



# Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Chief Officer: **David McGifford**

4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Councillor,

Environment Committee – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Communities Committee to be held at Congleton Town Hall on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00 pm.**

- **The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting, please note** - There will be 15 minutes at each meeting to receive any questions from Members of the Public, either verbally or at the meeting, including those which have been received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.
- There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press in accordance with Section 100 (B) (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Yours sincerely,

David McGifford

**CHIEF OFFICER**

## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings (enclosed)

To approve and sign the [minutes of the Environment Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023](#) as a correct record.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

### 4. Outstanding Actions

See table below

Date of Meeting	Item Number	Details of Action	By who	By When?	Latest Update	Progress
2.11.23	ENV/52/2324	To arrange a meeting with all councillors to discuss further and approve the green spaces consultation CEC	RB/DM	24.11.23	Date - Update Details	Complete

### 5. Questions from Members of the Public

There will be 15 minutes at each meeting to receive any questions from Members of the Public, either verbally at the meeting, including those which have been received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.

### 6. Urgent Items

Members may raise urgent items related to this Committee, but no discussion or decisions may be taken at the meeting.

**7. Congleton In Bloom Working Group** (Enclosed)

To receive the notes of the Congleton in Bloom Working Group held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November including information regarding the Town results as well as information on our thank you evening.

**8. Congleton Green Working Group** (Enclosed)

To receive the minutes of the Congleton Green Working Group from the 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**9. Streetscape Trading Account** (Enclosed)

To receive the Streetscape Trading account report.

**10. Streetscape Update** (Enclosed)

To receive the report relating to the Streetscape KPIs and general update information.

**11. Household Waste and Recycling Services** (Enclosed)

To receive update from Cllr Firkin regarding the Household Waste AND Recycling Services.

**12. Carbon Footprint Summary** (Enclosed)

To receive update and comments regarding the Town Council Carbon Footprint and how we will be reporting going forward.

**13. Cheshire East Report** (verbal update)

To receive a verbal update on items of interest from Cheshire East Environment and Communities Committee from the Ward Councillor.

<b>To:</b> Members of the Community Committee
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**CLRs:** Suzy Firkin (Chair), Heather Pearce (Vice Chair)

Heather Seddon, Susan Mead, Suzie Akers Smith, Glen Williams, David Brown, Sally Ann Holland, Amanda Martin, Charles Booth

**Ex Officio:** Cllr Rob Moreton (Mayor)

Other members of the Council for Information, Police, Honorary Burgess (5), Press (3), Congleton Library, Congleton Information Centre.

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

**Please Note – These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of this Committee**

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda & Papers – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023](#)

In attendance:

Committee members: Cllrs

**Cllr Suzy Firkin (Chair)**

Cllr Amanda Martin

Cllr David Brown

Cllr Susan Mead

Cllr Heather Seddon

Cllr Glen Williams

Non Committee Members : Cllrs

Cllr Kay Wesley

Cllr Rob Moreton

Congleton Town Council Officers:

- David McGifford – Chief Officer
- Ruth Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Committee Members: Cllr Charles Booth, Cllr Heather Pearce, Cllr Sally Ann Holland

#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**ENV/01/2324 Resolved to** approve and sign the [minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023](#) as a correct record

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs David Brown Cllr Rob Moreton and Heather Seddon, on any matters relating to Cheshire East Council.

### 4. Outstanding Actions

There was one outstanding action:

Streetscape Manager to send to all councillors a copy of the 30 site-specific biodiversity plan – Actioned email sent on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### 5. Questions from Members of the Public

There were questions raised by members of the public. [Please view HERE.](#)

### 6. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items raised at the meeting.

### 7. Decarbonisation of the Town Hall Update

**ENV/50/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to the Town Hall Decarbonisation ( this has also been sent to the next THAS Committee)

### 8. Streetscape Trading Account

**ENV/51/2324 Resolved to** receive the Streetscape Trading Account

### 9. Streetscape Update

**ENV/52/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to Streetscape

### 10. CEC Green Spaces consultation

**ENV/53/2324 Resolved to** receive the consultation on Green Spaces from Cheshire East Council

**Action-** To arrange a meeting with all Councillors to discuss further and approve a response by 24<sup>th</sup> November

### 11. Air Quality

**ENV/54/2324 Resolved to** receive the updates on matters relating to Air Quality

**12. Community Composting and re-use scheme**

**ENV/55/2324 Resolved to** receive the information on the new Community Composting and Re-use scheme in partnership with Congleton Rotary Club

**13. Congleton in Bloom Working Group**

**ENV/56/2324 resolved** to receive the minutes of the Congleton in Bloom Working Group from [16<sup>TH</sup> October](#)

**14. Congleton Green Working Group**

**ENV/57/2223** resolved to receive the notes of the Congleton Green Working Group held on [21<sup>ST</sup> September](#)

**15. Cheshire East Report**

**ENV/58/2324 Resolved to** receive the verbal update on items of interest from Cheshire East Environment and Communities Committee from Ward Councillor Cllr Heather Seddon.

**Cllr Suzy Firkin  
(Chair)**



# Congleton In Bloom Working Group

## 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 Meeting, Minutes

Attendees: Cllr D Brown, Cllr H Seddon, Cllr G Williams, Bob Edwards, Patti Pinto

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non- attendance.

Charles Booth  
Rob Brittain  
Rob Moreton  
Susan Mead  
Russell Chadwick  
Heather Pearce  
Sue Conway  
Margaret Gartside

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

David Brown- Cheshire East  
Patti Pinto- William Dean Trust, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, FoCG  
Glen Williams- Bromley Farm, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP  
Bob Edwards- Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, Astbury Mere Trust  
Heather Seddon- CEC

3. **Update on IYN for 2024**

New for 2024  
Astbury Mere Care Home  
New Life Church – Jubilee Club  
Football Club  
Lion and Swan ( Business )

A total of 17 entries judging will be across two days

4. **Vyson Garden**

Will be back on board, with new plans taking place in 2024 by Vyson, working with the cloud gardener – ready for end of 2024

5. **2024 projects update**

- a. Back to Back Gardens Theme

Number 10, more groups joining this year so some vertical garden will need to be – End of March to be completed – Supply of palettes required

- b. Congleton Park Plaque

100 years of Congelton War Memorial

- c. Wildflowers Verges



Link Rd Roundabouts, Holmes Chapel Rd, Sandbach Rd, Mountbatten Way, Ambulance Station

d. Green Walls

Action – boxes to be purchased 6ft long 2ft width plaswood

- Trellis to be purchased from RPG Herbs
- Look in to sponsorship
- Look into costs of watering

**6. Update from North West In Bloom awards day @ Bolton**

- a. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October Cheshire Category
- b. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> IYN Category

- 9 x outstanding
- 2 x Advancing
- 2 x Thriving
- Large Town Gold
- Park – Gold
- Best in Cheshire East

**7. Congleton awards evening 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 6pm**

**8. AOB**

- To add churches and pubs to the portfolio
- Astbury Mere – new plans in place
  - a. Repairs to around the pond
  - b. New benches
  - c. Trees for congleton in volved with planting the new orchard
  - d. Wildflowers planted
  - e. Improving the overall biodiversity
- Roundabouts
  - Link rd. RB- sustainable/wildflowers
  - Wagon Horse RB – Sustainable
  - Fire station – Bedding
  - Clayton Bypass RB– Sustainable
  - Bear RB- 50/50
  - Park Lane RB - 60/40
- Look into public survey on CiB

Next meeting : TBA

# Minutes – CONGLETON GREEN

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Via Zoom

Attendees: Chair Heather P, Heather S, Suzy F, Kay W, Barry S, Ruth Burgess, invited guest Ruth Benson

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence.

- Cllr Glen Williams
- Margaret Gartside
- Amanda Martin

## 2. Minutes of Previous Meetings (enclosed)

Approved minutes of the previous Green Working Group as a correct record.

## 3. Actions from previous meeting

Action – BS offered a presentation on Air Quality to a targeted audience, as one of the year-round events

Action – Everyone to look at the main 3 pages on Green Living on Town Council website feedback any information not requires. Out of date or links not working etc DC to Lead with support from KW

Action – create updated Streetscape action plan on carbon footprint and changes RB

Action Invite Guest Ruth Benson to next meeting to give us an update on 30 site Biodiverse plan and to assist with the baseline assessment across all CTC sites

Action – to liaise with member needs the 7 main site to see if a Friends of the sites can be formed.

Action – Invite someone from CEC to speak on Air Quality SF

Action – RB to look into monitoring machines for Congleton, paper to go to next council meeting

## 4. Green Marketing

Verbal update from – there is now a calendar to the end of the year of information on green activities and initiatives

Looking into talks once a month either video, demonstrations or talks, Also looking to hold an event with local farmers on how their land can be utilised held at the town hall. (KW)

Chris Hilliard has offered a use of a Ecargo Bike (SF)

## 5. Streetscape action plan update(RB)

New Carbon Footprint document which will be available for the group next week, working with CEC on the action plan for Streetscape with more details and actions.

## 6. Biodiversity

Site Specific Biodiversity Update from Ruth Benson :

- Maintenance work on 90% of the sites has now been complete, with streetscape working on hedge trimming on establishes hedges from the first year, work completed so far is replacement planting, weeding and adding bark to the base of hedges
- Trees for Congleton will be looking to ask CTC for money towards 5 x standard trees

- The group are always looking for the opportunity to plant on news sites, sites which are coming forward so far are :
  - Congleton Hospital
  - Senior Aerospace
  - Barn Road
- The Green Fayre – had lots of public visiting the stall, with a lot of positive feedback and requests to plant more trees on various sites
- National Tree week 26-31<sup>st</sup> November
- Margaret Gartside has an action speak to all the local Parish Council how they can help and join in with tree planting and also help bring more land opportunities for planting, (SF) would like to help contact the PC if needed
- Ruth Benson is in talks with a volunteer hedge layer – hoping to carry out some hedge laying opportunities after Christmas
- Wildlife reports – Action Ruth Burgess to send copy of leaflet and marks Stubbs information so far to the group
- Note to Group leaflets are already in the CIC for all the public

#### 7. Carbon footprint methodology meeting

Action – SF to arrange a sub group meeting

#### 8. Green Fayre review

A huge success, the clothes stall had to go and get more clothes, they raised over £400 , Repair café also reported that they had a successful day with lots of items repaired and more coming forward after the event,

Date to remain next year in September, as there is a green fayre been prosed at Astbury Mere in June by Congelton Climate Action Group

A Stall holder review is going to be looked at for next due some issues this year

A thankyou to Cathy and Team to be noted for all the work before and on the day

Group Comments –

BS – More publicity felt was needed, the banners where not big enough

SF- thought publicity was enough as at her allotted time on the town council stall for 2.5hours she did not stop talking to residents and engaging with different groups,

Request to look into cost of more gazebos for stall holders due to the wet weather a lot of leaflets and information was wet.

More promotion on the electric car

Signage putting the public to the town hall where the repair shop and clothes swap was

Action HP to look in to the talks for next years

KW – requested to use this group and councillors more to help with the lead up to the event and maybe put certain people in charge of different sections of the event for example KW on electric cars

#### 9. Car Free Day review

- 3 school where visited by councillors and volunteers, there was an issues with 1 school Eaton Bank and not allowing to test at the school entrance, more interaction needed before hand with the schools and making them aware of what is being done, why and when
- Daven and Mossley a success with them both wanting to get more involved.

- Look into more schools getting involved next time

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#### 10. Reports going to Environment Committee for information

For information to the group the following reports will be going to the Council Environment Committee next week 2.11.23:

- Air Quality
- Green Space Consultation
- Town Hall Decarbonisation grant
- Composting and Reuse Programme

#### 11. AOB

Action KW – Free cycle day, speak to Ralph Kemp at Cheshire East

For next agenda :

- Eco Schools works with SF and MG
- Water Quality
- Offsetting ( KW) to set up a sub group

#### 12. Date of Next meeting

HP to check GW availability and report back

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Environment		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 7.00pm	<b>LOCATION</b>	Congleton Town Hall
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>Serena Van Schepdael – Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>9 Streetscape Services Trading Account</b>		
<b>Background</b>	Variance analysis of the Trading Account to 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 to accompany the spreadsheet show as Appendix 9.1.		
<b>Updates</b>	<p>This trading account is for 8 months of 2023/24, which equates to approximately 66.6% of the budget.</p> <p>There are some budget lines that are looking to be overspent by the end of the year, a request to approve this is being issued to Council. See notes on appendix 9.1.</p> <p><b><u>Income</u></b> 74.2%</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Cheshire East Council Income at 75% as three quarters received.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Expenditure</u></b> 65.4%</p> <p>Nothing further to add to notes on the summary.</p>		
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To receive the Streetscape Trading Account for Month 8 to 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023.		



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<b>Update</b>	<p>Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Update:</p> <p><b><u>Fly Tipping</u></b></p> <p>We are now working on the cost for each specific fly tip; please see below for the number of fly tips we have dealt with over the last months, plus the total year:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th>2019</th><th>2020</th><th>2021</th><th>2022</th><th>2023</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>January</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>16</td><td>30</td></tr><tr><td>February</td><td>10</td><td>2</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>25</td></tr><tr><td>March</td><td>4</td><td>0</td><td>32</td><td>24</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>April</td><td>10</td><td>12</td><td>19</td><td>10</td><td>19</td></tr><tr><td>May</td><td>5</td><td>40</td><td>22</td><td>11</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>June</td><td>4</td><td>22</td><td>2</td><td>8</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>July</td><td>8</td><td>21</td><td>0</td><td>13</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>August</td><td>5</td><td>18</td><td>10</td><td>26</td><td>19</td></tr><tr><td>September</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>14</td><td>23</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>October</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>10</td><td>8</td><td>21</td></tr><tr><td>November</td><td>4</td><td>4</td><td>17</td><td>25</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>December</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>10</td><td>30</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>70</td><td>136</td><td>150</td><td>205</td><td>201</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Total Cost</td><td>£2324.16</td><td>£5380.52</td><td>£2481.45</td><td>££12,300.87</td><td>£ 15,021.36</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><b><u>Private Works</u></b></p> <p><b>Streetscape:</b> (To end of November) Cheshire East income contract to date £344,727 External income: £11,814 money received in Roundabout Sponsorship £1500</p> <p>Contracts confirmed yet to be invoiced : £ 11,283.77</p> <p>We are budgeted to bring in a total of £15,000 each financial year</p> <p><b><u>Staffing</u></b></p> <p>We currently have one member of Streetscape staff off with ill health.</p>				2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	January	4	4	4	16	30	February	10	2	10	11	25	March	4	0	32	24	14	April	10	12	19	10	19	May	5	40	22	11	11	June	4	22	2	8	26	July	8	21	0	13	9	August	5	18	10	26	19	September	6	6	14	23	13	October	5	3	10	8	21	November	4	4	17	25	3	December	5	4	10	30	11							Total	70	136	150	205	201							Total Cost	£2324.16	£5380.52	£2481.45	££12,300.87	£ 15,021.36
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	<p>Training –</p> <p>Streetscape Development Manager :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carbon Literacy for Local Authorities- Completed</li> <li>- Climate Action for Smaller Councils- Completed</li> <li>- Public Versus Climate Action – Completed</li> <li>- Conservation and Biodiversity – Diploma – Upcoming</li> </ul> <p>Streetscape Operatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmental Awareness Training- Completed</li> <li>- Biodiversity within a local council – Upcoming</li> <li>- Sustainable Planting schemes- Upcoming</li> <li>- RHS Planting in the new world for public sectors – upcoming</li> <li>- Conservation and Biodiversity – Upcoming</li> <li>- Nature and Wildlife Conservation Diploma - Upcoming</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Considerations</b>	None currently, to note the increasing fly tipping costs and income sources.
<b>Environmental Considerations</b>	These KPIs were set to monitor performance on tangible measures of public space management. We are working to develop additional measures that can indicate how and where we can improve and help sustain the environment for both the public and local wildlife.
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	Access to high quality green open space is important for all sectors of the community to ensure attractive living environments and public spaces that support good mental and physical health.
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To receive the updated report.



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<b>REPORT FROM</b>	Cllr Suzy Firkin		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>Item 11.</b> Update on Household Waste and Recycling Services		
<b>Update</b>	<p>Update on Household Waste and Recycling Services</p> <p>Since the closure of the Congleton Household Waste and Recycling Centre there have been a number of interactions with Cheshire East to ensure that the potential of a new site for Congleton is not “written out” of any future discussions at CEC or within their procurement process for waste management services.</p> <p>This has been via a combination of representations at Cheshire East Council meetings and Environment Committee meetings, led by Cllr Robert Douglas, which has ensured that the option for a site for Congleton is still considered when reviewing future options. The so called “Congleton Clause”.</p> <p>In addition, there has also been meetings with Ralph Kemp Cheshire East- Head of Environmental Services, at which mitigating measures for loss of the site and the potential for innovative new waste and recycling measures in Congleton have been discussed. The latest such meeting was held by Cllrs Firkin and Wesley with Ralph Kemp on 6<sup>th</sup> December.</p> <p>This update was considered necessary because Mr Kemp made us aware of an item of public interest which we do not believe had been made widely known. This being that the formal tendering process for a new Waste Management Contractor had not yet formally been completed since, at first tender submission, they were unable to make a selection. Hence the decision making process about both a new Contractor and which sites would remain part of the Cheshire East Waste Management Strategy has been delayed until late 2024.</p> <p>CEC are targeting the July 2024 Environment Meeting at which to present the outcomes from work with external consultants on best practice in the future of waste management and procurement strategy. A new procurement specification is expected by January 2025. This means that nothing will change until late 2025. HW Martin will continue in their current role managed by ANSA until such time as a new contractor is selected.</p> <p>In the meantime, we hoped that we might get support for some of the previous ideas that we had discussed with Cheshire East such as ‘Skip Days’, Reuse and Repair Centre, additional drop off bins for recyclables etc. Despite previous assurances that we would get support on these topics the current financial position at CEC ( Waste is the biggest overspend area apparently) meant that Ralph was unable to offer us additional facilities beyond the statutory minimum. If we wish to create these sort of services it will be out of our own budget or through collaboration with partners.</p> <p>On other key waste topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sign up for the green bin charge has now hit 50%. 60% is required to cover costs. By comparison in Cheshire West they are at 70% after one year.</li><li>• CEC will be required to bring in kerbside food waste collection in 2026. Although that should be government funded.</li></ul>		
<b>Financial Considerations</b>	None currently, but likely continued escalation of fly tipping will place pressure on budget for dealing with it. Should we decide to support additional waste facilities there is currently no budget allocation for this		

<b>Environmental Considerations</b>	Whilst the ultimate goal in waste management is to reduce the amount of waste created, the second tier of any waste strategy is effective reuse and recycling. Having a state of the art waste disposal and/or waste recycling facility in Congleton would be the most environmentally friendly solution. This would keep mileage to and from a site to a minimum, incentivise residents to keep recycling and reduce fly tipping to pre-closure levels.
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	The lack of a local waste and recycling centre disadvantages a number of sectors of the community and this is why it is important to continue to make efforts to make access to waste and recycling services practical for those without their own transport, with limited mobility and limited time due to their work or domestic circumstances.
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To receive the updated report.

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<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>Item 12 Carbon Footprint Summary Report</b>																																					
<b>Update</b>	<p align="center"><b>Carbon Footprint Summary Report 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Financial Quarter 2023 – 2024 ( April – September)</b></p> <p><b>Summary of total carbon emissions</b></p> <p>Congleton Town Council’s total internal Carbon emissions for 2023/24 currently is 87,022 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e for the six months to date.</p> <p>Figure 1: Total Annual CO<sub>2</sub>e Emissions 2023/24 broken down by area of the council from 2018 to September 2023</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Estimated data for Figure 1: Total Annual CO<sub>2</sub>e Emissions 2023/24 broken down by area of the council from 2018 to September 2023</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Year</th> <th>Town Hall</th> <th>Streetscape</th> <th>Paddling Pool</th> <th>Public Realm</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2018-19</td> <td>115,000</td> <td>78,000</td> <td>10,000</td> <td>18,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019-20</td> <td>110,000</td> <td>75,000</td> <td>10,000</td> <td>32,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020-21</td> <td>95,000</td> <td>65,000</td> <td>5,000</td> <td>12,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2021-22</td> <td>100,000</td> <td>95,000</td> <td>10,000</td> <td>18,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2022-23</td> <td>90,000</td> <td>110,000</td> <td>12,000</td> <td>15,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023-24</td> <td>25,000</td> <td>42,000</td> <td>10,000</td> <td>10,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Financial Year	Town Hall	Streetscape	Paddling Pool	Public Realm	2018-19	115,000	78,000	10,000	18,000	2019-20	110,000	75,000	10,000	32,000	2020-21	95,000	65,000	5,000	12,000	2021-22	100,000	95,000	10,000	18,000	2022-23	90,000	110,000	12,000	15,000	2023-24	25,000	42,000	10,000	10,000
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The graph shows that the council used a total of 16,078 Tonnes Co<sup>2</sup>e over the first 6 months of 2023 April – September. The data is in the table below.

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Town Hall	115,959	111,432	96,660	99,580	90,813	25,385
Streetscape	78,653	76,114	66,014	93,766	109,581	42,975
Paddling Pool	8,998	9,874	1,545	7,125	10,458	8,375
Public Realm	16,768	31,604	12,033	18,370	13,350	10,288
Total Tonnes Co <sup>2</sup> e	220,378	229,025	176,252	218,841	224,203	87,022

When compared to the council’s 2022/23 footprint of 224,203 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e we are showing to be on track for an overall annual reduction of 50.159 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e. (aiming for 174.044 by the end of the year working on 87.022 as 6 months 87.022 x2 = 174.044)

Please note this is a Draft Carbon Footprint update, in the new year the spreadsheet and methodology will be independently reviewed to ensure we are consistent with best practice. All figures are derived from financial reporting of fuel usage, utilities bills and procurement values.

<b>Financial Considerations</b>	Driving down our carbon footprint will also have the benefit of reducing fuel and energy consumption which will in turn save the council money in the long term. However, in some cases investment in equipment and infrastructure may increase short term costs and the balance of these two opposing trends must be carefully assessed.
<b>Environmental Considerations</b>	Reducing carbon is key to the Council’s response to the Climate Emergency and its responsible Environmental Management approach.
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	The impact of Climate Change is predicted to affect the most vulnerable in society and those already living in poverty. It is important that the town council shows leadership in addressing climate change and decarbonising our assets and services where possible.
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To receive the report.