

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Town Hall Assets and Services		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	4 th November 2021 7pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Streetscape Development Manager – Ruth Burgess		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	9 Carbon Footprint Actions and Objectives		
Update	<p>The Congleton Green Working Group was set up in response to Congleton Town Council signing a Climate Change Emergency. The Working Group reports into the Town Council’s Community and Environment Committee.</p> <p>The Congleton Green Working Group have come up with 10 key headings as objectives for Congleton Town Council, these objectives will fit under the Town Hall Development Working Group or Streetscape Development Working Group.</p> <p>See appendix 1 for the Draft Objectives and 10 x chosen headings.</p> <p>Further to these objectives, Congleton Green Working Group will be working closely with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheshire East Council and other bodies focussed on the same objectives• Local Businesses and the Chamber of Commerce• Congleton Sustainability Group (Partnership)• Integrated Transport Working Group (Town Council)• Plastic Free Congleton (Voluntary Group)• Trees for Congleton (Independent Group) <p>The Groups objectives are in line with the Town Council’s Business Plan Strategic Objective 6 (SO6) Congleton Town Council to reduce its Carbon Footprint to neutral by 2025 and work towards creating a sustainable and carbon neutral town.</p> <p>6.1 Reduce the net Carbon footprint for the Town Council’s Assets and Streetscape Service</p> <p>6.2 Through partnership working and engagement with the adjoining parishes plant and maintain 30,00 new trees by 2024 (Trees for Congleton)</p> <p>6.3 Review existing facilities for recycling and develop new where necessary</p> <p>6.4 Develop and deliver a campaign(s) for promoting the need and facilities for recycling</p> <p>6.5 Create awareness of training opportunities</p> <p>6.6 Maximise opportunities for the retention and enhancement of Green Open Spaces (Neighbourhood Plan)</p> <p>6.7 Support the development and delivery of the Congleton Sustainability Group’s Initiatives</p> <p>6.8 To work with partners on recycling initiatives</p> <p>6.9 To improve the air quality in Congleton.</p>		

Financial Considerations	The financial impact still needs to be calculated in each of the above areas.
Environmental Considerations	All actions being considered are to have a positive impact on the environment.
Equality Considerations	There should be no negative equality impact however this needs to be taken into consideration in each of the areas being investigated.
Decision Request	To receive the report and provide comment where applicable.

Appendix 1

Carbon Footprint Objectives for Town Hall Assets and Services Committee

Climate change

Key Performance Indicator: To reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing efficiency and obtaining energy from renewable sources.

Building upon our work to date, the priority over the course of this plan will be to drive further efficiency improvements by continuously reducing our energy demand. We believe that generating and purchasing renewable electricity can make an important contribution to reducing our CO2 emissions and we will seek to increase the generation of energy from renewable sources on-site, where it is practical to do so.

Waste

Key Performance Indicator: By 2025 the airport will achieve 100% waste diversion from landfill.

We will manage our waste along the principles of the waste hierarchy (Reduce waste generation, Re-use, Recycle, Recovery, Disposal), work with our business partners to minimise the production of waste where possible and promote the re-use and recycling of waste materials. Waste which is collected by local disposable companies to ensure is not sent to landfill by being recycled for re-use or energy.

Local Air Quality

Key Performance Indicator: The Council will not breach any local air quality limit.

Air pollution can pose a risk to human health and National Air Quality Standards have been set for a range of pollutants. Sources of air pollutants include Building emissions, operational equipment, and vehicles. We will:

- develop a Strategy that promotes a modal change away from Diesel/Petrol fuel vehicles to less environmentally damaging forms of travel;
- adopt operational practices that seek to minimise the polluting emissions from streetscape work;
- undertake regular monitoring for key pollutants, within the wider context of the Air Quality Strategy for England to contribute to the control of local air quality; and

- make the results of air quality monitoring publicly available

Landscape and Ecology

Key Performance Indicator: The area of land under active ecological and landscape management and enhancement will not be reduced.

Cheshire East Council is a significant landowner. Any development that takes place requires mitigation and compensation measures to be undertaken either in advance, during or immediately following development. We will further develop and work with CEC so developers achieve the standards in which we want to help keep our landscape and ecological system working, within the constraints imposed by the normal operation of the CTC, we will promote the development of rich and varied habitats, to try and integrate the new developments within its rural setting

The below categories are Congleton Town Council's agreed 10 headings with objectives now being set against each title :

- 1. Plant purchasing (Streetscape and In Bloom)**
- 2. Councillor and Staff Travel**
- 3. Town Hall Waste**
- 4. Town Hall Plastic Use**
- 5. Reduce Paper Use**
- 6. Electricity usage in the Town Hall**
- 7. Gas Usage in the Town Hall** – mainly heating the building, small amount in the kitchen.
- 8. Cleaning chemicals** usage in the Town Hall and Public Toilets including Congleton Park
- 9. Lease of Vehicles** – Streetscape vans
- 10. Fuel Emission from leased vehicles and equipment**_(note 1% from the equipment)