

Environment and Green Investment Committee - Minutes Action Log

This is the updated action log, as of 25 September 2024, and it captures the actions arising from recent Environment and Green Investment Committee meetings and updates Members on the progress on compliance in delivering the necessary actions.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on 13 October 2022

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Officer(s)	Action	Comments	Status
98.	Draft Interim Corporate Tree and Woodland Strategy	P Clark	Arrange workshop for Committee members to input into development of the final strategy next year.	A timeline was circulated to the committee, which included a workshop held on 17 June 2024.	Complete

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on 18 January 2024

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Officer(s)	Action	Comments	Status
181.	Annual Carbon Footprint Report 2022-23	S Wilkinson	Provide Members with a briefing note on whether the Council had considered using methane produced by landfill as a source of hydrogen for fuel.	<p>A briefing note from the Executive Director of Place and Sustainability was circulated to Members on 2 February 2024.</p> <p>Further to this, the following update has been provided by the Head of Service for Waste Management:</p> <p>The Council has not considered using landfill methane as a source of hydrogen for fuel on its landfills. The landfills it manages are the older closed landfills where methane production is</p>	Complete

				<p>tailing off and gas yields are low so this is not likely to be viable.</p> <p>The more recent landfills in the county have the higher methane gas yields, but these are not under the Council's control. Waterbeach landfill is owned and operated by Thalia, for which the Council has a disposal sub-contract, which means it is not a Private Finance Initiative asset and the Council has no rights over the gas produced. Milton landfill is leased to FCC Environment, which has responsibility for managing the methane emissions, and it is understood this is currently used to generate electricity that is fed into the grid.</p>	
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Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on 14 March 2024

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Officer(s)	Action	Comments	Status
187.	Low Carbon Heating Programme for Council buildings	C Ramsbottom	Provide a written response on the use of reversible natural heat recovery units	A briefing note was circulated on 23 April 2024.	Complete
188.	Cambridgeshire's Policy and Protocol for Enforcement Action under the Land Drainage Act 1991	H Tandy	Check if there were any further updates from the Law Society on engaging conveyancers and provide an update to be provided to Members.	Contact has been made with the Law Society and the issue has been passed to their Conveyancing and Land Law Committee sub-group for consideration.	Ongoing

188.	Cambridgeshire's Policy and Protocol for Enforcement Action under the Land Drainage Act 1991	H Tandy	Investigate the suggestion of adding a planning point of a ditch being handed over by the developer in a good condition, and also feed back on the allocation and success of the grant scheme.	Contact has been made with one planning authority initially to consider how ditch handover can be conditioned (or similar). Discussions are ongoing. A grant allocation briefing note was circulated to Members on 9 April 2024.	Ongoing
189.	East Park Energy Solar Farm Proposal	J Croft	Organise a briefing session for local Members, although open to all Members, once the developer submitted a proposed consultation document.	The developer is proposing to hold a briefing session for Members in advance of the Statutory Consultation. The session is currently scheduled for the final week in August, although the date will be agreed with host authorities.	Ongoing
			Seek clarification on whether the developer had considered the significant delays that were possible when establishing the final wire connection.	The developer has confirmed that the connection agreement that BSSL Cambsbed 1 Ltd (formerly RNA Cambsbed 1 Ltd) has with the National Grid includes contracted milestones for the connection, subject to development consent being granted.	Complete
			Raise with developer the issue of battery storage systems not effectively flowing back into the grid and provide a Member briefing note.	The developer has requested clarity on the issue being raised. In response to whether there are any technical constraints that would affect efficiency of a battery energy storage	Ongoing

				<p>system being located within the East Park site, it has confirmed the battery storage system would operate efficiently, and the electricity stored by the system would be released and connect into the National Grid via the proposed grid connection to the Eaton Socon Substation.</p> <p>Officers are preparing the development of a Member Briefing note on Solar and Battery storage.</p>	
		S French	Provide a Member briefing note on the difference between the transmission network and distribution network, and the issues with transferring or storing energy.	This will be covered in the briefing note on battery storage referenced above.	Ongoing
190.	Place and Sustainability Risk Register	H Tandy	Provide Members with a briefing note on the Schedule 3 SuDS Approval Body (SAB) role, followed by a workshop once greater clarity had been provided by the government.	A briefing note on the Schedule 3 SuDS Approval Body (SAB) role was circulated on 8 April 2024. A workshop will be arranged once further clarity has been provided by the Government.	Ongoing

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197.	Heat Pumps for Friday Bridge	C Parkin	Provide Members with the final figures for uptake of the Heat Pumps for Friday Bridge project, as well as final costs.	<p>To date none of the 14 Friday Bridge residents who received home surveys and proposals have accepted their proposals. Although late acceptances are possible, it seems unlikely at this stage that any residents will be proceeding to installation works.</p> <p>Update provided to Committee members by email on 9 July. No resident uptake or installation costs. Council staff costs are being reclaimed from the DESNZ project funding.</p>	Closed

Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on 11 July 2024

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210.	Appointments to Outside Bodies and Internal Advisory Groups and Panels	S Rankine	An error was identified in the dates of the appointment for the Conservator of the River Cam. Officers undertook to correct this.	Action has been completed	Complete