

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 8 May 2024

	TOPIC	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS						
1	MOTION 936	Establish a Task and Finish Group with the proposer and seconder of Motion 936.	Democratic Services	Complete						
2	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Once available, share details of the Strategy consultation with members for them to raise awareness within their constituencies.	Nicola Hillary	<p>There is a live survey available here: Local Nature Recovery Strategy Engagement Have Your Say Gloucestershire (engagemthq.com)</p> <p>A full consultation process will be considered by Cabinet later in the year.</p>						
3	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Attend a Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group meeting to discuss how to make the consultation as accessible as possible for young people.	Sustainability Team / Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group	In progress						
4	Waste Management and Waste Reduction	Provide the estimated CO2 monitoring figure submitted to the Environment Agency for the Energy from Waste facility.	David Owen	<p>The estimated CO2 figure for 2023 reported to the Environment Agency for the Gloucestershire Energy from Waste Facility is set out below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">Annual mass of carbon dioxide released</td> <td style="text-align: center;">tonnes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">153,214</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">Annual mass of carbon dioxide released per tonne of waste burned</td> <td style="text-align: center;">t CO₂ / t waste</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.82</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please note that no formal carbon dioxide reporting has been announced to date. The Government is currently consulting on the best approach to calculate CO2 as part of the public consultation on the UK Emissions Trading Scheme.</p> <p>The figures provided are estimates using one of the methodologies suggested by the Environment Agency. At Gloucestershire EfW Facility, CO2 has been calculated as a % of the stack flow from which estimations of the annual figure can be made. Other facilities may use</p>	Annual mass of carbon dioxide released	tonnes	153,214	Annual mass of carbon dioxide released per tonne of waste burned	t CO ₂ / t waste	0.82
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				<p>different methodologies to obtain their figures, therefore caution is needed when using this data until a definitive decision on CO2 monitoring is formally made by Government.</p> <p>GCC has compared the Gloucestershire Energy from Waste’s CO2 estimate against a sample of other UK EfWs for the same time period to give an indication of performance, recognising different methodologies have been used to calculate the estimates. When looking at the annual mass of CO2 released per tonne of waste burned, the Gloucestershire EfW Facility was in the top half of the sample in 2023, producing less CO2 per tonne, in a sample ranging from 0.56 to 3.85 tonnes CO2 per tonne of waste.</p> <p>It should be noted the figure required by the Environment Agency is for the combustion of waste only and does not take into consideration any potential offsetting of emissions by other processes undertaken at EfW facilities, for example, recovery of incinerator bottom ash, which contains metals that can be recycled and aggregate for the construction industry or the production of electricity.</p> <p>The requirement to provide an estimate of CO2 gives the Environment Agency an indication of CO2 emissions emitted from the combustion of household waste, but it is recognised that these are estimates and no one formal reporting methodology has yet been announced nationally for all EfWs to follow.</p>
5	<p>Executive Director's Report</p>	<p>Provide an organisation chart for the Sustainability Team showing officers and responsibilities.</p>	<p>David Owen</p>	<p>Head of Environment and Waste – Sarah Danson Climate Action Engagement Manager – Laura Foster -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability and Waste Engagement Team • Sustainability & Waste Engagement Officer – Kelly Osborne • Sustainability & Waste Engagement Officer – Emilie Woodger-Smith • Climate Action Officer (Waste) – Kathryn Turner • Climate Action Officer (Sustainability) – Rachel Hibberd <p>Climate Action Programme Manager – James Hancocks –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Officer Energy and Renewable - Will Spendlove • Climate Change and Air Quality Officer – Sophia Beglinger • Climate Action officer Biodiversity - vacant

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees Project Officer - Sara Noons-Redfern • Tree Planting Project Support officer – Taylor Holloway <p>Tree Planting Administrator - recruited, awaiting new starter</p>
6	Executive Director's Report	<p>Include the following information in the Electric Vehicle Charge Point update report to Committee in July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of the recent £3.1m Department for Transport LEVI grant funding. • Usage data for the charging points already installed. 	Jason Humm	Information requested will be available in the scrutiny committee report.
7	Executive Director's Report	Provide further detail on the new Robin services recently announced, including specific routes and 'go live' dates.	Jason Humm	<p>All three new Robin service areas have now launched.</p> <p>The new areas and their launch dates are; Tewkesbury district (3 June), South Cotswolds (10 June), and Berkeley Vale (17 June). Fares are capped at £2 to match the rest of the public transport network and aligns with the DfT's fare cap scheme. More information, including a map of all areas served, is available at https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/the-robin/.</p>
8	Executive Director's Report	Consider further improvements on the accessibility of the report – including avoiding the use of acronyms.	Colin Chick	Complete

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9	Gloucestershire Youth Climate Group (GYCG)	Discuss further opportunities to ensure the accessibility of the Committee and its work programme for the representatives from the GYCG.	Chair / Democratic Services	Meeting to discuss in progress.
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