



Stafford Borough Council

# Environmental Management Action Plan

2016 - 2018

Working Document of the Environmental  
Management Steering Group  
**Updated April 2017**

Service and Lead	Project	Outcome	Smart Target	Measures		Progress Updates January 2017
				2016/2017	2017/2018	
Information Technology – Peter Kendrick	Replace high power usage pc's with lower power units	Reduced electricity consumption for the Borough Council	60 PC's replaced with more efficient devices	30 pc's replaced	30 pc's replaced	<i>Achieved and appropriate efficiency measures ongoing</i>
Information Technology – Peter Kendrick	Recycling I.T equipment	Obsolete electrical equipment recycled	Compliance with WEEE regulations	100% of IT equipment recycled	100% of IT equipment recycled	<i>On track to achieve this</i>
Human Resources – Jim Davis	Destatification fans at Stafford Leisure Centre and Gatehouse Theatre	Reduction in energy consumption	Reduce energy bills by 15% for the areas in question	To complete project in one premise	To complete project in the other premise	<i>This project has been put on hold subject to the leisure review</i>
Human Resources – Jim Davis	(i) Potential Borehole at Riverway Plant Nursery	Natural local water replaces purchased supply	Up to 22,000 litres accessed via Borehole	To plan the project and obtain necessary approval	To complete project	<i>Implementation of Borehole Initiative has now become part of a larger strategy in terms of the Depot Redevelopment.</i>
Planning and Regeneration – Alex Yendole	Major Directions of Housing Growth taking into consideration sustainability issues	A strategic approach is taken for the proposed western and northern housing growth areas, to guide future development to include principles of green infrastructure where possible	Spatial Frameworks or Masterplans drafted	North Stafford community engagement exercises undertaken	North Stafford agreed and completed	<i>Stage 2 is currently going through</i>

Planning and Regeneration – Alex Yendole	Conservation Area Reviews  Being Actioned	Conservation Areas are re-appraised, in line with Government Guidance	Priority list produced of Conservation Areas in need of review  Management plans produced	2x reviews undertaken, with associated management plans	2x reviews undertaken, with associated management plans	<i>Both Conservation Area Reviews/Management Plans adopted on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017</i>
Planning and Regeneration – Robert Gatensbury	Pearl Brook Path Stafford	Completion of the cycle/walkway linking the Leisure Centre and St. George's Park together with gateway features	Complete cycle/walkways and features	Project completed	Instigate and implement additional features	<i>Tree works are going to cost Bovis a lot more than expected – waiting to see if they can get the extra funding. The path will need to be raised to avoid flooding risk using material that can sustain being below water for long periods of time</i>
Planning and Regeneration – Robert Gatensbury	Stafford Town Centre action plan .	Framework provided to help guide investment, marketing, long term car parking requirements, potentially including provision for electric car use.	Reviewing of action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Town Centre Action Plan March 2017</li> <li>• Delivery of initial environmental improvements March 2017</li> <li>• Completion of new car parks Summer 2016</li> </ul>	30% actions completed	70% actions completed	<i>Ongoing. Finalised this month. Superseded by Staffordshire Gateway.</i>
Planning and Regeneration – Michelle Smith	Tree Preservation Order reviews	Tree Preservation Orders reviewed and updated	New procedures for online TPO's put in place June 2014	25 TPO's reviewed	25 TPO's reviewed	<i>Update from Alex</i>

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Planning and Regeneration – Alex Yendole	Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	Agreed Strategy for mitigation of new housing impact on SAC	Local Plan Policy in place	Policy implementation through planning obligations to deliver mitigation measures	Policy implementation through planning obligations to deliver mitigation measures	<i>On schedule. 2 employees appointed – these are based at Marquis Drive. It will be important for them to tie in with existing work/structures.</i>
Leisure and Culture – Jim Arnold	Restoration and improved facilities at Victoria Park, Stafford	Comprehensive restoration of Victoria Park taking into consideration the natural environment and sustainability	To be agreed with the board of the Heritage Lottery Fund	Project planning	Project implementation	<i>Final bid submitted in April awaiting outcome – June.</i>
Leisure and Culture – Lisa Heaton	Museum Accreditation – creation of an ‘Environmental Sustainability’ policy and action plan to cover all 3 heritage sites	Achievement of Museum Accreditation (National Standard) For a further three years	To successfully re-apply for Accreditation	Reapply for Accreditation	Policy accepted by Arts Council England	<i>Waiting for a reply to the application submitted in October</i>
Leisure and Culture – Jim Arnold	Continue to modernise services	Improvements to accessibility of Leisure Services	% of bookings made electronically increase	40%	45%	<i>Successful bidder to provide online booking systems or liaise with IT to provide</i>

		and facilities and reductions of paper printer usage achieved				<i>opportunities to achieve more online bookings.</i>
Leisure and Culture – Lisa Heaton	Environmental improvements at Stafford Castle	Risk to site from erosion minimised. Biodiversity enhanced	Reduced on-going maintenance and repair work. Achieve improved biodiversity	Removal of aggressive vegetation and re seeding with natural grasses and wild flowers	Maintenance of scheme	<i>Still on schedule to be completed in the summer 2017.</i>
<b>Policy and Improvement – Bill Waller</b>						
Policy and Improvement – Bill Waller	Improve management of biodiversity on SBC's Local Nature Reserves	Better quality habitat with an increase of biodiversity	% increase in the number of desirable species in each LNR	5%	5%	<i>This is all on track to be fulfilled.</i>
Policy and Improvement – Bill Waller	Continue to survey local wildlife sites in the Borough	Meeting statutory requirements and identify necessary site management for conservation	Number of Local Wildlife Sites surveyed	15 site surveys	15 site surveys	<i>This is on track to reach the 15 surveys.</i>
Policy and Improvement – Bill Waller	New meadow at Westbridge Park Stone	2 hectares of new meadow	Increase in habitat	Conservation management of site	Maintenance of site as a wildflower meadow	<i>On track to be completed.</i>
Policy and Improvement – Bill Waller	Stone meadows LNR's	4 hectares of enhanced wildflower meadow	Increase in habitat	Conservation management of sites	Maintenance of sites as a wildflower meadow	<i>On track to be completed.</i>

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Policy and Improvement – Karen Davies	Reduce our carbon footprint and encourage our residents to be more environmentally aware	Continuation of programme's in locality areas focusing on improved energy efficiency/awareness working with community centre's/groups	<p>Extend the impact of We Love Littleworth initiative working with existing and new partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Energy</li> <li>- Green Travel</li> <li>- Biodiversity</li> <li>- Environmental improvements</li> </ul> <p>Support Penside Champions or other community groups and their work on community initiatives together with other local groups</p> <p>Work with agencies to implement and promote sustainable development activities in the Borough</p>	<p>Locally 6 organisations proactively involved. Festival of Repair and Refashioning held</p> <p>Support 1 sustainability initiative</p> <p>1 communities event/activity/project supported</p>	<p>A further 6 local organisation involved</p> <p>Support 1 sustainability initiative</p> <p>1 communities event/activity/project supported</p>	<p><i>Target met and exceeded</i></p> <p><i>Target exceeded Ongoing</i></p> <p><i>Target exceeded Ongoing</i></p>

			Promote cycling and support of cycle parking installations	Cycle parking installed at 6 sites	Cycle parking installed at 6 sites	<i>Cycle parking ongoing/on schedule.</i>
Policy and Improvement – Karen Davies	To promote, co-ordinate and raise awareness of the SBC Green Awards	Reduced carbon footprint and promotion of good environmental practice	Applications received in all categories for the Green Awards	30 applications with at least 10% from the private sector  Emphasis on 20 years of holding the event - 2016	30 applications with at least 10 from the private sector	<i>39 applications received in 2016 across all sectors including several collaborative and partnership initiatives</i>
Policy and Improvement – Karen Davies	To support, promote and raise awareness of the Eco-Schools network	Reduced carbon footprint, raised environmental awareness	All schools embraced Eco-Grant scheme implemented Eco-Action Day implemented	15 schools plus running additional projects  Grant scheme and projects promoted on website	15 schools plus running additional projects  Grant scheme and projects promoted on the website	<i>Target exceeded (19 school projects supported)</i>  <i>Project summaries under sustainable schools:</i> <a href="http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/sd">http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/sd</a>
Policy and Improvement – Karen Davies	Sustainability Matters – to upgrade the Stafford area and Save Your Energy website	Site made user friendly	Greater use of website	To increase hits per year by 5%	To increase hits per year by 5%	<i>2014 unique visitor hits 101424 10% increase from 2013 2015 unique visitor hits 112541 11% increase from 2014 2016 unique visitor hits 148986 30% increase from 2015</i>
Environmental and Health – Shaun Baker	To identify HS2a land suitable for biodiversity reserves	To agree parcels of land in the ownership of HS2a to become sites managed by appropriate bodies	To identify 3 potential sites across the HS2a land corridor		Identify 3 other sites across over the two years	<i>Identified 3 wetland sites</i>

		as biodiversity reserves				
Environmental and Health – Mark Street	Eco Stars for the Operational Fleet	To achieve reduction of pollutants emitted to air from the waste collection fleet using ECO Stars auditing to drive improvements	5% Reduction in total pollutants		4 eco stars by second year	<i>The number of fleets have increased to 7</i>
Environmental and Health – Phil Gammon	Reducing Water Use Through The Recycling of 'Grey Water'	To achieve reduction in the consumption of mains water by the capture and recycling of grey water at the Streetscene Depot	10% Reduction in mains water consumption		10% reduction of mains water consumption by the second year	<i>The borehole project will also help reduce this consumption</i>
Cross Cutting Action	To promote and support green and active travel	Pool Bike System re-established	Pool bikes serviced Booking system set up Regular promotion to staff via Weekly Notices etc	Pool bikes accessed and serviced Booking system set up via reception desk. Promotional work begun.	System up and running and being utilized by staff	<i>Pool Bikes have been serviced, booking system being arranged at Reception Desk</i>
Cross Cutting Action	To reduce carbon emissions from local authority operations	Reduced CO2 emissions, reduced impact on climate change, potential to reduce costs.	1% per annum	Data collection and analysis carried out, to maintain record of performance and direction of travel		<i>The new waste contract has guidelines around making sure the wagons are environmentally friendly</i>