



# Congleton Town Council

Historic Market Town

Chief Officer: **David McGifford CiLCA**

26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held at Congleton Town Hall on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 at 7.00 pm.**

Please note the Personnel Committee will follow this meeting at 8.00 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.

**Please note this committee meeting is as a Paperless Council unless otherwise requested.**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 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 (Enclosed)**

To review any outstanding actions from previous meetings.

### **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 and Verbal)**

7.1 To receive the Floral In Bloom Management Accounts

7.2 To receive a verbal update on preparations for the In Bloom competitions.

### **8. Streetscape Management Account (Enclosed)**

To receive the Streetscape Management account report.

### **9. Streetscape Update (Enclosed)**

To receive the report relating to the Streetscape Services.

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

To receive updates and comments regarding the Town Council's Carbon Footprint.

**11. Green Fayre** ( Enclosed)

To receive updates regarding Congleton's Green Fayre on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**12. Decarbonisation Project Update** (Verbal)

To receive updates and comments regarding the Decarbonisation Project.

**13. Mobile Waste Service** (Verbal update)

Verbal update regarding the status of a mobile waste service in Congleton.

**14. Cheshire East Report** (Verbal update)

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

<b>To:</b> Members of the Community Committee
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**Cllrs:** Suzy Firkin (Chair & Deputy Mayor), Heather Pearce (Vice Chair)  
Suzie Akers Smith, Dawn Allen, Charles Booth, Dave Brown, Sally Ann Holland, Susan Mead, Heather Seddon, Glen Williams.

**Ex Officio:** Cllr Robert Brittain (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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

**Please note – These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of the committee.**

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Agenda & Papers – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025](#)

In attendance:

**Committee members: Cllrs**

Suzy Firkin (Chair)  
Heather Pearce (Vice Chair)  
Sally Ann Holland  
Glen Williams

**Ex Officio:** Cllrs Kay Wesley (Mayor) & Robert Brittain (Deputy Mayor)

**Non-committee Members:** Cllrs Robert Douglas

**Congleton Town Council Officers:** David McGifford – Chief Officer and Ruth Burgess – Streetscape Development Manager

**Members of the public:** None

### Minutes

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for the absence were received from: Cllrs Suzie Akers Smith, Amanda Martin, Susan Mead and Heather Seddon.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**ENV/37/2425 Resolved to** approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025 as a correct record.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were received from Cheshire East Borough Ward Councillors: Cllr Sally Ann Holland, on matters related to Cheshire East Borough Council.

#### **4. Outstanding Actions**

**ENV/38/2425 Resolved** to receive the list of outstanding actions.

#### **5. Questions from Members of the Public**

None received.

#### **6. Urgent Items**

None received.

#### **7. Congleton In Bloom Working Group**

**ENV/39/2425 Resolved** to receive the verbal update from the Congleton in Bloom Working Group members regarding judging dates for 2025 and thanks to RHS Roy Down for taking the time to visit Congleton and support our entry.

#### **8. Green Working Group**

**ENV/40/2425 Resolved** to receive the notes of the Green Working Group

#### **9. Streetscape Trading Account**

**ENV/41/2425 Resolved** to receive the Streetscape Trading account report.

#### **10. Streetscape Update**

**ENV/42/2425 Resolved** to receive the report relating to the Streetscape Services.

- **Action** - Send email to all councillors regarding CEC - R Kemp's response to Swap and Skip day
- **Action** - Compare bulky item collection services from other councils compared to CEC pricing
- **Action** - Weed Spraying proposal and pricing to go to full council on 1st May

#### **11. Carbon Footprint Summary**

**ENV/43/2425 Resolved** to receive updates and comments regarding the Town Council Carbon Footprint.

#### **12. Wildflower Planting Site**

**ENV/44/2425 Resolved** To receive a report on the continuous planting of many wildflower sites across Congleton green spaces and verges.

#### **13. Electric Vehicles update**

**ENV/45/2425 Resolved** to receive updates and comments regarding the Streetscape Vehicles and current status on electric vehicles.

**14. Cemetery Capacity Congleton**

**ENV/46/2425 Resolved** to receive a verbal update from Cllr Firkin on Cheshire East Borough Council proposal for the Cemetery Capacity within Congleton.

**16. Cheshire East Report**

No report received for the committee

Cllr Suzy Firkin  
(Chair)

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	Environment		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025 7.00 pm	<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>7.1 Floral/In Bloom Management Accounts</b>		
<b>Background</b>	Variance analysis of the Management Accounts for the year 2025-2026 for the month ending 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025, month 1, see Appendix 1.		
<b>Updates</b>	<p>This is an additional report to the Environment Committee. Previously, accounts and expenditure for In Bloom have been presented as a summary to the Finance and Policy Committee. In Bloom is a fully established working group where budgets are noted, but not as a full breakdown.</p> <p>These accounts in the appendix show information for month 1 of 2025-2026, which equates to 8.3% of the budget. <u>The figures below are based on full annual budgets.</u> Information is limited due to the reporting for month 1 only. Please refer to the summary for notes/comments.</p> <p>Further information:</p> <p><b>Income</b></p> <p>The budgeted income is for the supply of Hanging Baskets to local shops and businesses. The fees are (plus VAT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baskets - £17.50</li><li>• Baskets Watered - £35.00</li><li>• Sponsorship - £10.00</li></ul> <p>There are opportunities for local businesses to sponsor the roundabouts in town, if selected, a banner is placed on the roundabout of choice.</p> <p><b>Expenditure</b></p> <p>Business Rates are payable for the 5 Roundabouts that have the In Bloom signs on them.</p> <p>The budget for 25-26 was increased by £2,000, this is to accommodate possible extra costs for the extra competition, Britain In Bloom. The annual expenditure for In Bloom is £14,000. This covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hanging basket plants and consumables.</li><li>• In Bloom displays.</li><li>• Sundries for local projects.</li><li>• Travel expenses to the Competition Award ceremonies (Train or local mini-bus hire).</li><li>• Ticket costs to attend the Award Ceremonies.</li></ul>		

	<p>To date, additional committed costs (which will appear in future accounts) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plants/Moss: £9,080</li> <li>• Compost; £1470</li> <li>• Replacement baskets: £440</li> </ul>
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To receive the Floral In Bloom Management Account to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.



Month	1
Percentage	8.6%

1180	Donations Received
1195	Sponsorship Income
1199	Misc Income: Hanging Baskets
	Total

4011 Rates  
4162 General Expenditure  
**Total**

Net Expenditure over income

OK	OK
Monitor	Monitor
Overspent	Overspent

ANNUAL BUDGET	BUDGET TO M1	ACTUAL SPEND TO M1	E VARIANCE OF M1 BUDGETS	% SPENT AGAINST M1 BUDGETS	% SPENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET	% VARIANCE AGAINST M1 EXPECTED
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0	0	2500	-2,500	0.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
4,000	333	3673	-3,340	1101.90%	91.8%	83.23%
4,000	333	6215	-5,882	1864.50%	155.4%	146.78%
172	162	162	0	100.00%	94.2%	85.59%
16,000	1,333	469	864	35.18%	2.9%	-5.67%
16,172	1,495	631	864	42.20%	3.9%	-4.70%
12,172	1,162	-5,584	6,746			

## NOTES

**Expenditure Variance 0-100% Green 101-115% Amber 115% over Red**

Paid in Full for the year

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

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<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>Serena Van Schepdael – Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>8 Environment (including Streetscape Services) Management Accounts</b>		
<b>Background</b>	Variance analysis of the Management Accounts for the year 2025-2026 for the month ending 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025, month 1, see Appendix 1.		
<b>Updates</b>	<p>These accounts show information for month 1 of 2025-2026, which equates to 8.3% of the budget. <u>The figures below are based on full annual budgets.</u> Information is limited due to the reporting for month 1 only. Please see the sheets for notes.</p> <p>Further information:</p> <p><b>Income</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CEC Income: First quarter paid.</li><li>• External Income (Private Works), invoicing has commenced in Month 2 onwards for private works, which will be updated in the next meeting reports.</li></ul> <p><b>Expenditure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vehicle rental charges: at slightly higher than budget, further to the budgeted vehicles, there is a lease for a mower to replace one of our own ride-on mowers, which has been out of action since late Autumn 2025, it is in for investigations, and this will be reflected in the budgets.</li><li>• Horticultural Supplies: Committed spends to date, which will show from months 2 and 3 onwards, is approximately £11,000 for Park displays, roundabouts and winter bedding preparation.</li></ul>		
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To receive the Streetscape Management Accounts to 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.		

Month 1  
Percentage 8.6%

STREETSCAPE

	ANNUAL BUDGET	BUDGET TO M1	ACTUAL SPEND TO M1	£ VARIANCE OF M1 BUDGETS	% SPENT AGAINST M1 BUDGETS	% SPENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET	% VARIANCE AGAINST M1 EXPECTED
4000 Staff Costs	629,524	52,460	45,189	7,271	86.1%	7.2%	-1.42%
4004 Temp/Casual Staff	0	0	0	0			
4008 Training	3,200	267	0	267	0.0%	0.0%	-8.60%
4009 Protective Clothing\H & Safety	5,900	492	934	-442	190.0%	15.8%	7.23%
4013 Office rent	2,000	167	167	-0	100.0%	8.4%	-0.25%
4016 Cleaning Materials	8,000	667	132	535	19.8%	1.7%	-6.95%
4021 Telephone	1,175	98	46	52	47.0%	3.9%	-4.69%
4025 Insurance	10,369	864	4,130	-3,266	478.0%	39.8%	31.23%
4041 Property maintenance	1,500	125	0	125	0.0%	0.0%	-8.60%
4043 Horticultural etc Supplies	14,000	1,167	187	980	16.0%	1.3%	-7.26%
4047 Vehicle maintenance/Serv etc	12,800	1,067	109	958	10.2%	0.9%	-7.75%
4048 Vehicle fuel and oil	16,285	1,357	860	497	63.4%	5.3%	-3.32%
4049 Vehicle rental charges	81,000	6,750	7,087	-337	105.0%	8.7%	0.15%
4050 Street Cleansing	8,000	667	51	616	7.7%	0.6%	-7.96%
Propogation Unit	2,500	208	0	208	0.0%	0.0%	-8.60%
4162 General expenditure	5,300	442	661	-219	149.7%	12.5%	3.87%
4168 Other Expenditure	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0.0%	-8.60%
4951 Tfr from EMR							
6000 Central Overheads Reallocated	50,596	4,216	0	4,216	0.0%	0.0%	-8.60%
Streetscape Expenditure	852,149	71,012	59,553	11,459	83.9%	7.0%	-1.61%
3030 Purchases for recharging	0	0	11	-11		0.0%	0.00%
1165 CEC - Income	-427,199	-35,600	-109,534	73,934	307.7%	25.6%	316.28%
1167 External work income	-17,500	-1,458	-303	-1,155	20.8%	1.7%	29.38%
1199 Miscellaneous	-900	-75	0	-75	0.0%	0.0%	8.60%
Streetscape Income	-445,599	-37,133	-109,837	72,704	295.8%	24.6%	304.39%
Net Expenditure over Income	406,550	33,879	-50,273	84,152	-148.4%	-12.4%	156.99%

Expenditure Variance 0-100% Green 101-115% Amber 115% over Red

Replenishment required

3 months Zurich, Critical Illness in full

Start of year annual fees paid  
(Parking permits for operational vans)

No budget

Income Variance 100% Green, 75% to 99% Amber, 0%-75% Red

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**

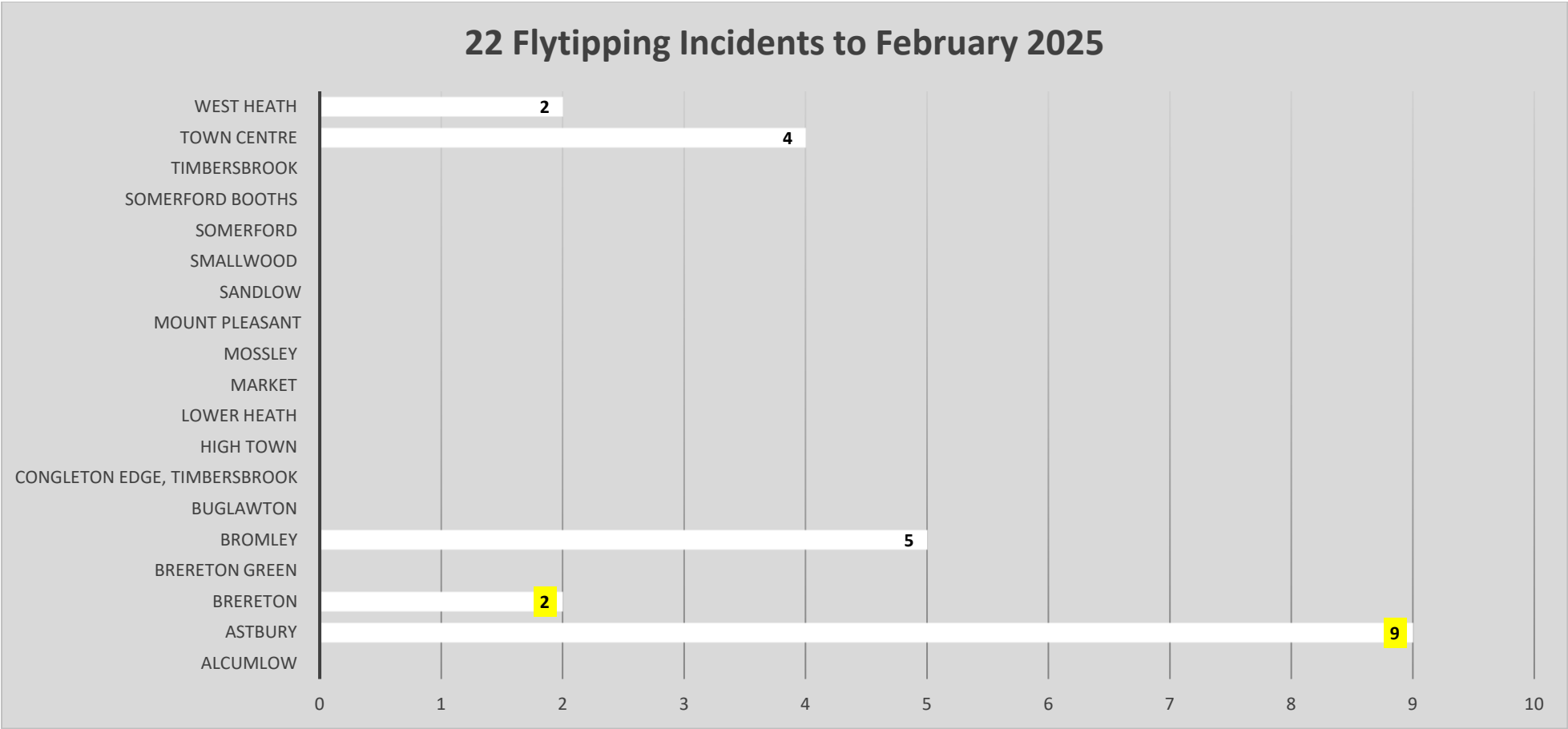
**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

COMMITTEE:	Environment Committee							
MEETING DATE AND TIME	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 7.00 pm			LOCATION	Town Hall			
REPORT FROM	Chief Officer							
AGENDA ITEM	9							
REPORT TITLE	Streetscape Services							
Update	<b>Fly Tipping</b> As well as noting the quantity of fly tips per month and annually, we are now calculating the cost for each specific fly tip over the course of a year. Below you will note the number of fly tips we have dealt with over the last year (2024), in comparison to previous years:							
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	Jan	4	4	4	16	30	20	17
	Feb	10	2	10	11	25	7	5
	Mar	4	0	32	24	14	8	7
	Apr	10	12	19	10	19	24	29
	May	5	40	22	11	11	24	7
	June	4	22	2	8	26	20	21
	July	8	21	0	13	9	19	
	Aug	5	18	10	26	19	18	
	Sept	6	6	14	23	13	9	
	Oct	5	3	10	8	21	17	
	Nov	4	4	17	25	4	6	
	Dec	5	4	10	30	15	22	
	Total	70	136	150	205	206	194	86
Total Cost	£2324.16	£5380.52	£2481.45	£12,300.87	£ 15,360.76	£ 13,077.18	£7037.00	
	See Appendix A for percentage graphs for each parish area.							
	<b><u>Staffing</u></b>							
	<b>1. <u>Streetscape Development Manager Position</u></b>							
	Interviews of 4 applicants took place on the 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026. An update will be provided at the meeting.							
	<b>2. <u>Streetscape of the Streetscape team in work</u></b>							
	All staff are currently fit and well.							

	<p><b><u>Private Works</u></b></p> <p>As a general principle, we are in the process of reviewing contracts for private works to ensure that they are financially beneficial to the council and following the basic principle that additional private works are undertaken during October through to March, wherever possible and the quotes have been approved through our finance office, these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rhead's Meadow,</li> <li>• Astbury Mere Country Park – review currently in progress</li> <li>• Plumley Toft and Bexton Parish Council</li> <li>• Prestbury Parish Council</li> <li>• Cranage</li> <li>• Holmes Chapel</li> <li>• Chelford</li> <li>• Church Lawton</li> <li>• Goostry</li> <li>• Prestbury</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Weed spraying update – CEC Highways / CTC trial</u></b></p> <p>As you are aware, Cheshire East Council Highways is responsible for weed control on roads, footways and paved areas on all <a href="#">adopted roads in Cheshire East</a>. Discussions were in progress for a trial of having an attachment fitted to our mini sweeper, which will be actioned as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>Treatment of weeds</b></p> <p><i>Due to cost and effectiveness, they are not routinely spraying weeds on the highway. they review requests for treatment of weeds in channels, at the top of kerbs, in footways/alleyways (bordering a wall or fence), footpaths and link paths. Where appropriate and where resources are available, we will remove them by mechanical means.</i></p> <p>Weed spraying by CEC Highways is done once a year, due to the reduction of weed control, CTC has been looking at how we can help and carry out further weed treatment; however, there will be a cost (labour, material, and chemicals).</p> <p><b><u>Love Your Street – Campaign</u></b></p> <p>In your street where you live as a councillor, we would like you, where possible, to leaflet drop your own road/ street to help start with the campaign and get a group together – all equipment will be provided where necessary.</p>
<p><b>Financial Considerations</b></p>	<p>Concerns over the financial impact of fly-tipping, as well as an increase in highway weed control on the streetscape budget lines. Ensuring that external contracts are cost-beneficial to the council.</p>

<b>Environmental Considerations</b>	Consideration over areas to be weed-sprayed and the specific type of chemicals used.
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	Love Your Street campaign will be an opportunity to engage all sectors of the community, and we will look to ensure full inclusivity.
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To receive the report.

Appendix A – Fly Tipping Graphs

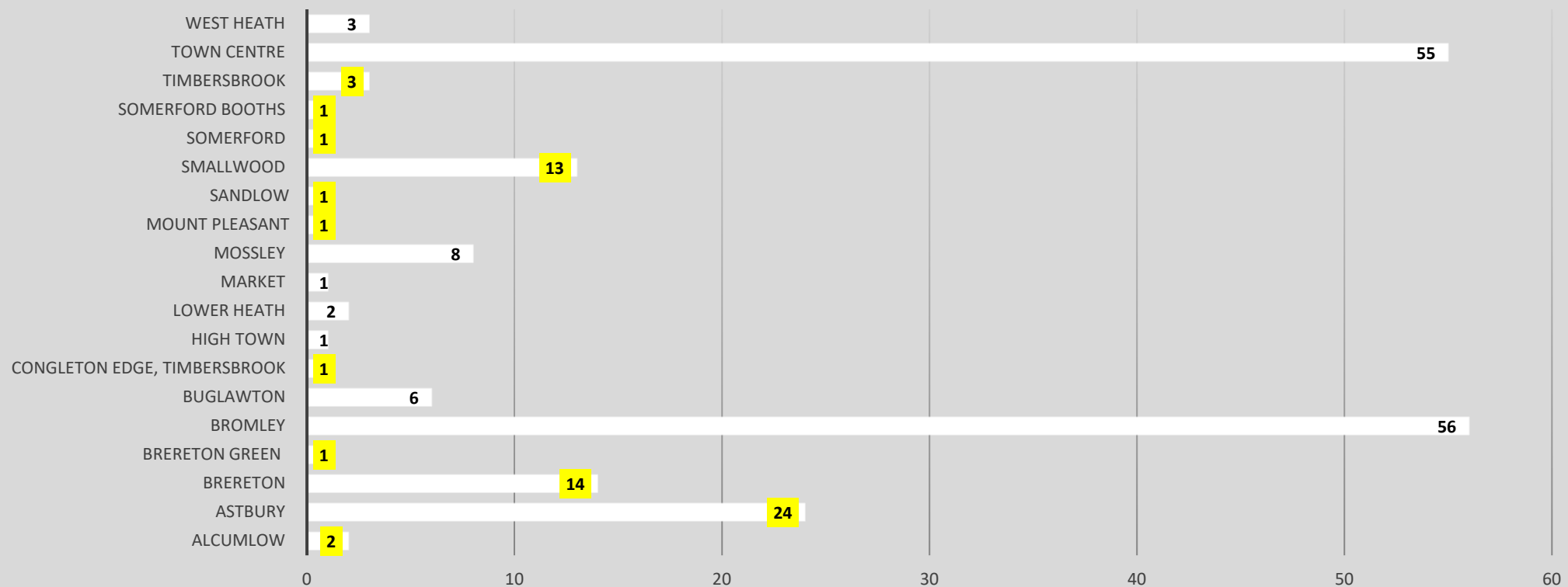


Key

Areas in **YELLOW** are outside of the Congleton LAP

This equates to 11 incidents (50%)

## 194 Flytipping Incidents January to 31 December 2024



### Key

Areas in **YELLOW** are outside of the Congleton LAP

This equates to 62 incidents (32%)



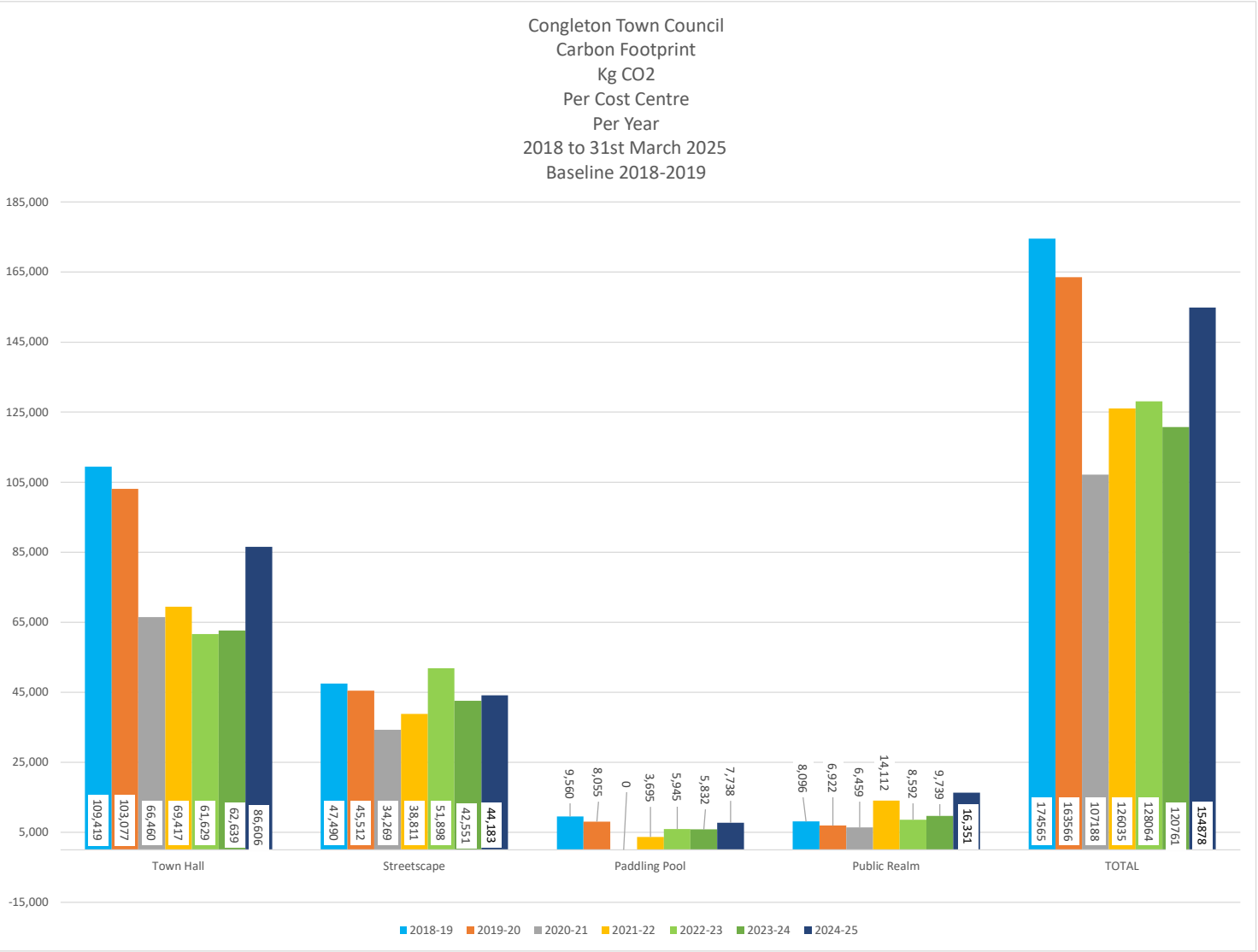
**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

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REPORT FROM	Serena Van Schepdael (RFO)																																																						
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	10 Carbon Footprint Update																																																						
Update	<p>Up-to-date graphs and figures on the Town Council's Carbon Footprint, our data is divided under the following areas of operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Town Hall</li><li>• Streetscape</li><li>• Paddling Pool</li><li>• Public Realm</li></ul> <p>The latest figures are shown as a graph in Appendix A. These figures are to the end of the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: Updated figures in the below summary show net emissions for electricity.</p> <table><tr><td>Area</td><td>2018-19</td><td>2019-20</td><td>2020-21</td><td>2021-22</td><td>2022-23</td><td>2023-24</td><td>2024-25</td></tr><tr><td>Town Hall</td><td>109,419</td><td>103,077</td><td>66,460</td><td>69,417</td><td>61,629</td><td>62,639</td><td>86,606</td></tr><tr><td>Streetscape</td><td>47,490</td><td>45,512</td><td>34,269</td><td>38,811</td><td>51,898</td><td>42,551</td><td>44,183</td></tr><tr><td>Paddling Pool</td><td>9,560</td><td>8,055</td><td>0</td><td>3,695</td><td>5,945</td><td>5,832</td><td>7,738</td></tr><tr><td>Public Realm</td><td>8,096</td><td>6,922</td><td>6,459</td><td>14,112</td><td>8,592</td><td>9,739</td><td>16,351</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>174,565</td><td>163,566</td><td>107,188</td><td>126,035</td><td>128,064</td><td>120,761</td><td>154,878</td></tr></table> <p><u>Utilities</u></p> <p>See Appendix B</p> <p>Our carbon emissions are taken directly from our supplier. Absolute Emissions are total Emissions. We reduce our absolute emissions by opting into the Green Energy tariff; for information purposes, absolute emissions are included in the summary to highlight our savings. For the financial year 2024-2025, we were not opted into the Green Tariff, hence the spike in the net emissions; we are opted in again from April 2025.</p>							Area	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Town Hall	109,419	103,077	66,460	69,417	61,629	62,639	86,606	Streetscape	47,490	45,512	34,269	38,811	51,898	42,551	44,183	Paddling Pool	9,560	8,055	0	3,695	5,945	5,832	7,738	Public Realm	8,096	6,922	6,459	14,112	8,592	9,739	16,351	TOTAL	174,565	163,566	107,188	126,035	128,064	120,761	154,878
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Methodology	<p>Fuel: Calculated on litres used, the equation is based on 2.4kg of CO2 per litre for Petrol and 2.68 kg for Diesel</p> <p>Utilities: Gas &amp; Electric data taken directly from the Energy Supplier based on usage. Water per 0.298 of CO2 per M<sup>3</sup></p> <p>Plants/Compost/Chemicals: Currently using original method of calculations based on £, for Plants, we are currently looking at other methods, including using the Plant Passport.</p>																																																						

<b>Environmental</b>	Reducing carbon is key to the Council's response to the Climate Emergency and its responsible Environmental Management approach.
<b>Equality</b>	The impact of Climate Change is predicted to affect the most vulnerable in society and those already living in poverty. The town council must show leadership in addressing climate change and decarbonising our assets and services where possible.
<b>Financial</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>Decision Requested</b>	To receive updated carbon footprint figures

Summary

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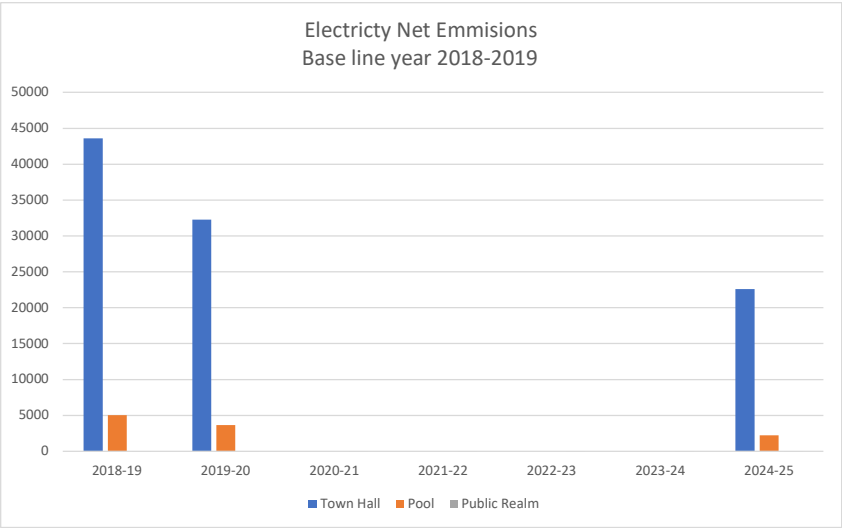


ELECTRICITY  
Net Carboon Emissions

Area	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Town Hall	43607	32263	0	0	0	0	22613
Pool	5064	3655	0	0	0	0	2208
Public Realm	26	26	26	26	26	26	26

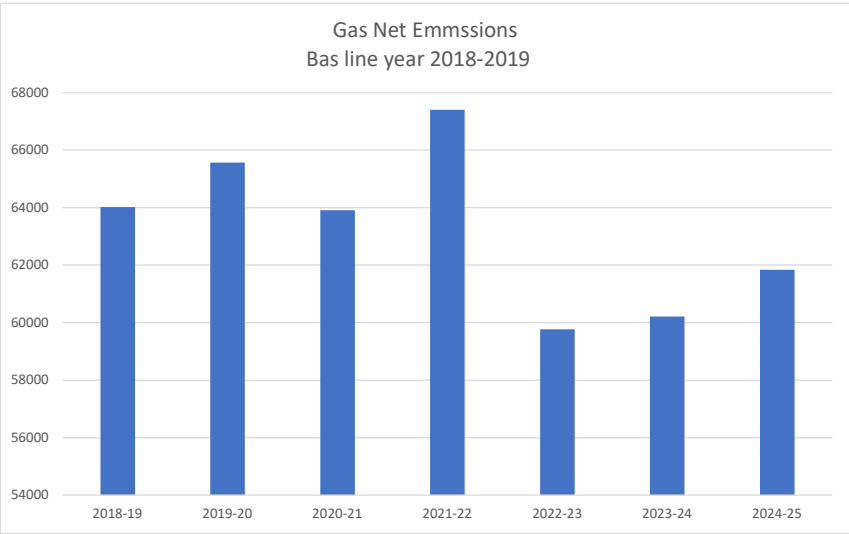
ELECTRICITY  
Absolute Carboon Emissions for infromation

Area	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Town Hall	43607	32263	26409	19755	21559	22179	22613
Pool	5064	3655	14	1125	1697	2251	2208
Public Realm	26	26	26	26	26	26	26



GAS  
Net Carboon Emissions

Area	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	64023	65568	63911	67400	59764	60209	61841



**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Environment Committee</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025</b> <b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Town Hall</b>
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>Cathy Dean – Communities and Admin Officer</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>11</b>		
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>Green Fayre 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>		
<b>Update</b>	<p><b>Green Fayre – Helping Congleton to live more sustainably</b></p> <p>Congleton Town Council and Congleton Partnership host an annual Green Fayre and Climate Festival. The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Green Fayre is due to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The Green Fayre is a chance to explore green issues and local solutions.</p> <p><b>Applications</b> - Around 30 stallholders participate on the day, comprising a good mixture of local businesses, groups, and organisations. To apply visit:  <a href="https://form.jotform.com/251663712157356">https://form.jotform.com/251663712157356</a></p> <p>There is no charge for a stall, but ask for commitment on the day to have volunteers at the stall from 10 am -4 pm. As the Green Fayre coincides with the Makers Market, it is always a busy day. The Makers Market is on the Bridge Street area and the Green Fayre on the closed High Street and Town Hall.</p> <p>Inside the Town Hall, there will be a bumper edition of Congleton’s Repair Café and Cheshire Kids Clothes Swap. (Big Clothes Movement). Plus a Book Swap.</p> <p><b><u>Latest Update</u></b></p> <p>Sponsorship enquiry from Congleton Lions (TBC).</p> <p><b>New Stall Suggestions –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organic Farm</li> <li>• Modern Milkman / Beartown Dairies</li> <li>• Florist</li> <li>• Wildflower seed/turf</li> <li>• Composting Demo</li> <li>• Wild Foraging / Cooking</li> </ul> <p>Nationally, Fairtrade Fortnight is from the 22nd Sept until the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, the Cooperative Group and Central Co-op are celebrating their relationship with the Fairtrade Foundation and have requested a stall to celebrate their relationship with the Fairtrade Foundation, which makes every effort to support farmers through climate change.</p> <p><b>Entertainment –</b> The Hedgeman and My Art Space Junk modelling</p> <p><b>Small talks and demonstrations</b> inside Town Hall or Gazebo on the high street – on the following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar</li> <li>• Air Source Heat Pumps</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saving energy</li> </ul> <p><b>Electric Bike/Cars</b> Large space in between Makers Market and Green Fayre to be filled with electric bikes and cars.</p> <p><b>Children's Competition:</b> Flower pot men project out of recycled plant pots and other materials, organised by Congleton Climate Action Group, who will also provide prizes.</p>
<b>Environmental</b>	The Green Fayre is a key opportunity for the Council to engage with residents on reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable living. The event will prioritise reuse and recycling, and encourage travel by foot, bike, or public transport.
<b>Equality</b>	Climate change is expected to impact the most vulnerable in society. The Fayre aims to offer accessible, inclusive advice for all, ensuring support reaches those who need it most.
<b>Financial</b>	The Green Fayre is jointly funded by the Congleton Partnership and the Town Council, with additional support from grants, sponsorships, and donations. This funding helps keep stalls free for community groups.
<b>Decision Requested</b>	To receive updated Green Fayre information within Congleton.

