

## 01 Action on Climate

**Lead contact:** David Eaton, Cllr Jackie Hook

**Programme Status:** On Track

Note: Data for the 4 utilities monitoring performance indicators provided by the utility companies, is not yet available.

### Summary Statement

**Lead by example to inspire others by becoming a carbon neutral council, using less energy and moving over to renewables, decarbonising our vehicle fleet and maximising recycling**

The second part of the Carbon Action Plan that focuses on the decarbonisation actions for the district is being developed. This follows the format of the Devon Carbon Plan and will help localise the relevant action for Teignbridge. The Making Changes Study was launched during this quarter. It aims to help people make changes to their lifestyle to save money, improve their health and fitness, and help them play their part in reducing the district's carbon footprint.

There are three major projects that are currently in progress;

**Forde House** - The first and second floor are now occupied with staff and the new system is providing the heating and cooling. The final phase of works to the ground floor is on target to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

**Newton Abbot Leisure Centre** - The main delay with this project is the lease arrangements with WPD. A draft lease has been received and is currently being considered. When this has been signed the transformer and connection to the main electricity network can be completed.

**Broadmeadow Leisure Centre** - The Public Sector Decarbonisation Funding has been approved for the replacement of the gas boiler and heating system at Broadmeadow Leisure Centre. Officers will be bringing a report to 25th July Full Council with options for the project and the business case seeking funding to deliver the project.

**Create an agile workforce that reduces the miles travelled in the course of our business**

Officers continue working a blended work pattern based between the Forde House office and home. Further work on improving efficiency in allocating work and reducing mileage is planning as part of the Modern 25 programme.

**Provide public electric vehicle charging points in council carparks to augment and link in with the wider strategic charging network**

There are three key projects.

- **On Street Residential Charging Scheme (DELETTI 2)** - The contract for this scheme has now been awarded. There are four priority sites in Teignbridge with five other sites due to be part of the project. Officers are waiting for the detailed project plan with implementation dates to be produced by the contractor.
- **EV Strategy** - Officers have developed the project brief and undertaken one round of tendering which was unsuccessful. The scope is being refined and a further round of tendering will now take place.
- **Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure LEVI** - officers have agreed to collaborate and be part of the County wide bid to this fund.

**Increase resilience to the changing climate so that Teignbridge remains a safe and healthy place to live and do business**

There are a number of projects that are being progressed including working on a Flood Strategy for the Garden Communities project and liaison with the Environment Agency regarding Dawlish Warren.

**Ensure all council decisions consider climate change implications, updating council policies like those in our Local Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions**

The climate change officer continues to provide expert advice to officers in the preparation of reports and policy development. All planning applications are assessed against policy requirements and advice provided to the development management team.

**Support businesses and communities to encourage carbon emission reductions, particularly in the transport and buildings sectors.**

Officers are working with partners as part of the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group. Officers continue to work with Members of ACT and are using their Carbon Tracker Tool for the Making Changes Study. In person drop-in session were organised in partnership with ACT to support members of the study in understanding, producing, and tracking their individual carbon footprint.

## 02 A Roof over our Heads

**Lead Contact:** Graham Davey, Cllr Lin Goodman-Bradbury

**Programme Status:**

Caution

**Summary Statement:**

2 performance indicators are well ahead of target and 2 on target

3 performance indicators are annual monitoring / tracking indicators

The remaining 6 indicators are recorded as concern or caution. They relate to homelessness, housing delivery or private sector housing.

Details of these are summarised below and a fuller explanation is in the Performance Indicator section of the report. The areas of concerns relate to net additional homes provided, (70 against a target of 180) affordable homes delivery (19 against a target of 32) homeless preventions by helping clients stay at home (6 against a target of 20) and number of vulnerable and elderly residents assisted to remain in their own home (73 against a target of 78)

Of the 7 projects, 1 is completed 4 are on track and 2 are set at caution.

### **Make sure plans take full account of all housing needs**

Following the formal ending of the Greater Exeter Strategic Partnership the Local Development Scheme timetable was delayed due to additional consultation and the high level of consultation responses.

The Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) was published for consultation on schedule on 23 January 2023 and concluded on 16 March 2023. We have received c. 700 responses to the consultation. Many of these were not submitted using the online form (despite best efforts) and now need to be input into the database. It is estimated that this will add c. 4-6 weeks to the programme. Until these reps are input and all have been analysed, it is difficult to conclude whether there are any significant issues arising from the consultation which may require an addendum consultation/referral back to Full Council. Currently, we are anticipating submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State in October 2023 which is 3 months behind the timetable set in the Local Development Scheme.

### **Delivering affordable housing**

Affordable housing delivery exceeded the annual target last year due to the addition of Teignbridge's T100 own housing delivery pipeline and homes coming on stream early at South West Exeter (SWE1) Total 200 against a 128 target. The pulling forward of delivery of homes into the end of last year has had the effect of reducing figures for the first quarter of this year. However, there is no current concern and targets should again be exceeded this financial year.

### **Evaluate options for delivering affordable rented housing**

With the Councils Drake Road and East Street, Newton Abbot schemes both completed together with the Chudleigh Buy to Rent Scheme, a large house in Dawlish for temporary accommodation to compliment Albany House and the 5 Rough Sleeper Accommodation properties, focus has now turned to the next phases. The 18 homes for Afghan and Ukrainian refugees have all be secured with 3 completed and the remainder in the process of purchase. Sherborne House Car Park is still on track and in budget to submit a planning application by the end of the year for 24 one and two bedroomed apartments.

### **Improve housing conditions and reduce empty homes**

The number of dwellings improved by Council intervention, and work on Empty Homes reduction remains on track.

### **Prevent homelessness wherever possible**

The current market conditions mean that the target to prevent homelessness remains a challenge.

We are below target for this indicator because we are unable to prevent homelessness as effectively as we have in previous years, due to the lack of affordable private rented options locally. The gap between the local housing allowance rates and local market rents has meant far more homes are unaffordable for low-income households and therefore impacting our success in prevention and relieving homelessness. Where we are able to secure private rented homes directly with landlords, we prioritise those in temporary accommodation where possible. However, the majority of homes secured in the private rented sector are through the resident finding the accommodation themselves and us supporting financially to secure it.

### **Housing Strategy**

The Teignbridge Housing Strategy is completed and approved by Full Council. An event with stakeholders took place of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at the Kenn Centre, Kennford which received positive feedback form those who attended. A further event will take place this year.

PI Code	Title	Executive Member	+/-	Annual Target	Q1 Act	Q2 Act	Q3 Act	Q4 Act	PI Verifying Manager	Officer Notes
CSROH01	Net additional homes provided	Planning	+	720	70				Michelle Luscombe , Fergus Pate	(Quarter 1) This figure is very low against our target of 180 per quarter, there is a delay in completions figures from NHBC which is one reasons and South west Exeter is building fast. The new Local Plan once adopted will also help additional permissions and therefore delivery of new homes. (HW)
CSROH05	Deliver an average of 128 affordable homes in urban areas as per Local Plan target	Communities, Housing & IT	+	128	19				Graham Davey	(Quarter 1) First Quarter delivery historically low and some Q1 delivery was pulled forward to Q4 of last year resulting in 200 affordable homes delivered last financial year. (GD)
CSROH6	Deliver 29 affordable homes in rural areas to include delivery within the DNPA	Communities, Housing & IT	+	29	0				Graham Davey	(Quarter 1) First Quarter delivery is historically low. 8 rented homes at Widecombe in the Moor due to complete next Quarter. (GD)
CSROH07	Deliver 5 affordable homes a year that are fully wheelchair accessible	Communities, Housing & IT	+	5	1				Graham Davey	(Quarter 1) Chudleigh Buy to Rent scheme includes 1 bungalow. (GD)

CSROH10	Number of vulnerable & elderly residents assisted to remain in their own home	Communities, Housing & IT	+	310	73			Alison Dolley	(Quarter 1) 73 households have been assisted with works so they can remain independent in their own home. it is expected that this number will increase in quarter 2 (AD)
CSROH11	Homelessness prevented by helping client remain at home	Communities, Housing & IT	+	80	6			Tammy Hayes, Fran Lawrence	(Quarter 1) The increase of affordability issues has reduced opportunities to help people remain in their home where the property is not affordable long term.

Project Status	Code	Title	Executive member	Last Review Date	Progress Review	Project Responsible Officer
Caution	CS01	Delivery of the Teignbridge Local Plan 2020 - 2040 (CS01)	Communities, Housing & IT	05/04/2023	The Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) was published for consultation on schedule on 23 January 2023 and concluded on 16 March 2023. We have received c. 700 responses to the consultation. Many of these were not submitted using the online form (despite best efforts) and now need to be inputted into the database. it is estimated that this will add c. 4-6 weeks to the programme. Until these reps are inputted, and all have been analysed, it is difficult to conclude whether there are any significant issues arising from the consultation which may require an addendum consultation/referral back to Full Council. Currently, we are anticipating submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State	Michelle Luscombe

					in October 2023 which is 3 months behind the timetable set in the Local Development Scheme.	
Caution	CS10	Actively promote and enforce poor energy performance in the private rented property housing stock (CS10)	Communities, Housing & IT	03/05/2023	Whilst some work has been completed on this project this year, it has not been possible to do any further work this quarter due to staff resources. We are currently recruiting into a vacant post who will help deliver outcomes on this project in 23/24.	Alison Dolley

### 03 Clean Scene

**Lead contact: Chris Braines, Cllr Charles Nuttall**

**Programme Status:**

**On track**

Summary Statement

The program remains largely on track with some ongoing challenges and significant projects underway, specifically.

Higher than normal levels of waste and recycling are being collected and processed as people continue to work from home creating additional pressures on the service.

The majority of the vehicle fleet is coming up for renewal in 2024 and options to reduce the carbon footprint are being explored with a decision on the approach required by Full Council on 5th September following a members briefing exercise on the 8th September

Imminent changes to waste transfer station legislation has significant implications for the operation of the Council's recycling and bulking station. Options to remain compliant are being explored and a project initiated.

The Community Environment Wardens are actively educating and enforcing the provisions of the Public Spaces Protection Order. They continue to work with Town and Parish councils informing them of the action they are taking and seeking their support to publicise the controls.

All of our beaches bathing water quality has been classified as 'Good' or 'Excellent'.

## 09 Strong communities

**Lead contact:** Rebecca Hewitt, Cllr Martin Wrigley

**Programme Status:**

On track

### Summary Statement

In the last quarter much work has continued alongside the voluntary and community to develop even stronger communities. There has been a focus on transport in the last quarter and understanding the challenges faced by our communities in certain areas with funding being sought to address the issues identified. The Community Safety Partnership continues to work with different sectors to build resilience and strengthen the safety of where we live and stay. There is a focus on supporting parents and addressing violence against women and girls. The Councils Lottery Small Grant fund has also been launched to add further support to those good causes registered for the Lottery to generate income for delivery.