

## ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 8 March 2023

	TOPIC	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS
1	Highways green initiatives and innovations	Confirm what happens to the chipped wood from the Ash Dieback Programme	Kath Haworth	We leave some chippings on site as habitat and the rest are taken by the contractor to his depot, where it is stored for distribution to a Biomass plant, heating systems and various farming businesses.
2	Highways green initiatives and innovations	Confirm how much plastic waste from PPE was recycled or incinerated	Kath Haworth	When Personal Protective Equipment comes to the end of its life, we are able to recycle it. This includes workwear, helmets, eyewear, footwear, gloves, ear defenders and respiratory equipment. The materials are collected and taken to a secure facility where it is shredded to a small size, all metal and wood is extracted for recycling and the remaining material is used as a solid recovered fuel to fire a furnace. This provides a fuel that can be used in manufacturing as a more sustainable alternative to fossil fuels, reducing the need for primary resources.
3	Highways green initiatives and innovations	Provide further information on Solid Recovered Fuel	Kath Haworth	
4	Highways green initiatives and innovations	Provide information around the number of visits that are carried out across the county each year that end with the criteria not being met for potholes.	Kath Haworth	The vast majority of safety defects on the network are identified by GCC's safety inspectors as part of their regular, scheduled inspections which cover every road in the county. Of the publicly reported defects (which are then assessed by a trained inspector) around half do not meet GCC's intervention criteria for potholes.
5	Highways green initiatives and innovations	Arrange a members visit to see new IT used by highways department	Kath Haworth/DSU	Arrangements in discussion and added to the work plan.