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## Sustainability Action Plan Update


Action Status	
	Cancelled
	Overdue; Neglected
	Unassigned; Check Progress
	Not Started; In Progress; Assigned
	Completed


ESS-01 Low carbon buildings		
<p>Consultant surveys have been produced for Commandery; MAG and the Guildhall. Recommendation is for solar panels on all buildings. Working through other suggestions to review or implement.</p> <p>Project due date amended from March 2022 to August 2022.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b>	Kevin Moore
	<b>Due Date</b>	01-Aug-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2022
	<b>Current Status</b>	

ESS-02 To produce a business case to evaluate revenue savings with the introduction of zero emission vehicles in accordance with the fleet procurement schedule		
<p>The Energy Savings Trust are currently undertaking a free review of the City Council's vehicle fleet, with a view to making recommendations on lower emission alternatives for the future. The report is expected to be completed by the end of Summer 2022</p>	<b>Sponsor</b>	Sandra Green
	<b>Due Date</b>	30-Nov-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2022
	<b>Current Status</b>	


ESS-03 Low emission business travel		
<p>Civil enforcement team received safety training from Bikeability Worcestershire on 27/28 February</p> <p>- Press release issued w/c 7 March - achieved front page coverage on Worcester Observer, coverage in Highways News and Twitter 'likes' from the local MP, bike and active travel campaign groups, schools and councillors from across the political spectrum</p> <p>- Woo Bike scheme up and running w/c 14 March. Extensive social media publicity and several approaches from businesses and individuals wishing to trial an e-bike.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b>	David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b>	31-Dec-2021
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Dec-2021
	<b>Current Status</b>	


<b>ESS-04 Low emission commuting</b>		
<p>Works at Guildhall are out for quotations. Surveys and specifications have been prepared for the remaining works and tenders have been received.</p> <p>Works expected to be complete by Autumn 2022.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b>	Kevin Moore
	<b>Due Date</b>	30-Jun-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2022
	<b>Current Status</b>	


<b>ESS-05 Embedding sustainability</b>		
<p>Reviewed staff sustainability training course. Minor changes have been made and it is now ready to launch to all staff.</p> <p>Project due date amended from January 2022 to June 2022 in line with service planning.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b>	David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b>	30-Jun-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Jan-2022
	<b>Current Status</b>	


<b>ESS-06 Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme</b>		
<p>Delivery continues on Phase 1B of the scheme with a deadline extension of 31st August 2022. A total of 37 out of 140 properties (40 O/O &amp; 100 RSL on the original bid) have been upgraded so far. Contractor availability and new PAS standards did set the project back several months but the extension until the end of August means that we are on track to now complete 26 O/O and 100 RSL properties. As a result of the extension agreed with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), it is proposed that the deadline for this project will be extended to 31st August 2022.</p> <p>Phase 2 of delivery is also underway. This phase is focused on upgrading low efficiency storage heaters in off-gas flats and the installation of other measures in homes such as upgraded doors, windows and boiler controls. The target is 80 properties. The cut-off date for referrals was 31st March 2022 at which point we had received 59 referrals and are currently on track to complete all 59 properties by 30th June 2022 providing we have no cancellations. We received nearly 200 expressions of interest for this phase of the scheme but ultimately only 66 applications (7 of which have since declined measures or cancelled their applications). We are exploring ways of addressing this low conversion rate under the next phase of the scheme.</p> <p>A further £1million of funding has been awarded to Worcester City Council under the Sustainable Warmth Competition which combines Local Authority Delivery Phase 3 (LAD3) for on-gas properties and Home Upgrade Grant Phase 1 (HUG1) for off-gas properties. The delivery deadline is 31st March 2023. A delivery plan has been submitted for approval to the Midlands Energy Hub with a target of</p>	<b>Sponsor</b>	Tom Mountford
	<b>Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2022
	<b>Current Status</b>	


installing 113 measures over the next 12 months, with some properties receiving multiple measures.	
Project is showing as red as the due date was 31 March 2022. However project has been extended nationally with additional phases. Due date to be amended to March 31 2023.	

<b>ESS-07 Domestic energy efficiency (social housing)</b>		
Project not started.	<b>Sponsor</b>	Tom Mountford
	<b>Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2023
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2023
	<b>Current Status</b>	


<b>ESS-08 Active Travel</b>		
Business case approved at P&R in March and Summary Document submitted to Government. Confirmation of funding is expected during April 2022.	<b>Sponsor</b>	David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2025
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2025
	<b>Current Status</b>	


<b>ESS-09 TIP AP Electric Charging Points</b>		
Main contract works completed and chargers went live on 4th October, 2021. Some minor items still outstanding to area around transformer unit - tarmac surface and fencing. Maintenance contract in place for 12no. chargers with Swarco UK Ltd. (5yrs)	<b>Sponsor</b>	Kevin Moore
	<b>Due Date</b>	31-Aug-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Aug-2022
	<b>Current Status</b>	


<b>ESS-10 Investigate options for heat networks</b>		
Final presentation from the consultants took place on the 13th December and the final report is due very shortly. A technically viable option for a heat network has been presented. Partners to review and decide next steps.	<b>Sponsor</b>	David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b>	30-Jun-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	30-Jun-2022
	<b>Current Status</b>	


<b>ESS-11 Support for community environmental projects</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress - 10 applications received by the deadline of March 31st 2022.</li> <li>• Issues - 9 of the 10 were successful with a variety of projects being supported to include Butterfly Garden, Mini Beast Extravaganza and a Biodiversity Garden.</li> <li>• Impact - timescales met for completing the funding</li> </ul>	<b>Sponsor</b>	Tom Mountford
	<b>Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Mar-2022
	<b>Current Status</b>	

<p>scheme with a total spend slightly over budget of £20,253.67</p> <p>Scheme now completed on time. An update will be provided to the Environment Committee in June 2022.</p>	
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<b>ESS-12 Employment and Skills strategy - carbon economy</b>	
<p>Funding opportunities are being explored from a range of sources to support the green agenda in order to assist with the delivery a new employment and skills strategy for the City Council.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b> Nick Kay
	<b>Due Date</b> 31-Mar-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b> 31-Mar-2022
	<b>Current Status</b> 


<b>ESS-13 City Biodiversity Action Programme</b>	
<p>Discussions with partner organisations and members about the scope and potential projects to include in this action programme have been held. A draft action programme has been produced and is being discussed prior to presentation for agreement at the Environment Committee in November.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b> David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b> 30-Nov-2021
	<b>Original Due Date</b> 30-Nov-2021
	<b>Current Status</b> 


<b>ESS-14 / BIO-04 Tree planting</b>	
<p>Due date amended from 31 March 2022 to 31 May 2022 in line with the Biodiversity Action Programme.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b> Sandra Green
	<b>Due Date</b> 31-May-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b> 31-Mar-2022
	<b>Current Status</b> 


<b>ESS-15 Sustainable planting</b>	
<p>April 2022 Wildflowers have been planted on additional grass verges across Worcester, in partnership with WEG.</p> <p>May 2022 First phase of Perdiswell Park has begun, to create almost five hectares of wildflower meadow. The second phase, which is due to begin work in November 2022 will see 2.5 hectares of new native woodland planted.</p> <p>Due date to be amended to April 2023.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b> Sandra Green
	<b>Due Date</b> 30-Nov-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b> 30-Apr-2022
	<b>Current Status</b> 

<b>ESS-16 / BIO-07 Lyppard Ponds Special Area of Conservation</b>	
<p>Due date amended from December 2022 to February 2023 in line with Biodiversity Action Programme.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b> Sandra Green; David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b> 28-Feb-2023
	<b>Original Due Date</b> 31-Dec-2022


	<b>Date</b>
	<b>Current Status</b> 


<b>ESS-17 / BIO-08 Waterways biodiversity enhancement</b>	
Work on this action has not yet started	<b>Sponsor</b> David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b> 31-Dec-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b> 31-Dec-2022
	<b>Current Status</b> 

<b>ESS-18 Natural Water Management on Barbourne Brook</b>	
Due date amended from 31 Dec 21 to 30 Sep 22 as proposed in Service Plan 2022/23.	<b>Sponsor</b> David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b> 30-Sep-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b> 31-Dec-2021
	<b>Current Status</b> 

<b>ESS-19 Flood resilience</b>	
Flood Re, a joint initiative between the Government and insurers, organised a 'Floodmobile' visit to Worcester on 15 March 2022, showcasing property protection measures against flooding and highlighting the need for these. Two separate sessions were run at Copenhagen Street and Gheluvelt Park.	<b>Sponsor</b> David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b> 30-Jun-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b> 30-Jun-2022
	<b>Current Status</b> 

<b>ESS-20 Waste hierarchy promotion campaign</b>	
<p><b>Christmas waste reduction social media campaign</b> ran on @myworcester Twitter and the Worcester Facebook page between 15 December and 2 January. There were 23 waste-related posts during this period - including videos encouraging people to recycle more over Christmas; time tables for bin collections over the festive period and tips to help reduce waste.</p> <p>The three posts with the highest reach on Facebook were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How and where to recycle electric items (reached 24,089 people)</li> <li>• How to dispose of your Christmas tree (reached 14,883 people)</li> <li>• Re-opening of household recycling centres on 27 December (reached 11,625 people)</li> </ul>	<b>Sponsor</b> Rob Byrne; David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b> 31-Mar-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b> 31-Dec-2021
	<b>Current Status</b> 

<b>ESS-21 Single Use Plastics elimination</b>		
<p>Have met with the Plastic Free Worcester campaign group and have established that they are already running a Plastic Free Champion programme, which a number of Worcester businesses have signed up for.</p> <p>Photo call arranged for 2 March at local cafe which has signed up for the scheme. Cllr Andy Stafford and representative from Plastic Free Worcester will attend.</p> <p>The story will promoted via local and social media.</p> <p>Worcestershire Regulatory Services - food inspection team, is keen to work with us to encourage local businesses to make changes ahead of national proposed action from central Government. Next step is to produce an e-newsletter highlighting the proposed changes and encouraging Worcester businesses to sign up to the Plastic Free Champion scheme.</p>	<b>Sponsor</b>	David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b>	31-Dec-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Dec-2022
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<b>ESS-22 Establish Forum for the Environment</b>		
<p>Following discussion with the Environment Committee Steering Group, the agreed approach is to hold the Summit first and use the event to recruit participants for a future Environment Forum</p>	<b>Sponsor</b>	David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b>	31-Oct-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Dec-2021
	<b>Current Status</b>	

<b>ESS-23 Annual summit for the Environment</b>		
<p>Following discussion with the Managing Director, the Summit is now scheduled to take place in the second half of September 2022</p>	<b>Sponsor</b>	David Sutton
	<b>Due Date</b>	31-Oct-2022
	<b>Original Due Date</b>	31-Dec-2021
	<b>Current Status</b>	