

Appendix A8

2020/21 Q2 –

ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE & WASTE MANAGEMENT

Key Activities Q2

Ensure the completion and implementation of the new waste to energy plant, to time and budget and that once open the plant delivers as per the requirements of the waste contract and the commercial aspects of the contract are delivered.

The Mechanical Treatment Plant has now achieved acceptance certification and rates for diversion of municipal waste from landfill is now close to 100 per cent.

Construction of the Energy Recovery Plant was suspended following the sub-contractors leaving the site as of 16 March due to the Covid-19 situation. Amey, the providers of our Waste contract have engaged alternative sub-contractors who are now on site and completion of the facility is scheduled for April 2021

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) were initially closed in line with the government lockdown restrictions but were reopened successfully with stringent social distancing measures in place in May 2020. The booking system that was introduced as part of the reopening protocol has proved to be very popular, and with some adjustments, will remain in place permanently.

Complete the review of all premises requiring commercial waste collections and develop an appropriate commercial offer to the owners of the premises

Completed

Develop a corporate approach to the minimisation of single use plastics

The new Procurement Strategy was approved by [Cabinet in November 2019](#) and includes reference to the reduction of single use plastics as a consideration when purchasing. Additionally, the new Climate Change and Environment Strategy will incorporate a single use plastic approach.

Ensure that all procurement activity includes the need for good environmental performance from goods and services

The new Procurement Strategy was approved by Cabinet in November 2019 and is based around four key themes; Leadership, Behaving commercially, Local community & Economy and Environmental considerations.

Twice yearly reports to the Council's Audit Committee show the progress against these themes with environmental criteria being built in to evaluation criteria for contracts with it being possible to exclude suppliers from any procurement process if they have fallen foul of environmental regulations. Where appropriate key performance indicators are built into council contracts to monitor carbon emissions.

Review energy management activity and procurement of energy for all council owned and operated assets to ensure it provides economic and environmental best value

Electricity and Gas contracts have now been procured for a further year through Laser (Kent CC) and continue to be fixed term fixed price. The new contracts will now run through until 30 September 2021. Tendering for Water contracts will commence in quarter four but the route to market has yet to be decided.

Work towards the delivery of a new record office

The briefing paper setting out options for way forward was discussed at the Record Office Project Board on 4 September; however, given the uncertainty of the position around the Covid-19 costs and impact on income the council is unable to take on any new financial obligations. Accordingly, when the council is in a better position to fully understand its financial position, we will look again at providing the revenue funding to take forward the funding application and design works.

In the meantime, officers are exploring opportunities for partnership working and potentially securing the necessary funding to deliver these pieces of work. A presentation on the scheme was made to Newport And Carisbrooke Community Council on 29 September and a further meeting will be arranged to discuss the scheme in detail and the possibility of a contribution towards the cost of the feasibility work.

The National Archive have been advised of the current position and recognised the impact of Covid-19 on local authority finances and plans, and the current uncertainties that we are facing. They are still concerned about the conditions in the existing upper strong room and so genuinely pleased that we were likely to address this before the end of the calendar year and were appreciative of the work that is going into the Hillside building.

Develop a rights of way strategy for the Island, promoting riding, cycling and walking.

[Rights of Way improvement plan](#) has been produced and published on iow.gov.uk after consultation with key stakeholders. Guidance on social distancing rules that are applicable to rights of way have also been published on the IW Council website.

By the summer of 2020, secure the future of the Island's geological collection by working with regeneration and investment partners on the future of Dinosaur Isle.

Dialogue with remaining bidder recommenced in September 2020 after delays due to Covid-19. A new operator is scheduled to be in place by the end of March 2021

Support the AONB Partnership with their work in maintaining and enhancing the Isle of Wight's UNESCO Biosphere designation.

Following designation of Biosphere status in June 2019, the Council has brought forward proposals for Branstone Farm that overtly support the Biosphere principles. It has agreed to provide accountancy support for a €1 million bid to highlight the profile of Unesco sites on both sides of the Channel which, if successful, will provide financial resources to the Biosphere initiative. Furthermore, the Council and its partner, Island Roads, have given help and advice in the objective to create a Dark Skies Community in the Island's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and enhancing the Isle of Wight Biosphere. Support has been provided through involvement in the Island's Visitor Charter, the post Covid-19 advice for visitors coming to the Island used Biosphere as part of the campaign.

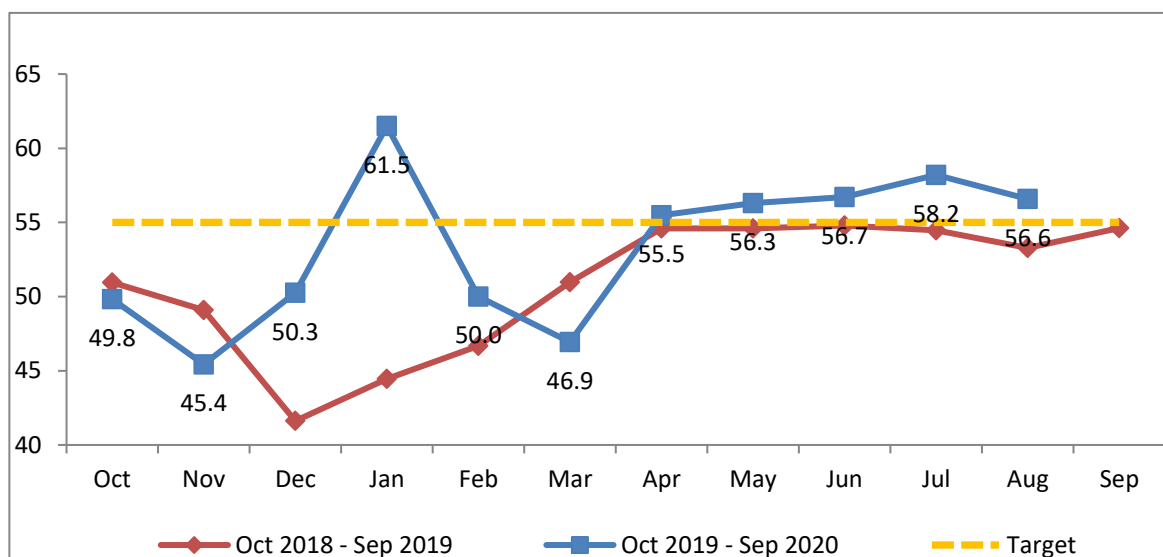
Following the successful environment conference in 2018, develop and implement an environment action plan, by December 2019, that defines our commitment to protect our environment, improve green infrastructure and identify potential for growth of the green economy.

The Climate Change and Environment Strategy will pull together the aspiration for the full council to meet net zero carbon use by 2030. The single use action plan and the environment action plan will form part of the corporate actions of the Climate Change and Environment Strategy.

The Climate Change and Environment Strategy task and finish group will take a final draft of the strategy to Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration in January 2021 for adoption later that year.

Short term measures

Percentage of contract waste recycled or composted (Rolling 12 months)



Recycling rates for 2020 have largely been comparably better than the previous year with March being the only month where last year's performance wasn't exceeded.

Significantly, since the beginning of 2020 all but the bulkiest waste has been processed at the new Mechanical Treatment Plant which means that the percentage of waste diverted from landfill is generally close to 100 per cent (99.28 per cent in September 2020).

Strategic Risks

Failure of the Waste contract resulting in significant financial and operational disruption for the council and its residents			Assigned to: Director of Neighbourhoods		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score	Previous scores		
			Jun 20	Mar 20 (pre-pandemic response)	Feb 20
16 RED	5 GREEN	12 RED	12 RED	10 AMBER	10 AMBER
No change to risk					