




Strategic Planning & Environment OSC Action Points - Jan

13 th June	To confirm how much fly-tipping has increased	E Walker	23/10/23	The total number of reported fly tips increased by 14% in comparison to last year's quarterly average.
5 th July	Officer to contact Cllr Birnie regarding table in action points on green waste and duplicated headings and to confirm meaning of CSU subscription	R Williams	06/09/23	These were residents who subscribed to the scheme through phoning the Customer Services Unit (CSU) and paying the subscription fee over the phone to a member of the CSU team.
5 th July	To follow up affordable housing information	J Doe		1.04.22-31.03.23. During that period 114 affordable homes were built.
5 th July	To circulate documents regarding Hemel Vision Board	S Whelan	06/09/23	 Hemel Place Board TOR.docx Sent Via email
5 th July	To provide demographic data for Hemel Hempstead	J Doe	26/09/23	 2023 Census Presentation low res Sent Via Email
5 th July	To discuss resources for planning enforcement with portfolio holder and bring back further action to the Committee	S Whelan	06/09/23	<p>Additional resources for Planning Enforcement through the provision of 16-months of Agency staff at a cost of £85,470 - £109,890 was agreed at Cabinet on 18 July 2023. This additional resource has been agreed to provide the team with the best possible opportunity to reduce live caseload to 300 enforcement cases within 10 months of the additional resource being in place (i.e. one Agency staff employed for 10 months, and a second for 6 months).</p> <p>Officers are working to recruit the new Agency member of the team as quickly as the procedures allow. It is hoped that the following timescale can be</p>

			<p>achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - • By September 12th: Rate card completed and suitable Agencies contacted for candidate details. - • By September 26th: Suitable candidates interviewed and an offer of employment accepted. - • By October 10th: The Agency Planning Enforcement Officer starts. <p>It is also worth highlighting that since 01 July 2023 Managers have taken steps to improve the structure and balance within the team, thereby retaining the resources of our only experienced Enforcement Officer, who had applied for a more senior position at another Hertfordshire authority. This involved changing one of our Enforcement Officer posts to a Lead Planning Enforcement Officer post, thereby creating a team with one post at the junior, senior and principal levels, creating a clear career path within the team, but also ensuring additional support at the more complex level for the Principal Planning Enforcement Officer.</p> <p>UPDATE: 2/10/2023 Mike Searle has started as an enforcement officer one week earlier than the planned date of the 10th October starting on the 2nd of October. We continue to search for a second officer and have additional interviews booked for the week starting 2nd October. An offer was given to another suitable candidate who accepted following our first round of interviews. However, following his acceptance of our offer the local authority he is currently with increased his pay above what Dacorum could offer and he chose to stay with them. No other suitable first round candidates were identified.</p>
	Breakdown analysis of fly-tipping incidents to be circulated.	Emma Walker	<p>Waste type (FlyCapture data)</p> <p>Animal carcass 0</p> <p>Asbestos 2</p> <p>Chemical drums, Oil or Fuel 0</p> <p>Clinical waste 0</p> <p>Commercial Black bags 2</p> <p>Commercial Other waste 3</p> <p>Construction/Excavation 4</p> <p>Domestic Black bags 7</p>

				Domestic Other waste 106 Electrical Other 2 Electrical White goods 8 Green waste 3 Tyres 1 Vehicle parts 1 Other 7 Blank (Not recorded) 0
	A statement from the leadership team to be requested regarding trees which posed an immediate danger, to include instructions for Sunday and out of office hours.	IRoss	05/10/23	<p>Any trees that pose an immediate danger to either people or property are dealt with appropriately. There can often be a perception that a tree is a dangerous whereas the reality when inspected is that work is required but it does pose an immediate risk.</p> <p>For trees under Dacorum's management, then tree emergencies should be called through to the council's out of hours service on XXnumber; they have the details to contact the on-duty tree officer.</p> <p>For trees on the public highway, these should now be reported directly to Herts County Council on 0300 1234047.</p>
	The issuance of a monthly bulletin of trees due to have works done to them to be reviewed	IRoss	05/10/23	<p>This stopped during Covid for a number of reasons. The council is in the process of procuring new tree contracts and once done this allow easier scheduling of works and for a bi-monthly update to be provided to councillors.</p> <p>The new tree contracts are scheduled to go live from April 2024</p>
	The report on air quality to be re-circulated by the Chair	CHobson	26/09/23	Sent Via Email
	Chair to work with LFowell to locate documentation showing the breakdown of fixed penalty notices and	CHobson		

	circulate that to Committee members.			
	Cllr Timmis to check whether there is documentation that could be shared to show Dacorum's position on Luton Airport	Cllr Timmis		Cllr Timmis updated the committee on the 4 th Oct that this is an ongoing action and she would update when she could.
	COuttersides to include discussions on wastewater with other local authorities with regard to the JSP	COuttersides	26/09/23	The JSP programme is preparing a Strategic Infrastructure Baseline Report, where this issue is considered on a cross boundary basis, as waste (and potable) water are considered to be strategic infrastructure issues for the JSP. The JSP programme will publish this report on the JSP website once it has been agreed with officers. In addition, the JSP team has met with Thames Water as part of preparing the Study and will continue liaison as the JSP progresses.
	An update on the re-routing of the River Gate through Gadebridge Park to be sought from the Environment Agency.	IRoss	05/10/23	<p>Officers continue to work closely with the Environment Agency (EA) on this project. The EA are currently producing their final business case, which will support their application for funding the project.</p> <p></p> <p>Gadebridge Park river restoration pro.</p> <p>Above was sent last week by the EA to Councillors whose wards may be affected by the works last week and the EA have a specific webpage relating to this project: Gadebridge Park river restoration information page - Environment Agency - Citizen Space (environment-agency.gov.uk)</p>
4 th Oct	A response to members as to why there is an air quality	Emma Walker		

	monitor in Bennets End when there wasn't previously.			
4 th Oct	Link to Urban Capacity Study to be circulated to committee members.	Sara Whelan	04/10/23	Sent via email to committee
4 th Oct	Committee members to submit any topics for discussion as part of the work programme to the Chair.	Committee	Ongoing	This is a standing action