

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

Present: Councillor H E Skinner, Chair

Councillors: D K Watts (Vice-Chair)
L A Ball BEM
M Brown
S Dannheimer
S Easom
L Fletcher
T Hallam
R I Jackson
R D MacRae
G Marshall
S Paterson
R D Willimott

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors

10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R I Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 as he is director of VIA Eastmidlands. Minute number 13 refers.

11 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2021 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

12 **GRASS CUTTING IN CEMETERIES**

The Committee reviewed the grass cutting regime in designated areas within the Borough's cemeteries. This is part of the Climate Change and Green Futures Programme. It was noted that a more relaxed approach to grass cutting does have environmental benefits and was in line with the Meadow Planting and Wildlife Corridors strand in the Climate Change and Green Futures Programme.

The Committee considered the revised grass cutting proposals. However, on being put to the vote the revisions were defeated.

13 **USE OF GLYPHOSATE**

Members were updated on the Council's approach to the use of Glyphosate for the control of weed growth in the Borough and considered options to reduce its use where appropriate.

In Broxtowe Glyphosate is used for the control of weeds growing on the highway as part of highway grass cutting and weed control contract with Via (East Midlands) and on parks, green spaces and cemeteries to treat areas around the base of obstacles and young trees in grass areas and in the cemeteries to prevent damage to memorials by machinery.

RESOLVED that the changes to reduce the use of Glyphosate as detailed in the report and then review the situation in 12 months be approved.

14 INTERIM WASTE STRATEGY

Members considered the proposed Interim Waste Strategy.

The Council's current Waste Strategy expired in 2020. It was intended that a full review of the strategy would be done in accordance with the Environment Bill receiving Royal Assent. However, the Bill was delayed and it is now expected to receive Royal Assent in the autumn of 2021.

In order to ensure the Council has a current Waste Strategy an interim strategy was produced. The strategy provides an update on the performance measures as well as the strategic aims of the Council with regards the waste and recycling services. Upon the Environment Bill being mandated a full revised strategy will be produced.

RESOLVED that the Interim Waste Strategy including the vision be approved.

15 MANAGEMENT OF BROOKS

Members noted the progress made on the actions identified relating to the major brooks in Broxtowe.

16 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS

The Committee noted the progress against outcome targets identified in the Environment Business Plan, linked to Corporate Plan priorities and objectives.

17 CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME UPDATE

Members were updated on the progress made with the Council's Climate Change and Green Futures programme and the Communications Campaign Plan supporting the programme.

18 CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME STRAND UPDATE - COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee were updated on the progress of the Communications Campaign Plan supporting the Climate Change and Green Futures programme.

19 CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME STRAND 9 UPDATE-RECYCLING

Members were updated on the progress of the Recycling Strand in the Climate Change and Green Futures programme. Recycling is strand 9 of the Climate Change and Green Futures programme.

20 CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME STRAND 12 UPDATE - CORE PLANNING

Members were updated on the progress of the Core Planning project strand in the Climate Change and Green Futures programme. Core Planning is strand 12 of the Climate Change and Green Futures programme.

21 CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME STRAND 10 UPDATE - HOUSING DELIVERY

Members were updated on the progress of the Housing Delivery strand in the Climate Change and Green Futures programme. Housing Delivery is strand 10 of the Climate Change and Green Futures programme.

22 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Work Programme.

RESOLVED the work programme be approved with the additional items of Grass Cutting in Cemeteries and the use of Wind Scooters in the Borough be added.

23 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that the item be deferred to a future meeting.

24 CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN FUTURES PROGRAMME STRAND 15 UPDATE-HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

RESOLVED that the item be deferred to a future meeting.