

## Environment and Green Investment Committee – Minutes Action Log

This is the updated action log, as of 20 November 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 14 March 2024

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Officer(s)	Action	Comments	Status
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.	<p>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.</p> <p>12/09/2024: Following an invitation, officers are presenting a paper to the Law Society's Searches Working Group on 23 October 2024.</p> <p>31/10/2024: Officers presented a paper to the Law Society's Searches Working Party on 23 October 2024, jointly with the Clerk of Poynton Town Council (Cheshire). This was well received and the group are now investigating how and whether this issue can be incorporated into the searches process for property purchases.</p> <p>19/11/2024: Based on the above information no further updates are</p>	Complete

				available at this time, and this will therefore be added to our horizon scanning to allow this action to be completed in the interim.	
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 feedback on the allocation and success of the grant scheme.	<p>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.</p> <p>12/09/2024: A standard 'informative' is now included on our planning responses as follows: <i>'Prior to final handover of the development, the developer must ensure that appropriate remediation of all surface water drainage infrastructure has taken place, particularly where the permanent drainage infrastructure has been installed early in the construction phase. This may include but is not limited to jetting of all pipes, silt removal and reinstating bed levels. Developers should also ensure that watercourses have been appropriately maintained and remediated, with any obstructions to flow (such as debris, litter and fallen trees) removed'</i></p>	Complete

189.	East Park Energy Solar Farm Proposal	J Croft	<p>Organise a briefing session for local Members, although open to all Members, once the developer submitted a proposed consultation document.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>13/09/2024: Elected Members have been invited to attend one of the three briefing sessions put on by the developer. This email was circulated on 11/09/2024</p>	Complete
			<p>Raise with developer the issue of battery storage systems not effectively flowing back into the grid and provide a Member briefing note.</p>	<p>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 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>	Complete

				<p>13/09/2024: This information is being included in the briefing note mentioned below and will be circulated once complete.</p> <p>19/11/2024: The briefing note was circulated on Tuesday 19 November 2024.</p>	
		S French	<p>Provide a Member briefing note on the difference between the transmission network and distribution network, and the issues with transferring or storing energy.</p>	<p>This will be covered in the briefing note on battery storage referenced above.</p> <p>13/09/2024: Officers are in the process of finalising this briefing note and are hoping to be in a position to circulate this imminently.</p> <p>19/11/2024: The briefing note was circulated on Tuesday 19 November 2024.</p>	Complete
190.	Place and Sustainability Risk Register	H Tandy	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>12/09/2024: The implementation of Schedule 3 has been put on hold for an unknown period by the new Government. This will be added to our</p>	Complete

				horizon scanning to allow this action to be completed in the interim.	
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## Minutes of the Committee Meeting Held on 3 October 2024

Minute No.	Agenda Item	Officer(s)	Action	Comments	Status
214.A	Climate Change and Environment Strategy Progress Report and Annual Carbon Footprint 2023-2024	Eithne George / Rachel Unwin	In discussion around the construction of buildings and highways, a Member queried what might be done to offset the most damaging elements of construction. It was agreed to provide further detail around the decarbonisation of highway construction, and that once further information on the topic is known, a members' seminar would discuss the impact of construction activities on the Council's carbon footprint.	19/11/2024: This information is being worked on and an update will be provided to Members in due course.	Ongoing
214.B	Climate Change and Environment Strategy Progress Report and Annual Carbon Footprint 2023-2024	Eithne George	Provide a timeline to Members for the report on the emissions from agriculture within the coming couple of months.	19/11/2024: Discussions are underway with colleagues in the property team to ensure that this information is provided alongside action 214.B below.	Ongoing
214.C	Climate Change and Environment Strategy	Eithne George	Officers would work with the Rural Estate Team to put a note together	19/11/2024: In line with action 214.B above, officers are in discussions with colleagues in the property team to	Ongoing

	Progress Report and Annual Carbon Footprint 2023-2024		providing further information on the rural estate tenant farmers surveyed which would be shared with Committee Members.	ensure that this information can be presented at the same time.	
214.D	Climate Change and Environment Strategy Progress Report and Annual Carbon Footprint 2023-2024	Eithne George / Hilary Tandy	A Member asked whether Cambridgeshire worked with its neighbouring counties, particularly upstream, regarding water controls, both in retaining water at times of drought and flood prevention at times with excessive rain. Officers agreed to provide more detail of works undertaken with upstream neighbours and share with Committee Members.	19/11/2024: Discussions are taking place with colleagues in the Flood Team to ensure that further details can be shared in relation to work undertaken with upstream neighbours.	Ongoing
215.	School Low Carbon Heating Project Approvals	Chris Parkin	A Member queried whether reports had been completed to summarise the successes of previous low carbon heating projects in schools as well as the resultant learning. It was agreed to provide this informational report to Committee Members.	04/11/2024: A report will be provided in December. This will enable data up to the end of November to be included, reflecting the latest heating season operational data.	Ongoing