


## Strategic Planning & Environment OSC Action Points - Jan

4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	A response to members as to why there is an air quality monitor in Bennets End when there wasn't previously.	Emma Walker	01/11/23	<p>DBC Zephyrs (Air Quality Monitors) not yet deployed – Northchurch (at the site of the current AQ Analyser), Durrants Hill Road and Queensway.</p> <p>Three HCC Zephyrs (Air Quality Monitors) and they are in Bennett's End Road (request from former PFH) Swing Gate Lane (request from Climate Change and Sustainability officer following request from the local school) and Lawn Lane (Air Quality Management Area).</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Link to Urban Capacity Study to be circulated to committee members.	Sara Whelan	04/10/23	<a href="https://dacorum.gov.uk/urban-capacity-study">Urban Capacity Study - Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment - November 2020 (dacorum.gov.uk)</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> 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
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	To email wording to be included on page 7 of the previous minutes regarding JDoe's response to Cllr Deacon. (Cllr Gale)	Cllr Gale	02/11/23	Received, LF to update minutes - Completed
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	To provide exact definition of highways trees to councillors.	IRoss	12/12/23	<p>A highways tree, or roadside tree, is usually a tree located on a grass verge next to a road or with a pavement next to a road. The vast majority of roadside trees are now managed directly by Hertfordshire County Council, although there will be some occasions when roadside trees are managed directly by our tree team, for example if they are on housing land. If there are any enquiries about roadside trees, it is best to talk to HCC directly and the contacts are on our the webpages</p> <p>Report a tree problem (dacorum.gov.uk)</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	To confirm the next play area identified for improvement or refurbishment as referred	CDempsey	12/12/23	<p>To confirm the next play area identified for improvement or refurbishment as referred to on page 18 of the report.</p> <p>The following play areas form part of the capital programme</p>

	to on page 18 of the report.			<p>Apsley Lock (HH)  Durrants Lane (B)  Warners End Upper Valley (HH)  Flaunden (HH)  Tower Hill (Chipperfield) (KL)  Croft Meadow (Chipperfield) (KL)  Woodhall Farm (HH)  Miswell Lane (T)</p> <p>The following Parks are planned to commence in June 2024; Flaunden, Tower Hill, Croft Meadow and Woodhall Farm</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	To add additional commentary regarding potential overspend of around £1m	CDempsey		
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	To confirm with Committee if the Council is working with Butterfly Conservation on the chalk bank at Spring Fields.	IRoss	12/12/23	The main work was completed last year. The seeds grew this summer. Next spring we should see a dramatic improvement in density as more perennials start to grow. We are still working with local volunteers and the Butterfly Conservation Trust, who monitor the site on a regular basis.
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	To provide update from Environment Agency regarding proposal on River Gade	IRoss	12/12/23	<p>The Environment Agency now have a fully funded scheme and are mobilising to deliver the proposed river re-routing as per the approved planning consent. The decision was issued on Friday 27 January 2023.</p> <p>DBC Officer representation</p> <p>Representatives of the Environment Agency have been requested to attend the SPAE committee on Wednesday 7 February to update committee members further.</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	To add inviting a member from the Environment Agency to a future meeting to provide an	LFowell		Completed

	update on River Gade			
1 Nov	To confirm if the number of fly-tipping incidents have increased or decreased	EWalker	12/12/23	<p>The total number of reported fly tips increased by 14% in comparison to last year's quarterly average.</p> <p>13th June</p> <p>To provide further information on fly-tipping categories</p> <p>E Walker</p> <p>Waste type (FlyCapture data)</p> <p>Animal carcass</p> <p>0</p> <p>Asbestos</p> <p>2</p> <p>Chemical drums, Oil or Fuel</p> <p>0</p> <p>Clinical waste</p> <p>0</p>
1 Nov	To provide quarterly figures for recycling rates over the past 3 years.	JMootealoo	12/12/23	 <p>Recycle Rates x 3 years.xlsx</p>
1 Nov	To provide update on cost impact of extending green bin collection service	JMootealoo	12/12/23	This would cost £29453 for one additional collection.
1 Nov	To provide update on	JDoe		Diane to provide information early 2024

	issues with footfall counters			
1 Nov	To provide update on number of vacant retail properties	JDoe	06/12/23	<p><i>Please see the below response to an action from the Strategic Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November regarding Commercial Occupancy. Members asked about occupancy of shops at the Council's own neighbourhood centres in Dacorum. The data below refers to all commercial property, including neighbourhood shops and other commercial units such as small business premises.</i></p> <p><i>As at 31st October we have over 95.89 % occupancy in our commercial properties, and conversely 4.11% unoccupied, which in numerical terms is 25 properties void at that time.</i></p>
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	John Mooteealoo to provide details on if there are savings by starting 2 week later in 2024 compared to 2023	JMooteealoo	20/12/23	<p>24/45 Season to start on 26 Feb 24 and to close on 6 Dec 24. Communication already sent out residents for 24/25 green waste season. To extend the Green Waste service for another cycle (2 weeks) to finish on 20 Dec 24 this would cost in the region of £35K per week, totalling £70K for the 2 week extension.</p> <p>24/45 Season to start on 26 Feb 24 and to close on 6 Dec 24. Communication already sent out residents for 24/25 green waste season. To extend the Green Waste service for another stand alone cycle (2 weeks) ie to start on to finish on 20 Jan 25 and close on 31 Jan 25 this would cost in the region of £70K + £2.5K additional agency training for the 2 week extension</p>
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cllr Anderson said that he received an update by email. Affinity water to provide more information about if this is available to sign up too.	Affinity Water	17/01/24	<p>Following the Strategic Planning &amp; Environment OSC meeting last Wednesday I have looked into Councillor Anderson's request regarding email updates from Affinity Water. Unfortunately, we do not provide email updates on water levels however we do provide information on our website which can be found here <a href="https://www.affinitywater.co.uk/our-water-resources">https://www.affinitywater.co.uk/our-water-resources</a>. We also provide further details on each region which can be found here <a href="https://www.affinitywater.co.uk/my-water/water-resources">https://www.affinitywater.co.uk/my-water/water-resources</a>.</p> <p>The Environmental Agency report weekly on rainfall and river flow which may also be a useful resource. These reports can be found here <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/water-situation-reports-for-england">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/water-situation-reports-for-england</a>.</p>

10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mark Dickinson to send link to real time reporting	Affinity Water		Chased for a response 30/01/24
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	LFowell to look at how action can be published so the public can see them	LFowell	30/01/24	I have updated the actions with the information.