

# Overview and Scrutiny – Executive Member Bi-Annual Update

## Councillor Jackie Hook – Executive Member for Environment, Climate & Sustainability

<p>Services and legal responsibilities covered by Executive Member remit:</p>	<p>Portfolio covers climate change, biodiversity, coastal and flood risk management, beach management planning, carbon reduction and community resilience.</p> <p>Legal and operational responsibilities include Biodiversity Net Gain, climate change planning policy implementation, Carbon Action Plan review, and Environment Agency funded flood/coastal erosion works.</p> <p>Also includes oversight of partnership and engagement activity such as the Teign Estuary and Coastal Partnership, climate adaptation, and resident/business carbon reduction initiatives including My Electricity.</p>
<p>Strategic Plan objectives</p>	<p>EN.2. Support and educate our residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to develop the comms and engagement plan and roll out My Electricity project</li> </ul> <p>EN.6. Enforce Biodiversity Net Gain requirements</p> <p>EN.7. Implementation of climate change planning policies</p> <p>EN.8. Audits and review of Carbon Action Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit completed 2025</li> <li>• CAP1 review O&amp;S April 2026 –</li> <li>• CAP1 and CAP2 review O&amp;S April 2027</li> </ul> <p>EN.9. Carry out an Environment Agency funded programme of works to reduce the impact of flooding and coastal erosion on our communities.</p> <p>EN.10. Prepare Beach Management Plans to manage local flood and coastal erosion risks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teignmouth BMP adopted April 2026</li> </ul> <p>EN.11. Updates to procurement framework to embed climate change and supply chain considerations within the corporate procurement process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not started</li> </ul>

<p>Service Delivery updates (inc. budget monitoring, performance information, risks, customer feedback)</p>	<p>Monthly discussions focused on delivery progress, key actions and emerging issues across the portfolio. Main updates included rollout of the My Electricity project and communications plan, progress on the Teignmouth Beach Management Plan, climate adaptation and community resilience activity, and monitoring of Teign Estuary and Coastal Partnership actions.</p> <p>Other operational points included business continuity briefings, carbon reduction plan validation requirements, potential member visits to Ridgetop Park/SWE, and linking carbon impact into project/business case processes. Performance and risk issues were mainly raised by exception, with continued watch on TECP and potential reputational issues such as storm damage response, public climate concerns, and long-term coastal maintenance expectations.</p> <p>Main successes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAP2 adopted</li> <li>• My Electricity rollout and communications plan with project expected to launch in partnership with ACT summer 2026</li> <li>• CAP1 review at Overview &amp; Scrutiny in April 2026</li> <li>• Teignmouth Beach Management Plan adopted in April 2026</li> <li>• Successfully become part of the Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest and looking to progress two sites within Sandygate and Sandringham Park for tree planting.</li> <li>• Local Plan adopted with more robust climate change and environment policies</li> <li>• Cycle, Walk and Wheel Forum held in May (new name for Cycle Forum). One in person Forum to be held in Spring and one online Forum in Autumn.</li> </ul>

<p>Upcoming decisions, how Overview and Scrutiny can support the delivery of the strategic plan or any other information relevant for the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Plan</p>	<p>Screening of People’s Emergency Briefing film at Teignmouth Pavilions , July 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Joint screening by TDC and Action on Climate in Teignbridge. You can support this, by attending and/or holding your own community screening in your community. Link to People’s Emergency Briefing website. <a href="#">National Emergency Briefing on climate &amp; nature</a></p>
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