot tackle climate change alone or independently and in response to the Independent Commission's recommendations, the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority made a commitment to focus on identifying and supporting strategic priorities and collaborative action, where more can be achieved working together or particular gaps addressed.

### What principles apply to determine the actions in this plan?

- Is the action establishing the crucial building blocks to support the whole range of recommendations?
- Is the action bigger than any one organisation to scope and/or deliver?
- Does the action directly cut carbon emissions or improve nature?
- Can the action deliver adaptation benefits in addition to carbon emissions or nature improvement, with 'no regret' investment?
- Will the action have a strategic impact to make best use of the resources we have, including tackling economic, social and health inequalities?

### What this plan isn't?

- This plan will not cover the climate commitments of individual organisations, we will assume actions under their direct control will be delivered. For example, the role Local Planning Authorities have in setting the climate policies for new built development or improving their own organisation estates. However, we will seek co-ordination and a collaborative approach where appropriate, to maximise our impact.
- It does not include actions which are reliant on further government policy after 2025, such as exploring hydrogen-based option for homes.

The Climate Action Plan will be updated by March 2025 to cover a further 3 years and will support what has been achieved so far, using our evidence based approaches to tackle the areas where we can have the greatest impact and protecting the most vulnerable to climate change. This plan will also build on the success of the Summit in November 2023.

### What has the plan achieved so far?

We are far from being where we need to be to tackle climate change or meet the ambitions of the Independent Commission. However, a lot of work has been done by organisations and residents alike across the area that must be acknowledged.

## REDUCING INEQUALITIES

Over 620 upgrades to homes across the area to improve insulation and move to low carbon heating through over £7Million of Government Grants, supporting those on low incomes.

Procurement framework for grant funded and able to pay market for energy efficiency work on homes, providing the assurance to residents across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough that the contractors have been checked that they have the relevant expertise and qualifications.

Through collaboration, securing £403K from Government to build capacity for implementing electric vehicle charging infrastructure, with an indicative allocation of £5.3m for more public sites for when home charging isn't an option (a detailed application is to be developed during 2024/25).

Commission work to understand the fitness of the innovation ecosystem across the region to support the emerging net zero-aligned agritech and nascent clean-tech sectors.



## HEALTH AND SKILLS

Adoption of a Green Plan by NHS ICS to drive climate action in the NHS and associated services / businesses.

Provision of training and skills development across the area, with a specific focus on skilling the market for retrofit and Electric Vehicle maintenance and identifying what we need for the future £XXM investment in Nature schemes to improve local access to nature and greenspace.

## CLIMATE AND NATURE

£1M fund for nature based solutions that will lead to financially self-sustaining projects that recover nature, promoting health and well being and support mitigation of or adaptation to climate change.

Collaboration across the area to support the delivery of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy by March 2025.

£1.5m funding for local demonstration projects on biodiversity and chalk streams to show how different benefits can be combined, providing the catalyst for potential further investment.

Development of a record of potential Biodiversity Net Gain sites; to support the delivery of sustainable land use.

## INNOVATION

Introduction of a Business Advice Support service in January 2024 to support local businesses on decarbonisation and climate friendly technologies.

£5.3M Investment in a Solar Park to power waste vehicles in South Cambridgeshire to move away from fossil fuels.

Investing resources in Fenland Soil to work with farmers to update our understanding of soils of the Fens and support the agricultural sectors to shift to sustainable farming practices or restore land

Supporting growth of cleantech businesses and innovation.

After successfully securing Innovate UK Pathfinder Places funding the Peterborough Accelerated Net Zero (PANZ) project will initially accelerate delivery of Peterborough's Local Area Energy Plan through the development of invest-ready net zero delivery plans tailored to specific community needs.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

Local Area Energy Plan adopted in Peterborough and one underway in Cambridgeshire for completion in 2025 to ensure our energy systems generate and deliver renewable energy.

Adopted the Local Transport Connectivity Plan for the area that supports active travel and passenger transport, with a target for reducing the number of miles driven.

Support existing partnerships and plans to deliver water efficiency, supply and storage.

Our partners are improving our flood resilience and helping local communities take action.

Investment in electric public transport, including EV capable depots along with the delivery of 30 Electric Buses, and 11 more funded through University of Cambridge.

## FINANCE

Exploring climate opportunities from a further Devolution Deal with Government to maximise investment opportunities.

Utilise the output of Infrastructure Delivery Framework Project to inform investment requirements for the area.

Support maximising take-up of available grants and support across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

## Resourcing the plan?

Actions are needed across many different sectors, and the role of other thematic partnerships is set out in this action plan, many of which have influence over funding that needs to also support climate objectives. The Commission was clear that everyone needs to take action on climate change, which ultimately means making best use of the £26bn annual economic value of the local economy. All organisations need to understand the importance that all of its spend is undertaken with an understanding of the context of tackling climate change.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority has convened work on this Climate Action Plan and has a key role in supporting the collaborative work. With the elected Mayor and Board, it brings together local government, with its constituent partners the local authorities and includes the Business Board. The Combined Authority has already identified £9.5m of new spend on specific climate projects for the period to March 2025 supported by £1.4m of revenue spend (the projects are included in this action plan). Additional activity will be identified later in the year when the local transport and economic delivery plans are finalised.

## Affordability

Many residents and businesses want to make a difference and are making changes where they can. However, the current economic circumstances, with the sharp rise in energy costs and inflation, will restrict what some can do. Although these factors are outside the control of this action plan, delivering on the actions can have a positive impact. For example, energy efficiency improvements reduce energy costs, and this action plan sets out how energy retrofits for homes can be supported. For businesses the rise in materials costs has to be managed, supporting the actions around reduction in waste and promoting a circular economy. Some of the projects funded in this action plan are helping businesses to build capacity in new green markets, which will reduce costs over time. The Commission's initial report helpfully includes a guide for residents on what practical changes they can make and many of these are about changing how things are done and don't involve additional spend. <link to chapter>. Progress on the delivery of the action plan has been monitored and reported to ensure collaborative and individuals are supported in order to respond to the climate challenges.

## Managing Climate risk for our communities and adapting to climate change

Mitigation and adaptation go hand in hand. One is cutting carbon emissions to reduce long term impacts of climate change and the other is ensuring our communities are resilient to the climate impacts we are currently experiencing. Adaptation also means taking advantage of new opportunities, such as supporting the green economy. Many actions in the climate action plan can achieve both mitigation and adaptation benefits and these should be actively pursued. Every action needs to think about consequences across the area to avoid creating future issues, with no regret investment. Even with mitigation of future emissions, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough needs to adapt to the climate changes already happening as a result of past emissions.

[Third National Adaptation Programme \(NAP3\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-adaptation-programme)

## The Combined Authority Refreshed Corporate Strategy 2023-2025

The Combined Authority refreshed its Corporate Strategy in January 2024 and this sets the important 'Golden Thread' that links that links together corporate priorities with operational activity, including this Climate Action Plan. Ther Strategic Vision is to have:

*'A prosperous and sustainable Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Driven by our values and using our collective voice and strengths, we seek inclusive good growth for an equitable, resilient, healthier, and connected region. Driven by our values and using our collective voice and strengths, we seek inclusive good growth for an equitable, resilient, healthier, and connected region.'*

These are the Combined Authorities Strategic Objectives to achieve this vision:

- Achieving good growth
- Ambitious skills and employment opportunities
- Enabling resilient communities
- Improving connectivity
- Achieving Best Value and High Performance

## What CPCA is doing in 2023-25 to help meet the Strategic vision in this Climate Action Plan

- Supporting sustainable agriculture in the Fens and elsewhere.
- Supporting Fenland Soil, which brings together local farmers and academics to address the sustainable farming and climate impacts of peat soil.

- Piloting work to address how climate change is impacting the condition of the region's roads in the Fens and other affected areas.
- Developing a Local Nature Recovery Strategy to improve biodiversity as part of our Doubling Nature Vision.
- Developing a Local Area Energy Plan for Cambridgeshire to support power and water sufficiency, improve the resilience of infrastructure and address road safety.
- Retrofitting homes, care homes and village halls to address health inequalities and reduce carbon emissions.
- Supporting businesses with the transition to a low carbon economy and net-zero agenda.
- Hosting the Greater South East Net Zero Hub and supporting the delivery of the Local Net Zero Programme 2022-2025, including public sector estate decarbonisation, strategic projects, toolkit development, community projects and knowledge sharing.
- Co-hosted a groundbreaking regional Climate Summit, 'Sustainable Solutions – Uniting for a Greener Future,' with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Partnership. Attended by approximately 100 politicians, thought leaders and business representatives, the event proved to be a pivotal moment for fostering collective understanding and commitment toward a more sustainable future.

Actions in this climate action plan make progress on these outcomes through to 2025. Some topics will need to be considered over a longer period (for example national projects are testing the future role of hydrogen).

**What does success look like?:**

- Reduced total annual net CO2 emissions to under 5000 ktCO2.
- Reduced the number of households in fuel poverty.
- Increased the proportion of land classed as nature rich.
- First investments will be completed via the Business Growth Fund to businesses adopting carbon reduction measures or delivering clean-tech products to the market.
- Decarbonisation advice and support being delivered to businesses.
- Reduced the total number of car miles driven in the region.
- Increased the proportion of journeys taken by public transport (including buses and trains), cycling and walking.

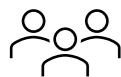
The following actions have been developed in line with the themes of the Commission's report. The type of action is also identified:



**Building block projects - things that need to happen to enable adaptation and mitigation, such as electric vehicle charging points**



**Finance model – making sure there are ways to invest in climate change actions**



**Community action – helping communities take action**











**Direct Emissions reductions – actions that directly themselves reduce the emission of greenhouse gases**



















**Nature based solutions – using our natural environment to take climate action**







We have also identified who is the Lead of the action and if they are:

- Delivering the action and ensuring the action is resourced and relevant partners are engaged
- Enabling by supporting the action within our partners, business or communities
- Influencing using the networks, partnerships and lobbying power to help the area get to the desired outcome





Theme	Strategic Actions		Progress to date	Lead body	Role of lead delivery body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivering</li> <li>• Enabling</li> <li>• Influencing</li> </ul>
Sustainable Finance	1. By March 2025, identify sustainable financing opportunities. Use output of Infrastructure Delivery Framework Project to inform investment requirements for the area.		Innovate UK funded project identified financial flows in CPCA area.	CPCA	Influencing
	2. Keep under review the potential for an investment scheme that channels local businesses purchase of carbon credits into CPCA area schemes.		Carbon credits market has not evolved sufficiently for such a fund and alternative investment options need to be reviewed	CPCA	Influencing
	3. By March 2025 collectively build local capacity and capability to assemble suitable projects ready for these opportunities, building up project pipelines.		Through Climate Action Plan support, some capacity has been developed in Nature and land use. However, we don't currently have a portfolio of climate projects investment ready.  CPCA fund is being made available for Local Authorities to develop project concepts to business case level.	CPCA	Enabling
Engagement	1. Refreshed engagement plan and delivery during 2024, including increased opportunities for engagement with community stakeholders and joint communication opportunities. Examples are annual COP input along with specific Climate website that can aggregate information for residents and business as well as public sector and other stakeholders.	 	The Engagement Plan has been approved and will be refreshed during 2024. Funding for a joint website has been agreed that can aggregate information for residents and business as well as public sector and other stakeholders.	CPCA	Delivering
	2. Deliver small scale community projects to build local momentum and awareness by 2025.	  		CPCA	Delivering

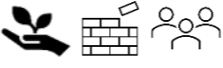





	3. Ongoing – Developing shared policy positions where appropriate on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough climate and environment issues to influence public policy and identify funding opportunities with relevant stakeholders. The co-dependencies the CPCA Climate Action Plan across the key achievements to be identified and built into the Public Affairs work.		An Environment and Sustainability Community Committee has been established at the CPCA and the new policy team will support shared policy positions.	CPCA	Influencing
Energy	1. By March 2025 deliver a Local Area Energy Plan for Cambridgeshire, which is aligned with Peterborough’s Plan. Develop infrastructure investment programmes for spatially mapped projects and commence delivery of key projects to support decarbonisation at pace.		Peterborough City Council have completed their LAEP and are now in delivery. Cambridgeshire County Council is currently developing their plan and to be completed by 2025.	Peterborough City Council Cambridgeshire County Council	Delivering Delivering
Buildings	1. Immediate - target government decarbonisation scheme, private funding, and other competitions to support retrofits (focusing on low income/vulnerable homes and public buildings).		STATS HERE	Cambridgeshire Retrofit Partnership Peterborough City Council	Delivering Delivering
	2. In 2024/25 maximise take up of the procurement framework and able to pay market.		Cambridgeshire Energy Retrofit Partnership launched the framework with 5 contractors in June 2023 for both grant funded work and ‘able to pay market’ in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Cambridgeshire Retrofit Partnership	Delivering
	3. In 2024/25 continue to help residents and businesses to access for low carbon technologies.		A programme to encourage the able to pay market has been running and also supported by government grants STATS HERE	Cambridgeshire Retrofit Partnership Peterborough City Council	Influencing Influencing
	4. During 2024, deliver care home retrofit programme.			CPCA	Delivering
	5. Address the barriers and boost market capacity through skills training to increase building retrofit in the area.		A <a href="#">Supply Chain report</a> has been completed by SENZH to identify opportunities in current and future Domestic Energy Efficiency Supply Chain markets	SENZH, CPCA	Influencing
	6. Maximising the opportunities of retrofit by mapping the roles and responsibilities for the area.		Collaboration between organisations across the area and SENZH.	CPCA	Delivering

Transport	1. Implement LTCP in 2024 to support active travel and passenger transport, reducing the number of miles driven and agree key delivery plans including the adoption of supporting area-based strategies.		The <a href="#">LTCP</a> was approved on 29 November 2023. It sets out a vision and goals for how transport supports a better future and describes the projects needed to make that new future possible. This includes things like better buses, more train services, less pollution and carbon emissions, and helping more people to cycle and walk.	CPCA	Delivering
	2. Implement Alternative Fuel Strategy.		The <a href="#">Alternative Fuel Strategy</a> was approved in March 2022 and is now in the delivery phase. An EV Infrastructure Working Group has been set up to establish an agreed approach to delivery of a public EV Charging Network across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and a route to market. Officers appointed to drive this forward with £400K funding from government to support the roll out.	CPCA	Delivering
	3. Develop bids for additional Electric Bus provision across the area and infrastructure required to support these.		£5M invested in 30 Electric buses launched in May 2023, replacing 10% of the bus fleet,	CPCA	Delivering
	4. Implement a process to 'design down carbon' across all major highway construction schemes supported by the CPCA.		The Carbon Management Plan reported completed that sets out what needs to be included for any funding business case.	CPCA, CCC and PCC Highways Authority	Influencing
Business & Commercial	1. Provide Net Zero and Climate advice to local SMEs as part of the Carbon Advisory Service.		Local Economic Strategy was produced in June 2022 that included Climate Change and Nature as part of the Capital of the area. Business advice support service was brought in house at CPCA in January 2024 and will include a Net Zero Advisor to support Local Businesses.	CPCA	Delivering
	2. Investigate potential for low carbon clusters in the area by March 2025.		Innovate UK bid on low carbon industrial clusters was developed and we are exploring whether it can be taken forward locally. The <a href="#">Economic Growth Strategy</a> was approved in June 2022 sets priorities to support Green Manufacturing in the area.	Cambridgeshire County Council	Enabling
	3. By September 2024 mapping the cleantech sector companies by the government definition to understand baseline, create a database, to identify strengths in the subsectors; to target investment and measure progress against low carbon growth/jobs to provide opportunities.		The project to map the cleantech sector for the area is funded by the CPCA and is currently underway.	Cambridge Clean Tech	Enabling
Nature	1. By March 2025 to have developed a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.		LRNS development resourced through CPCA funding. The Governance was agreed at the 12 June 2023 Environment and Sustainable Community Committee. Natural Cambridgeshire continue to support LRNS with the first draft due by June 2024 and final adoption by March 2025.	Cambridgeshire County Council (On behalf of CPCA)	Delivering

	2. Through 2024, continue to develop and grow a fund for nature-based solutions through a 'Fund for Nature and the Environment' to attract more private sector investment.		Three landscape projects as part of the £1M funds available for nature projects are currently in progress. Nature fund currently being delivered with a further call in 2024.	Natural Cambridgeshire	Delivering
	3. Ensure we have an effective BNG system for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that maximises outcomes.		Local planning authorities have put in place BNG guidance.  Local planning authorities have recruited new/additional ecologist roles.  Natural Cambridgeshire, with WT BCN leading, is developing an interactive BNG Opportunities platform to assist delivery.  Advice currently being provided through the BNG register on sustainable land use. There is a fund for biodiversity work and there is a strong focus on adaptation, climate risk and impact on climate change.	Planning Authorities	Delivering
	4. Keep under review opportunities for climate outcomes related to public open space.		Rebranded to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Parks Partnership (CP3).  The Steering group considering future of CP3 given funding constraints.	Future Parks	Delivering
Soils & Peat	1. Increase the area mapped of peatland assets.		Fenland SOIL set up as an organisation to identify assets, farming practices and advise on peat issues. Three Internal Drainage Board Districts (approx 10% of The Fens) mapping with report available in July 2023. Further funding received from Defra Palludiculture Exploration Fund will extend to a further 4 IDBs, taking coverage of the Fens to 25%. Funding is still needed to role this out across the rest of the Fens.	Fenland Soil	Delivering
	2. Immediate -identify operating costs/impacts to shift farming practice to sustainable farming practice.		Project commissioned Andersons Consultants to examine raising of water tables and identify the costs to changed farming practices to minimise GHG emissions in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Project will help inform farming practice, restoration of peatland and identify cost. Report has Report to be signed off in December 2023 and the Fenland SOIL response will focus on getting Defra support for a focused 'pathway' of support to take options for practical change forward.	Fenland Soil	Delivering
	3. Immediate - demonstrate practical projects working with landowners on restoration		Fenland SOIL and the Fens Partnership administered by Lincs Wildlife Trust both received Defra funding from the Discover Grant to identify sites to restore peatland it to its natural state. These are Pan-Fens projects which include Lincolnshire and West Norfolk. This work will demonstrate some of what is practical and possibly what is not practical.	Fenland Soil	Delivering



			Fenland SOIL is also a part of Defra's Lowland Peat 3 project extending the GHG emissions monitoring from different systems.		
Water	1. Support existing partnerships and plans to deliver water efficiency, supply, storage and manage flood risk including Future Fens Integrated Adaptation Plan, and Future Fens Project. Ensure strategies by agencies and stakeholders are aligned and complementary.		<p><a href="#">Regional Water Resources Plan</a> approved and published December 2023. The Regional Plan set out the strategic approach to public water supply and relevant infrastructure. One reservoir location has been identified in Cambridgeshire; with a discussion about how to maximise wider benefits.</p> <p>Chalk Streams Environment project funding agreed by CPCA Board in Nov 2022.</p> <p>Funding for Future Fens Adaption Plan agreed.</p>	Water Resources East	Delivering
	2. Ongoing- update/include policies in local plans that actively tackle water issues;		Fenland & Greater Cambridge local plans currently under review. Government to introduce mandatory requirement for sustainable urban storm drainage systems, anticipated 2024. Public consultation expected later 2023.	Local Planning authority	Influencing
	3. Immediate - Collaborate on land management changes and understanding of what we plan for in terms of flood defences for the future.		<p>Future Fens Great Ouse Baseline study completed. Fen2100+ project to develop a Strategy and investment programme by 2026/27.</p> <p>CCC commissioned a project to identify flood risk and land management with the report due December 2023. Site visits to all 16 towns and villages, analysis of flood risk, review of existing information, gap analysis. Stakeholder Workshop 14 December workshop to gather information from all water boards to understand about flood risk and complement each other works. Concept solutions for 11 locations.</p>	Environment Agency	Influencing
	4. By March 2025, review pilot projects for innovative and nature-based solutions for flood/water management		<p>CCC partnership with Anglia Water (joint funded) to manage surface water and manage biodiversity in March. The construction will be delayed and the designs should be finalised. This is a pilot to measure if it can be replicated. (£1.5m).</p> <p>Defra funding to implement for natural flood management £725K application – results in Spring.</p> <p>CPCA join funded project, CCC, Connecting Cambridgeshire &amp; HDC the internet of things to work out water levels to make it more available. Install 30 devices and open data platform. Water level telemetry and Internet of Things.</p>	CCC/PCC and Anglian Water	Influencing

			Natural Cambridgeshire convened a meeting with OFWAT, Defra, the EA, water companies and NFU to address short-medium issues on water scarcity.		
Waste	1. Immediate - Informing and enabling our communities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste through the facilitated development of circular waste economies with the aim of reducing the emissions from the collection, treatment and disposal of waste.		Government plans to implement the changes to the national collections have been delayed until 2026. Ahead of this the Strategy will be updated and modernised. EPR is coming in which will reduce tonnage of dry recycling and residual waste. Implementation of food waste collections is planned in March 2026. It is predicted this measure should reduce food wastage and increase tonnages collected for processing, moving waste up the hierarchy.	RECAP	Delivering
	2. Ongoing - Within the priorities of individual authorities, funding and contracts, move toward low carbon (electric, biofuels etc) waste vehicles to cut transport emissions from waste. This includes investigating RECAP wide tender opportunities for low carbon diesel alternative fuels building on the pilot projects at Waterbeach and Peterborough Highways.		RECAP currently engaged with SENZH and getting support through their Big Engine Decarbonisation Information Exchange to look at options for alternative fuel and decarbonisation.  A workshop to be organised across service areas to share learning and experience on HVO, electrified and other low carbon fleet.	RECAP	Delivering
Evaluation and Monitoring/ Research	1. Undertake full review of Climate Action Plan by March 2025. To include risk based analysis of delivery of CPICC recommendations/net zero targets.		The 2024 refresh looks to link actions to the CPCA Midterm Financial Plan.  Innovate UK Funding secured to develop a process for Locally Determined Contributions for the area.	CPCA	Delivering
	2. By March 2025 CPICC Undertake deep dives into different sectors e.g. supply chain maturity for retrofits or economic benefit to low carbon living			CPCA	Delivering
	3. By March 2025, identify and quantify the key climate risks that will affect the region and develop a strategic adaption response to manage those risks.		CPCA has approved the funding to carry out a collaboration across CPCA public sector bodies. A scoping workshop was held in July 2023.	CPCA	Delivering
	4. Ongoing - Monitor, evaluate, and review this Action Plan, with an annual update by each March.		The Action Plan is reported every quarter to members and actions refreshed annually by March.	CPCA	Delivering



<b>Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee</b>	Agenda Item
<b>11 March 2024</b>	<b>9</b>

Title:	Care Homes Retrofit Programme Update
Report of:	Judith Barker, Executive Director, Place and Connectivity
Lead Member:	Cllr. Bridget Smith, Chair of Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting Members

**Recommendations:**

A	Approve that the Care Homes Retrofit Programme delivery continues to December 2025.
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**Strategic Objective(s):**

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
✓	Achieving good growth
✓	Enabling resilient communities

**1. Purpose**

1.1	This report provides an update on the Care Homes Retrofit Programme and recommends a review with the wider Climate Change programme in June, with an extension to the current programme end date to December 2025.
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**2. Proposal**

2.1	That the Care Home Retrofit Programme delivery is extended to December 2025,
2.2	That utilisation of any forecast remaining capital is considered alongside the revised Climate Capital Programme at the Committee's June meeting.

**3. Background**

3.1	The CPCA Board approved grant funding of £2m in June 2022, focussed on supporting independent care homes across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to enable them to become more energy efficient; to help meet climate change goals; save money and reduce risks to their more vulnerable residents. We offer the opportunity of applying for grant funding of 50% of total project costs to a
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	maximum grant of £100,000. Take-up to date would suggest only between £500k and £1m of capital would be utilised.
3.2	Following our analysis of information from the Care Quality Commission, the Programme Manager issued an online survey to each of the 32 eligible independent care homes in the CPCA area (the basis of our focus) to gauge their interest in our proposed investment programme. The target care homes were asked to complete the survey by 31 March 2023. 10 care homes expressed an interest. The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee agreed at its meeting on 12 June 2023 that an officer-group should be formed with the responsibility of taking decisions about which applications from care homes should be approved or rejected.
3.3	The Programme Manager sent the on-line application documentation to each of the 10 care homes, following which the Programme Manager has contacted each one and undertook visits as necessary to discuss the programme in more detail and the care homes' requirements.
3.4	So far 4 care homes have submitted applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 is waiting for additional quotes; indicative grant required is £75,000.</li> <li>• 1 application on hold as the care home owner is engaging the services of an energy advisor to ensure the items requested were appropriate; indicative grant required is £50,000.</li> <li>• 2 applications have been appraised (and 1 approved); one application requested grant funding of just over £1,000 (total project costs of £2,149). The other application requested grant funding of £99,950 towards total project costs of nearly £200,000.</li> </ul>
3.5	In addition, another care home is waiting for quotes and will then submit an application. The grant required is likely to be approximately £60,000.
3.6	In terms of the current potential funding commitment, if all 4 current applications are approved, this will require grant funding of approximately £225,950 plus a potential further £60,000 resulting in indicative grant commitment of £285,950.
3.7	The Programme Manager continues to work with each care home that has yet to submit an application to discuss their project proposals and answer any questions about our scheme. Once full applications have been received, the Programme Manager will arrange appraisals. The Programme Manager will be preparing and issuing Grant Funding Agreements to each of the successful applicants.
3.8	Given the interest and modest take-up to date, options for the future of the programme have been reviewed. Following the most recent round of communications there has been an uptick in interest as the prospect of the scheme closing is encouraging applications to come forward. However, it seems likely that the programme as currently set would not utilise the full forecast amount of £2m.
3.9	Options for the programme are to (or a combination of): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Extend the Programme delivery to December 2025 with engagement using our partners</li> <li>B. Support the existing successful applications but reallocate a proportion of the forecast budget to other climate change project opportunities;</li> <li>C. Continue with the existing investment programme but broaden it to include other types/categories of independently owned care homes other than nursing and residential care homes in collaboration with our local authority colleagues;</li> <li>D. Extend the eligibility criteria to groups of care homes, but excluding large national organisations</li> <li>E. Close the programme</li> </ol>
3.10	Based on the applications currently being appraised/developed, the grant programme is providing a valuable opportunity for those care homes able to bring forward proposals to respond to the challenges of a changing climate and to increase protection to vulnerable residents). The view of the Programme Manager is that wider take-up of the programme is judged to be more an issue of timing/availability of match funding rather than no suitable properties in need of investment. Many independent care homes are not in modern properties that might be expected to have a greater level of climate adaptation. Given current applications being developed, it is not recommended to close the programme completely (Option E) but to extend to December 2025 allow delivery (Option A).
3.11	However, to recognise the limits of the market to respond and the need to use our resources efficiently, it is appropriate to monitor progress and consider setting a reduced cap on the total programme spend.

	This would allow for completion of existing expressions of interest, and any additional activity that might both be stimulated because of the publicity of the successful first round of applicants.
3.12	The programme was set up to focus on independently owned nursing and residential care homes, based on those being the most likely to be unable to access additional funding (such as borrowing against assets). This does mean groups of care homes are excluded. In some cases, these may not be national companies and face similar challenges on borrowing to invest. However, option D has the difficulty of setting an appropriate bar to filter applications (as opposed to extending to all care homes no matter the ownership). The definition of a SME company could be used in this situation.
3.13	Similarly there are other types of care situations, such as hospices, that are currently not within the definition of the programme. It is not expected that this would significantly expand the potential range of applicants given the relatively low numbers of additional properties.
3.14	It is recommended to proceed with Option A but that the progress and eligibility criteria of the scheme be kept under review in Q1 of FY24/25 to assess progress towards the forecast spend this year, with decision on usage of any forecast underspend being considered as part of the Climate Change programme budget report to June Committee.

#### 4. Appendices

4.1	None.
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#### 5. Implications

##### Financial Implications

5.1	The programme funding needs to be carried forward into 24/25. Any future virement to the Climate Programme would need to be approved at Committee.
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##### Legal Implications

5.2	None.
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##### Public Health Implications

5.3	Set out in the report regarding the public health benefits of climate improvements to buildings that have vulnerable residents.
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##### Environmental & Climate Change Implications

5.4	A reduction in emissions and improvement to adaptation.
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##### Other Significant Implications

5.5	None.
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##### Background Papers

5.6	<a href="#">Board MTFP approval Jan 2022</a>
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<b>Environment &amp; Sustainable Communities Committee</b>	Agenda Item
<b>11 March 2024</b>	<b>10</b>

Title:	Budget and Performance Report
Report of:	Tim Greenwood, Finance Manager
Lead Member:	Councillor Bridget Smith, Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required.

**Recommendations:**

A	Note the financial position of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Division for the financial year 23/24 to January 2024
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**Strategic Objective(s):**

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):

x	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
x	Achieving good growth
x	Achieving best value and high performance

**1. Purpose**

1.1	To provide an update of the financial position for 2023/24 and to provide analysis against the 2023/24 budgets, up to the period ending January 2024
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**2. Background**

2.1	At the last meeting, the Committee was provided with an analysis of the 2023/24 performance against budget to November 2023. This report provides an update covering up to January 2024.
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**3. Revenue Expenditure**

3.1	A breakdown of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Revenue Expenditure for the period to 31 January 2024 is set out in Table 1 below.
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**Table 1**

Environment and Sustainable Communities Revenue Expenditure	23/24 Actual YTD £k	23/24 Budget YTD £k	23/24 Variance YTD £k	23/24 Budget FY £k	23/24 FO FY £k	23/24 Variance FY £k	23/24 Deferral £k
Climate Change	31	40	-9	50	50	0	-
Environment and Spatial Planning Staff	162	206	-44	248	248	0	-
Huntingdonshire Biodiversity for all - Revenue	0	40	-40	100	100	0	-
Natural Cambridgeshire	70	64	6	80	80	0	-
Developing climate evidence and data	0	0	0	150	150	0	-
Delivering the Climate Action Plan	0	0	0	110	110	0	-
Future Fens	0	0	0	70	70	0	-
Local Area Energy Plan	0	0	0	60	60	0	-
GSE Net Zero Investment Design	13	523	-510	12	12	0	-
HUG1 - Revenue	118	372	-254	433	433	0	-
LAD3 - Revenue - (Sustainable Warmth)	764	1214	-450	2429	2429	0	-
Local Energy Advice Demonstrator	315	0	315	2170	2170	0	-
Net Zero Hub Core	2583	233	2350	3825	3825	0	-
Rural Communities Energy Fund	145	277	-132	445	445	0	-
Public Sector Decarbonisation	125	412	-287	1222	1222	0	-
<b>Total Environment Revenue Expenditure</b>	<b>4,326</b>	<b>3,381</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>11,404</b>	<b>11,404</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>

3.2 Expenditure to date is higher than budget to date.

3.3 Forecast outturn is expected to be in line with budget.

#### 4. Capital Expenditure

4.1 A breakdown of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Capital Expenditure for the period to 31 January 2024 is set out in Table 2 below.

**Table 2**

Environment and Sustainable Communities Capital Expenditure	23/24 Actual YTD £k	23/24 Budget YTD £k	23/24 Variance YTD £k	23/24 Budget FY £k	23/24 FO FY £k	23/24 Variance FY £k	23/24 Deferral £k
Care Home Retrofit Programme	0	1,600	-1600	2,000	500	-1500	1500
Huntingdonshire Biodiversity for all - Capital	0	580	-580	800	245	-555	555
Logan's Meadow Local Nature Reserve wetland extension	0	184	-184	280	280	0	-
Nature and Environment Investment Fund	0	200	-200	250	250	0	-
Net Zero Villages Programme	0	800	-800	1000	0	-1000	1000
HUG1 - Capital	1815	2799	-984	2799	2799	0	0
HUG2 A Capital 23/24	0	0	0	22338	22338	0	0
LAD3 - Capital (Sustainable Warmth)	4660	11281	-6621	7447	7447	0	0
<b>Total Environment Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>6,475</b>	<b>17,444</b>	<b>-10,969</b>	<b>36,914</b>	<b>33,859</b>	<b>-3,055</b>	<b>3055</b>

4.2 Whilst expenditure to date is lower than budget all projects except the care home retrofit programme, Huntingdon Biodiversity and Net Zero Villages are expected to spend to budget by the end of the financial year.

4.3	Forecast outturn shows an underspend against budget of £3.0m. This is in respect of the projects named above which are expected to slip into the following financial year. This is for various reasons including slow uptake to the programmes and delays in legal agreements.
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<b>5. Implications</b>	
Financial Implications	
5.1	There are no financial implications other than those included in the main body of the report.
Legal Implications	
5.2	The Combined Authority is required to prepare a balanced budget in accordance with statutory requirements.
Public Health Implications	
5.3	N/A
Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
5.4	These budgets are designed to generate environmental benefits.
Other Significant Implications	
5.5	N/A
Background Papers	
5.6	None





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## **ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA PLAN**

### **Notes**

Committee dates shown in bold are confirmed.

The definition of a key decision is set out in the Combined Authorities Constitution in Chapter 6 – Transparency Rules, Forward Plan and Key Decisions, Point 11  
<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Uploads/CPCA-Constitution-.pdf>

**Standing agenda items (shaded blue) are considered at each Committee meeting:**

1. Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log
2. CA Forward Plan
3. E&SC Agenda Plan
4. Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update
5. Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update
6. Directorate Highlight Report
7. Climate Partnership Update
8. Budget and Performance Report

Committee date	Agenda Item	Report Purpose	Lead Officer	Report to CA Board for decision	Reference if Key decision	Agenda despatch date
12.06.23	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley			02.06.23
	Directorate Highlight Report		Steve Cox			
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update – March 2023		Azma Ahmad Pearce			
	Sustainable Land Use Advice Fund Full Business Case	To approve the development of a revised business case for the sustainable land use advice programme that aligned to the LNRS.	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Community Homes Grant Application	To consider applications for community homes support grants.	Nick Sweeney	No		
	Community Homes Support	To consider discontinuing to provide support to community homes groups.	Nick Sweeney	Yes		
	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	To agree delegation of budget and approve governance of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Climate Action Plan	To note update on progress, agree a summit proposal and agree the approval process for Care Home Grant Programme grants	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Framework	To allocate, subject to approval, budget to undertake work on investigating infrastructure barriers to growth.	Adrian Cannard	No		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley	n/a		

<b>Committee date</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Report Purpose</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Report to CA Board for decision</b>	<b>Reference if Key decision</b>	<b>Agenda despatch date</b>
<b>11.09.23</b>	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		<b>01.09.23</b>
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Steve Cox	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update		Nick Sweeney	No		
	Unit Swap from Heylo-SN Development to Vistry	Recommend the dissolving of SN Development/Heylo agreement and to be replaced with Heylo/Vistry and refer the grant monies to this project with Vistry.	Azma Ahmad-Pearce			
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Chair/ Mayor	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley			
<b>13.11.23</b>	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		<b>03.11.23</b>
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Steve Cox	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update		Nick Sweeney	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		

Committee date	Agenda Item	Report Purpose	Lead Officer	Report to CA Board for decision	Reference if Key decision	Agenda despatch date
	Environment & Sustainable Communities Thematic Performance Report Q2	To receive the quarterly performance report	Kate McFarlane	No		
	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	To receive an update on the LNRS and consider the business case for land manager engagement	Adrian Cannard	No	KD2023/047	
	Affordable Housing Programme-acquiring additional funds	To agree to use the remaining grant funding from one site to assist with the delivery of another.	Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	GSE Net Zero Hub Board Decisions	To update the committee on decisions made under delegation	Maxine Narburgh	No		
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Adrian Cannard	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley			
<b>22.01.24</b>	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		<b>12.01.24</b>
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Steve Cox	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update – March 2023		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update		Steve Cox	No		

Committee date	Agenda Item	Report Purpose	Lead Officer	Report to CA Board for decision	Reference if Key decision	Agenda despatch date
	Environment and Sustainable Communities Thematic Performance Report Q3	To receive the quarterly performance report	Kate McFarlane	No		
	Climate Summit Outcomes	To agree any additional response to the Climate Summit outcomes	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Climate Action Plan Review	To agree revisions to the Climate Action Plan 2022-2025	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Infrastructure Delivery Framework	To receive progress report on preparation of Infrastructure Delivery Framework	Steve Cox	No		
	Cultural Services	To approve the business case and associated funding to deliver the Cultural Services Project.	Nathan Bunting	No		
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Chair/ Mayor	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley	No		
<b>11.03.24</b>	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		<b>01.03.24</b>
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Judith Barker	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update – March 2023		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	Climate Action Plan Review		Adrian Cannard	No		

Committee date	Agenda Item	Report Purpose	Lead Officer	Report to CA Board for decision	Reference if Key decision	Agenda despatch date
	Care Homes Retrofit Programme Update		Judith Barker	No		
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Chair/ Mayor	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley	No		
<b>17.06.24</b>	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		<b>07.06.24</b>
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Judith Barker	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update – March 2023		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Chair /Mayor	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley	No		