

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 Making Changes Study has continued in this quarter with workshops for participants with guest speakers. The study is due to complete at the end of Quarter 3 and the impact will be evaluated in quarter 4. Following Full Council approval work is progressing on the fleet replacement and staff will be trailing EV vehicles during the next quarter.

The carbon footprint for the authority has been updated for the financial year 2022/23 and is available on the Council's website.

There are three major projects that are currently in progress;

Forde House - This project is now completed. There is a 12-month period where any issues identified will be rectified by the contractors. Significant savings on carbon will be published in the 2023/24 Carbon footprint.

Newton Abbot Leisure Centre - The issues surround the lease have now been resolved and officers are waiting for a revised schedule of works to complete this project. The system will be fully functional for the winter of 2024.

Broadmeadow Leisure Centre - The Public Sector Decarbonisation Funding has been accepted by the authority at the Full Council meeting on the 25th of July. Officers are working with consultants on the design and feasibility of the improvements which will then be subject to public consultation. The final design and proposal will then be taken to Executive for approval.

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

Officers across the Council continue working in a blended work pattern between Forde House offices, working at home and working in the district. Emissions relating to claimed mileage have reduced by 36% for 2022/23. This reduction in claimed mileage emissions can be attributed to our adoption of agile and digital working, which has reduced the need for staff transport.

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)** - On Street Residential Charging Scheme (DELETTI 2) - The contract for this scheme has now been awarded. There are three phases of project delivery. The first site in phase 1 is in Bovey Tracey and the final review of the lease is being progressed.
- **EV Strategy** - Officers are working with Devon County Council to procure a company via an existing framework agreement that will allow the strategy to be delivered by March 2024
- **Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure LEVI** - officers have agreed to collaborate and be part of the County wide bid to this fund. There is currently no dedicated staff resource to undertake this work.

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

There are significant projects that are being progressed including working on a review and options appraisal of the River Lemon corridor with the Environment Agency, the Teignmouth Beach management Plan, Teignmouth Combe Valley Dam improvements study and continued 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 assesses all planning applications that require advice to ensure they meet the policy requirements of carbon reduction.

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 as part of the Making Changes Study.

02 A Roof over our Heads

Lead Contact:

Graham Davey, Cllr Lin Goodman-Bradbury

Programme Status:

Caution

Summary Statement:

1 performance indicator is well ahead of target and 2 on target

3 performance indicators are annual monitoring / tracking indicators and 2 have no target.

The remaining 5 indicators are recorded as concern or caution. They relate to homelessness, private sector housing and housing delivery.

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, (133 against a target of 360) affordable homes delivery (55 against a target of 64) homeless preventions by helping clients stay at home (18 against a target of 40) and number of vulnerable and elderly residents assisted to remain in their own home (145 against a target of 155)

Of the 7 projects, 1 is completed 3 are on track and 3 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 have now been input into the database. The comments have resulted in Full Council agreeing on 17th October 2023 to publish an addendum to the Regulation 19 Local Plan Submission for a minimum 6-week consultation prior to submission to the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

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 Southwest 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 all but 5 completed and the remainder in the process of purchase. Sherborne House Car Park is still on track and in budget and a planning application has been submitted for 23 one and two bedroomed apartments.

Improve housing conditions and reduce empty homes

The number of dwellings improved by Council intervention remains on track and the annual Empty Homes target was reduced again this year despite challenging market conditions.

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 18th November 2022 at the Kenn Centre, Kennford which received positive feedback form those who attended. A further event will take place in January next 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	133			Michelle Luscombe , Fergus Pate	(Quarter 1 - 2) 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. Southwest 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	55			Graham Davey	(Quarter 2) First and Second 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	3			Graham Davey	(Quarter 2) First two Quarters delivery is historically low. 8 rented homes at Widecombe in the Moor due to complete next Quarter and 3 have completed this quarter. (GD)
CSROH07	Deliver 5 affordable homes a year that are fully wheelchair accessible	Communities, Housing & IT	+	5	1	2			Graham Davey	(Quarter 2) Accessible house delivered in Dawlish this quarter. (GD)

CSROH10	Number of vulnerable & elderly residents assisted to remain in their own home	Communities, Housing & IT	+	310	73	145		Alison Dolley	(Quarter 2) 72 households have been assisted with adaptations to help them remain at home. this is slightly under target, but numbers are expected to increase with the introduction of the new policy which has removed means testing for certain grant types (AD)
CSROH11	Homelessness prevented by helping client remain at home	Communities, Housing & IT	+	80	6	18		Tammy Hayes, Fran Lawrence	(Quarter 2) The increase of affordability issues has reduced opportunities to help people remain in their home where the property is not affordable long term.
CSROH12	CSROH12 Homelessness prevented by helping client with alternative accommodation	Communities, Housing & IT	+	205	49	94		Tammy Hayes, Fran Lawrence	Due to the higher costs of private rentals locally, it has become more difficult to prevent or relieve homelessness with an offer of a private tenancy. Local Housing Allowance rates remain well below market rents locally.

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	21/11/2023	An updated timetable for the Local Plan was approved by the Executive on 12 September 2023. The key milestones in this were for consultation on the Addendum in November 2023	Michelle Luscombe

					and submission to the Secretary of State to begin proceedings for public examination in February 2024. The Local Plan Addendum has since been published and is currently out for consultation. The Plan is on track to be submitted at the end of February 2024.	
Caution	CS10	Actively promote and enforce poor energy performance in the private rented property housing stock (CS10)	Communities, Housing & IT	20/10/2023	Reactive work is ongoing to improve the energy performance of the private rented housing stock, however due to lack of staff resources we have been unable to proactively move this forward. We have just had an updated version of our BRE data, and we also now have access to other energy data via the Parity project so going forward it is hoped that we will be able to get a better understanding of the issue in Teignbridge.	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 ageing fleet is also contributing to some delays in collection services.

The majority of the vehicle fleet will be renewed in 2024 and options to reduce the carbon footprint have been explored with a decision on the approach made by Full Council on 5th September following a member's briefing exercise on the 8th August.

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 which is likely to have significant financial and site disruption implications.

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.