

# **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Meeting: ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OVERVIEW AND

**SCRUTINY PANEL** 

Date and Time: THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2023, AT 2.00 PM\*

Place: BRADBURY ROOM - APPLETREE COURT, BEAULIEU

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- (b) on individual items on the public agenda, when the Chairman calls that item. Speeches may not exceed three minutes.

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# **AGENDA**

#### **Apologies**

#### 1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2023 as a correct record.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

#### 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To note any issues raised during the public participation period.

# 4. **PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S REPORTS AND PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD** (Pages 3 - 6)

To receive an oral update from the Portfolio Holders for Environment and Coastal Services and Planning, Regeneration and Infrastructure.

#### 5. NITRATES, PHOSPHATES AND BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN UPDATE

To receive an update on the nitrates, phosphates and biodiversity net gain within the District.

#### 6. NEW FOREST VISITOR STUDY UPDATE

To receive an update on the work carried out in relation to the visitors of the New Forest.

#### 7. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

To receive an update on the Green Infrastructure Programme.

## 8. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 7 - 8)

To agree the work programme to guide the Panel's activities over the coming months.

#### 9. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To:	Councillors	Councillors				
	Steve Rippon-Swaine (Chairman)	Andrew Gossage				
	Sue Bennison (Vice-Chairman)	Stephanie Osborne				
	Ann Bellows	Tony Ring				
	Jacqui England	Derek Tipp				
	Allan Glass	Malcolm Wade				

					Plann	ing, Regene	eration and	Infrastructu	ıre Portfol	io Performance Dashbo	ard							
Quarter 3: 1st October - 31st December 2022												Portfolio Holder - Cllr Diane Andrews						
Key Priorities									_		Key Actions  Status Hedata							
Portfolio Priorities  Delivering the vision of the Local Plan and encouraging development that meets local needs and	Key Activity  Enabling the delivery of sustainable development set out in the Local Plan supported by appropriate infrastructure				Specific Actions					N/A	The significant majority of the strategic site allocations are now at planning application stage and the Council is working collaboratively with the site developers in order to bring the strategic sites forward successfully. A parcel of SS18 (Burgate Acres) for 63 dwellings has planning permission and is under construction. A parcel of SS17 (Interest Cross Farm) for 64 dwellings has planning permission and commenced construction in December 2022. SS4 SS9, SS12, a parcel of SS5 (area south of Milford Road) and the main parcel of SS17 (up to 342 dwellings on Land west of Sweatfords Water) have a resolution to grant permission pending completion of \$106 agreements. One parcel of SS1 (Loperwood Lane for 80 dwellings) is currently under construction with some dwellings completed, and a further parcel of SS1 (Land north of Salisbury Road for up to 280 dwellings) has a resolution to grant permission pending completion of \$106 agreement.					sion and is ber 2022. SS4, ) have a Inder		
delivers positive economic, social, and environmental outcomes						Review all supplementary planning documents (SPD) and the community infrastructure levy process, to include Air Quality SPD and Climate Change SPD					N/A	A series of supplementary planning documents have been reviewed with the Parking SPD adopted in April 2022 and Air Quality SPD in June 2022. Following presentation to Environment and Sustainability Panel in January 2023 a draft Climate Change SPD is on track to be reported to Cabinet in March 2023 for agreement to publish for public consultation.  Technical guidance notes published on waste facilities in new development and on first homes. Ongoing work on Community Infrastructure Levy process. Reports were submitted to November Cabinet to provide a position statement in relation to both \$106 and CIL monies. The reports set out some revised allocations to help provide much needed infrastructure.						
	ti C					Determine pla timeframe	anning applicati	ons and related	submissions v	vithin the appropriate	N/A	Ongoing - please see associated	KPI reports below.					
Working with partners, applicants, and developers to ensure a positive, timely and enabling attitude to development						Design and deliver new ICT system to improve and modernise delivery of the service in 2023, enabling officers to focus on delivering positive planning outcomes and enhancing the competitiveness of building control					2023	Project is progressing with suppli	ier. Officers continue to work	on the configuration of the new	IDOX system to achieve a go	live date in 202	3.	
Working with the Partnership for South Hampshire authorities on a Joint Strategy and Statement of Common Ground to address future growth and unmet housing need	Progress work o	on the Joint Str	ategy for Sout	h Hampshire							Ongoing	Updated Statement of Common	Ground agreed by PfSH Joint C	Committee in December 2022. V	Vork on Joint Strategy contin	Jes.		
	Ensure that all d					Develop and deliver an annual programme of projects to enhance natural green spaces and maximise the associated benefits, including biodiversity and air quality, and secure quality open space through development across the district				y and air quality, and secure	Ongoing	A programme of works has been totalling expenditure of around £				n-infrastructure	projects	
Using contributions to deliver green infrastructure projects that address the impact of development on the natural environment	Deliver additional open space, play equipment, sports provision, cycling and walking opportunities and habitat creation areas									tainable transport and water	Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan for Waterside is being developed by HCC. under development as a joint commission by HCC, NFDC, NPA and Forestry England. The transportation monies are spent on appropriate schemes.							
										ommunities and local					red and is in the process of being reviewed. A "lessons dditional settlements in 2023 once the outputs presented			
Ensuring Building Control are engaged at the earliest stage to make future development projects safe	s Increase the number of developments that use NFDC Building Control service				ng Control	Retain and look to improve the market share for building control to ensure the safety of development					Ongoing	Building control are now fully staffed and are embarking on speaking to local architects/ builders to inform them of our service and hopefully gain their work going forward.						
Explore different delivery models to deliver our housing target including maximising the number of affordable homes	er				Ensure that the planning service takes reasonable steps to support housing delivery across the district, proactively working with developers					N/A	Proactively working with developers to ensure that issues around delivering supporting infrastructure are addressed. Also working with a range of stakeholders to identify water quality and Biodiversity Net Gain projects.							
	Explore how Local Design Codes could be developed for specific areas across the district										Ongoing	Design code work to be programmed in parallel to the Local Plan review work for 2023 - 2025.						
Set a vision for the future of each of our towns	Review the current issues within our town centres and work towards developing town centre plans or regeneration plans					Spring 2023 Onwards  Work underway on a community engagement project to set a vision for Totton. Working with HCC to develop a Discussions with Ringwood Town Council about connectivity within the town centre, and with Lymington relative Plan.												
	Key Perform	nance Indica	ators							Financial Information - Budgets £'000								
Annual KPIs		Unit	Freq.	2020/21	Target	2021/22	Desired DOT	Actual DOT	Status	В	udget Descr	ription	Original Budget	July/November Cabinet	February Cabinet	Latest	Budget	
Number of houses completed each year (as set out in the Annual Authority Monitoring	Report)	Num	Annual	422	400	79	Up	Down		General Fund Revenue Position			2,696	56	-62	2,	.690	
Number of green infrastructure projects delivered each year		Num (Cumulative)	Annual	3	3	3	Up	-		Variation Percentage			2.1%	-2.3%		).2%		
Number of Biodiversity Net Gain projects delivered each year		Num	Annual	5 pp granted 4 implemented 1 occupied	Monitor	40 pp granted 15 implemented 5 occupied	Up	-		Supporting Narrativo		-E52k Additional S106 monitoring charge - going into reserve for future spend						
Additional employment floorspace created within the district		m2	Annual	3591 (net)	Monitor	3227	Up	Down		Supporting Narrative		-£10k DEFRA Biodiversity Grant rephased into 23/24						
Quarterly KPIs		Unit	Freq.	Last Quarter	Target	This Quarter	Desired DOT	Actual DOT	Status	Budget Description		Original Budget	July/November Cabinet	February Cabinet	Latest	t Budget		
New Forest District Council building control market share		%	Q	57%	55%	56%	Up	Down		General Fund Capital Program	General Fund Capital Programme		680	730	0	1,	410	
Determination of <b>major</b> planning applications within the nationally prescribed time fra	mes	%	Q	100%	60%	100%	Up	-		Variation Percentage				107.4%	0.0%	10	17.4%	
Determination of <b>minor</b> planning applications within the nationally prescribed time fra	mes	%	Q	95%	70%	89%	Up	Down										
Determination of <b>other</b> planning applications within the nationally prescribed time frames		%	Q	90%	80%	86%	Up	Down		Supporting Narrative								
Number of projects that New Forest District Council are involved in to deliver sustainab options	е папѕрогт	Num	Q	13	Monitor	13	Up	-	ialia									
High Risk Area		Prob.	Impact	Score/ RAG				High R	ISKS	N	Mitigation ac	ctions			Prob.	Impact	Score/ RAG	
Competitors in the private sector take more of the Building Control market share		2	2	4	We continue to work to ensure our market share remains steady but investment in the team is required to enable further improvement on the market share. Additional capacity will be in place from January, and a Marketing Strategy will be developed and implemented.							arketing 2	2	4				
Ability to respond quickly to changes in Government Guidance, Regulations & Legislation		3	2	6	Ensure that potential changes are considered in Plan making work, ensure that changes in legislation are immediately reviewed and necessary changes to processes are made.							3	1	3				
Unable to maximise the benefits to the District associated with growth due to insufficient capacit	у	2	3	6	Review capacity and skills and ensure that there is the right capacity and skills to maximise the benefits for the district resulting from growth (last updated Q1)  2 2							4						
Lack of five year housing supply weakens the ability to deliver quality developments		4	4	16	Commenced work on Local Plan Part 2 'call for sites', proactive work on nitrate/phosphate/BNG projects to enable development to come forward, explore other enabling development measures to increase housing delivery numbers.							16						
Delivering lower numbers of affordable homes on strategic sites due to viability issues		4	3	12	Ensure that viability assessments rigorously reviewed with comparisons made between different sites, considered whether other interventions are possible to redress viability issues. Need to consider impact on HRA delivery.								8					

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							Environme	nt and Coa	stal Portfo	lio Perform	ance Dashl	ooard						
			Environment and Coastal Portfolio Performance Dashboard  Portfolio Holder - Cllr Steve Davies															
Key Priorities								Key Actions										
Portfolio Priorities	Key Activity			Specific Actions				Target Date	Status Update									
Ensuring sustainability is at the centre of our decisions to	Development of a strategy and action plan that ensures sustainability underpins all of our actions						Update on the delivery of the Climate Change and Nature Emergency action plan			e Emergency	2023	A report will be presented at February 2023 Cabinet to update on actions for 2022 and confirm future direction of projects and actions for 2023. There will also					e will also be a	
preserve resources and the environment for future generations	Ensure that all council assets are used in the most sustainable way to support communities and the local economy										2023	report in the summer which wi	ort in the summer which will confirm/agree the Climate Change Strategy 2023 - 2028.					
Working with others to protect and enhance our natural environment	Contribute towards the overarching Sustainability Strategy which will set out our actions to protect the local environment and reduce our impact on climate change					Contribute towards the overall Climate Change and Nature Emer action plan, identifying local actions to address the impact of clin change					Ongoing	Continuing to review existing data and completing gap analysis. The Council is commissioning initial baseline data work, which will then be used to measure our current position. We will then determine what we need to be doing to move us towards net zero.  The Council continues to work with developers and partners to enhance the natural environment and respond to Climate and Nature Emergency.						
								tegy, which aim uring 2022, wit			2027	During Quarter 3 the strategy implementation timeline was revised and refined. An update was ready to be provided at the Environment and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12/01/23. A move to wheeled bins for garden waste will now commence in 2024, with remaining service changes, as set out in the waste strategy, taking place in 2025. This is to align with the timeline for delivery of a new Materials Recovery Facility in Hampshire which is required before major frontline service change can take place.						
Reducing waste and increasing recycling	Develop and implement a n the Project Integra Board	ew modern Wa	ste Strategy fo	r the Council wo	orking with			pshire partners			Ongoing	Hampshire authorities are still awaiting the outcome from 2021 Government consultations and draft legislation before full detailed implications of the Environment Act 2021 are known. DEFRA plans for Extended Producer Responsibility funding continue to develop and it is expected this funding will be available from 2024.  Procurement for this system is nearing completion, with implementation to follow in 2023. This new system will support other operational services such as street cleansing and grounds maintenance as well as waste/recycling.						
							perations ICT s waste strategy	ystem during 2 /	022/23 in orde	er to support	2022/23						:h as street	
						Identify further opportunities for funding and increasing capacity to develop and deliver coastal schemes					2024/25		rrently progressing with completion due e of the project that covers this part of t					
Developing plans and funding opportunities to protect						Support the delivery of future Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) activities and the council's role as the Coast Protection Authority					2024	This is ongoing through the development of the two FCERM strategies with NFDC being involved at both project team and board level.						
our coastline	To undertake North Point recycling operations in the Autumn of 2022							rship with the E It plan operatio			Q4 2022 (complete)	Q4 2022 North Point recycling works have been completed, circa 7,600m3 of shingle was recycled from North Point. Work is now progressing payments.					ing to secure the contribution	
	Adoption of the Christchurch Bay & Harbour Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Strategy to identify future flood and coastal erosion projects					Work with BCP Council in the delivery of the Christchurch Bay & Harbour FCERM Strategy					2024	Engagement round 4 has now closed, this was to present the short-list options being considered for each zone of the strategy frontage. This has included a Member briefing, drop-in events at Milford and Christchurch, along with an online event. A survey closed on 15th January 2023.						
Supporting sustainability and the local economy through the strategic review and use of car parking assets	Review car parking infrastru Working Group to develop				the Parking	Continue to develop a Car Parks Strategy and continue to increase the number of electric charging points				increase the	Ongoing	Wayleaves granted for Paddys Gap and Marine Drive West work due to commence in 2023. EV charging points have been installed at Hurst Road East and the groundworks are now complete in Beaulieu, awaiting installation. JoJu and SSE liaising re rapid charging points at St Thomas Street and Ringwood Furlong.						
Developing a strategy for our assets at Keyhaven, considering environmental objectives, flood protection and the local economy							Private sector progressing environmental projects on land. Ongoing discussion with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWW environmental management projects on NFDC land managed by HIWWT.  Legal agreement with private sector to facilitate delivery of environmental projects.						) around furthe	ir				
	K	ey Performa	nce Indicat	ors								-00	Financial Information					
Annual KPIs		Unit	Freq.	Last Quarter	Target	This Quarter	Desired DO	Actual DOT	Status	s Budget Description			Original Budget	Jul/Nov Cabinet	February	uary Cabinet Latest Budget		Budget
Household waste sent for reuse, recycling and comp	oosting	%	Q	33.39%	55%	Expected in Q	4 Up	-		General Fund Revenue Position		4,100	294	-2	22 4,372		172	
Coastal funding to achieve specific actions		Funding will b	e informed by th	ne completion of t FCERM Strateg		o upcoming stra it to Lymington I		urch Bay & Christo	church Harbour	Variation Percentage 7.2% -0.5%					5%	% 6.6%		
Quarterly KPIs		Unit	Freq.	Last Quarter Expected	2022/23 Target	This Quarter	Desired DO	Actual DOT	Status	Supporting Na	arrative	Recycling - Project Integra recyclables income projection is £84k higher than latest budget and communications expenditure savings of £33k are partially offset by Car Parks income loss of £95k.						
Number of electric charging points  Total CO2 emissions saved through electric charging	points*	(Cumulative)	Q Q	Q3/Q4 11,000 kg	9,250 kg	13,000	Up Up	Up		General Fund Capital Programme		mme	2,918	-88	-3	2,521		 521
Climate change action plan delivered against target		(Cumulative)	Q	Expected Q3	Monitor	Expected in 2024	Up	-		Variation Percentage			-,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	-3.0%		10.6% -13.6%		
*Data (including target) reflects cumulative CO2 emissions saved	through electric charging points	since programme	launch in Janua	ry 2020. Cumulati	ve target updat						arrative	Sustainability Fund - £500k base budget transferred from Leader Portfolio.  Coast Protection Regional Monitoring budget updated to reflect latest 22/23 expenditure projection (-£309k).						
									High Ris	iks								
High Risk Area					Prob.	Impact	Score/RAG				Mit	igation actions			Prob.	Impact	Score/RAG	
Insufficient resources to provide frontline services to the same staffing levels						4	3	12					ce levels, review of pay structure and pa			3	2	6
Insufficient resources within coastal team to deliver flood and coastal erosion risk management activities, as well as additional non-technical activities regarding the management of the NFDC coastline.					echnical	2	3	6	officers to co	his is a continued ongoing risk. A collaborative agreement is currently (Feb 2023) being developed with the EA to temporarily fund a post that will enable coastal fficers to commit the required time to supporting the ongoing development of the Hurst Spit to Lymington strategy. If funding is agreed (£155,000) this will allow or the temporary recruitment of a post to undertake non-technical work within the team. A proposed job description has been prepared in advance of funding opproval.				2	4			
Fluctuations in market values of mixed recycling and DMI	Fluctuations in market values of mixed recycling and DMR					4	3	12	Monitor mat	erial markets an	nd report any fl	uctuations via Financial Monitor	ing processes.			4	2	8
Developments in the national and regional (HCC) funding mechanisms for future management of waste. This could relate at a national level to the exact details of "New Burden" funding and Extended Producer Responsibility, and at a regional level to the nature of financial flows between HCC as the waste disposal authority and district councils as Waste Collection Authorities.					3	3	9	Engagement at multiple levels with HCC and project integra partners, engagement with Defra via workshops, briefings, and participation in future consultations.						4				

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# Agenda Item 8

### **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

## **WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24**

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	METHOD	LEAD OFFICER						
15 JUNE 2023									
Annual performance and provisional budget outturn	To consider the annual performance of services under the review of this Panel and the provisional budget outturn figures.	Report to Panel	N/A						
Waste Programme Update	To consider an update on the progress of the waste programme	Report to Panel	Chris Noble						
Climate Change and Sustainability Update	To consider an update on the ongoing Climate Change and Sustainability work	Presentation to Panel	Roxanne King						
	7 SEPTEMBER 20	)23							
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