

## Environment and Green Investment Committee – Minutes Action Log

This is the updated action log 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 28 November 2024

| Minute No. | Agenda Item                                     | Officer(s)   | Action  | Comments   | Status   |
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| 222.A      | Milton Household Recycling Centre Redevelopment | Andrew Smith | Cllr Bradnam expressed concern over the potential impacts on the charity shop, Emmaus, of the new Milton HRC taking some of its stock source. Officers clarified that items which had gone into the recycling centre would belong to Thalia. However, the Local Authority could discuss this with Thalia and Emmaus to ascertain potential impacts and solutions that could be given to support Emmaus wherever possible. | <p>06/01/2025: Initial conversations programmed to take place with Thalia this month to ascertain any potential impacts and solutions that could be given to support Emmaus ahead of contacting them.</p> <p>13/02/25: Thalia have stated that they would be happy to meet with Emmaus, Emmaus have been contacted and they too would like to meet with Thalia, so we have a number of dates to work with later in Feb and early March, a meeting is therefore in the planning stage.</p> <p>18/02/25: The meeting has been arranged for 5 March.</p> <p>05/03: The meeting has been held. Positive discussion agreed Emmaus</p> | Complete |

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|       |   |              |   | <p>will work on ideas for further consideration and will be included in comms plan around temporary HRC closure. Future meeting scheduled.</p> <p>Emmaus also visited the Milton HRC on 24 March. The second meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> April with Emmaus and Thalia with CCC 'chairing' again a positive discussion of how a collaboration would work that would not impact financially on all the parties.</p> <p>A further meeting is planned on 12 May. This meeting took place as planned with CCC, Thalia and Emmaus, a further meeting is to be held on 6 June on site at the Milton HRC.</p> |             |
| 222.B | Milton Household Recycling Centre Redevelopment | Andrew Smith | <p>Cllr Hathorn requested that Members in South Cambs, East Cambs, and City be kept informed of the communication plan, as well as acknowledging the cross-border relations with Suffolk and Norfolk. Officers suggested that with a timetable in place, the Local Authority could move forward with communications with respective parties around the site closure including receiving input from district colleagues.</p> | <p>06/01/2025: Details of the communications plan are starting to be drafted, and once initial input has been received from colleagues in the Contact Centre, the contractor and also key partners, then a timetable and further details will be shared wider with Elected Members.</p> <p>18/02/25: Now that the contractors have been appointed, the detailed project plan is being developed and this will enable the comms plan to</p>   | In Progress |

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|       |   |              |   | <p>also be worked up with the key partners in this.</p> <p>15 April 25: A plan has been drafted which outlines how we will communicate with residents, members, partners and stakeholders about the work taking place and temporary closure period. Input has been received from officers and from Thalia. A further version of the plan, taking into account this input, will be shared with the districts and other partners for their feedback in due course. Once this has been received and incorporated, a further version of the plan will be shared with Members.</p> <p>27/05/25: The Comms plan will also be shared with Emmaus, once we have the latest update to the plan from the Corporate Comms team contact.</p> |          |
| 222.C | Milton Household Recycling Centre Redevelopment | Andrew Smith | Officers stated that conversations would be had with Thalia to identify redeployment of its staff during the reconstruction of the Milton site. | <p>06/01/2025: Initial conversations have already commenced with Thalia to ascertain any redeployment of its staff during the reconstruction of the Milton site.</p> <p>13/02/25: this will be discussed at the monthly meeting with Thalia on</p>   | Complete |

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|  |  |  |  | <p>27<sup>th</sup> Feb, there should be enough time to allow for planning the staffing needs and redeploying staff as appropriate.</p> <p>04/03/25: Discussions will be held with Thalia on 05/03 to discuss plans for their employees during the HRC redevelopment</p> <p>05/03: Discussion held with Thalia which confirmed staff will be redeployed and utilised at other sites during the period.</p> |  |
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### Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on 13 March 2025

| Minute No. | Agenda Item                               | Officer(s)      | Action  | Comments   | Status      |
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| 237.       | Finance Monitoring Report                 | Rebecca Bartram | When queried what the slippage was for the Place and Sustainability directorate as outlined in the 2025-2026 budget at Full Council in February 2025, officers stated this was approximately £20m, though agreed to share the correct figure and percentage with all Committee Members. | The business plan has a variations budget of £20,885k for P&S. This is 18.5% of the 25-26 capital budget for P&S schemes in the business plan. | Complete    |
| 238.A      | Corporate Performance Report Q3 2024-2025 | Frank Jordan    | An Officer agreed to provide a more detailed report on Connecting Cambridgeshire with   | A breakdown of the coverage figure into rural and urban areas will be provided as a commentary on the  | In Progress |

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|       |   |              | the revised strategy, breaking the information on target 008 down into rural and urban areas.  | next performance report for the E&GI meeting.  |          |
| 238.B | Corporate Performance Report Q3 2024-2025 | Frank Jordan | In the past, developers would be required to fit at least the pipework for broadband if not the broadband itself. What transpired was that developers would strike a deal with specific suppliers to sponsor the pipework and then be the only supplier. A prior discussion was held querying whether there could be any influence on developers to make pipework available to wholesale suppliers, and a Member queried the result of that request. An Officer agreed to look into this further and provide a written response. | <p>To confirm, there is a planning condition regarding Gigabit capable infrastructure that requires developers to submit a strategy to enable Gb capable digital infrastructure for future site occupants prior to the commencement of any residential development. This should ensure that either a gigabit capable fibre or ducting to facilitate the provision of a fibre enabled broadband service to that dwelling from a site-wide network, is in place and provided as part of the initial highway works (including fibre or ducting to existing live fibre services) and in the construction of frontage thresholds to dwellings that abut the highway.</p> <p>The majority of fibre suppliers do sell their services through a range of Internet Service Providers and therefore there is some choice for residents but not many of them other than Openreach make their ducting available for use by other suppliers. It is not feasible to mandate this through the planning condition; however, Ofcom are actively working with suppliers to</p> | Complete |

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|       |                            |                              |  | consider wider infrastructure sharing.<br>Openreach offer to install ducting free of charge for any developments over 5 houses.  |             |
| 239.A | Tree and Woodland Strategy | Quinton Carroll / Phil Clark | At 10% canopy coverage, Cambridgeshire sat at second from the bottom of the list of counties. Officers agreed to include this information in the report.   | 27/05/25<br>This has been completed. But important to clarify that this figure related to County Council landholdings only not for the whole of the County. Work to undertake a countywide canopy mapping will take place during 2025.   | Complete    |
| 239.B | Tree and Woodland Strategy | Quinton Carroll / Phil Clark | Timescales for the programme were not definitive as it was a 40-year strategy. Much of the rural estate where tree planting was proposed was tenanted, therefore opportunities for planting would be explored with Rural Estates as tenancies came up for renewal, especially in areas where land was least productive. Officers agreed to review the timeline and be more prescriptive. | 22/05/25<br>Underway but please note that the current target is 'by 2040'. The strategy itself can be taken beyond 2040 but would be refreshed/reviewed at that point.<br>27/05/25<br>Discussions with Rural Estate, Highways and colleagues are ongoing to review the timelines and be more prescriptive. | In Progress |