



ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, 19 March 2026
Time: 6.00pm,
Location: Council Chamber
Contact: committees@stevenage.gov.uk

Members: Councillors: Leanne Brady (Chair), Andy McGuinness (Vice-Chair), Robert Boyle, Jim Brown, Forhad Chowdhury, Alistair Gordon, Rob Henry, Claire Parris, Ceara Roopchand, Peter Wilkins and Jade Woods

AGENDA

PART 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 February 2026
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3. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATIONS PLAN

In accordance with the Committee's work programme, Members are invited to consider and comment on an officer presentation on the Climate Change Adaptations Plan.
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4. CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER RESPONSE TO REVIEW OF RECYCLING IN FLAT BLOCKS

Members are invited to consider the Cabinet Portfolio holders response to the Committee's review of recycling in flat blocks.
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5. UPDATE ON DELIVERY OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2025-26

Members are invited to consider the delivery of the Committee's work programme for 2025-26 and to bring forward possible items for consideration for the Committee's work programme for 2026-27.
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6. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

7. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

8. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 24 February 2026

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Council Chamber

Present: Councillors: Robert Boyle, Jim Brown, Forhad Chowdhury, Alistair Gordon, Rob Henry, Ceara Roopchand, Peter Wilkins and Jade Woods

Start / End Time: Start Time: 6.00pm
End Time: 7.45pm

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, nominations were requested for the appointment of a Chair for the meeting.

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Ceara Roopchand be appointed Chair for the meeting. No other nominations were received.

It was RESOLVED: That Councillor Ceara Roopchand be appointed as Chair

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Leanne Brady, Andy McGuinness and Claire Parris

2 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2026**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January were agreed by the Committee, with the additional points included:

- Members asked officers to provide details of where cycling is permitted and prohibited in the town centre and local parks, the Director for Planning and Regulation agreed to report back to Members with this information
- Regarding light leakage from street lighting columns, it was noted that the angle of the light is now far narrower than before, could this be reported to Hertfordshire County Council as the highways authority to see if this is adjustable or can be remedied in any way
- Regarding the Infrastructure Delivery Plans Members asked how well integrated this was with the Local Plan? The Director for Planning and Regulation said that the Infrastructure Delivery Plan was last updated in 2024 and could be updated this year
- Members noted that there has been no effective monitoring of the 2018 Cycle

Strategy nor has there been any data collected, this would need to change as part of any update. Members noted that there had been some data provided from Beryl bike hire usage, but this was limited to just where users have hired the bikes from fixed points. There is some data available from the 2021 Census, but this underestimates the number of cyclists

- Officers to note that the South of the town seems to be missing a lot from the Arts and Heritage Trail
- Members asked for a report back on how the secure cycle parking at the railway station was performing and the Director for Planning and Regulation agreed to report back to Members on this, with a view to learn from this for future provision of secure cycle storage elsewhere in the town
- Members asked Officers to report back on what counts as a mobility aid and who can legally use the cycleways
- Regarding Beryl Bikes, Members asked for a detailed update be brought back to the Committee on usage and future developments
- Members noted that cyclists often can't cycle to their destinations. The cycleways were great for recreation and exercise but were limited for transport. There needs to be a north south route and into the town centre
- Members noted previous planning mistakes like the location of Tesco and Costco which broke up previous continuous sections of the cycleways
- Members noted that the cycleways don't go everywhere in the town, therefore cyclists need to use the roads which need to be safe for cyclists
- Members commented on the fact that cycle parking was no longer provided in the cycling prohibition area in the town centre, which causes a problem for those cyclists that carry shopping or want to have their cycle close to where they are shopping for security reasons
- Members noted that the current prohibition of cycling in the town centre excludes responsible cyclists from possible solutions as it focuses on those who ignore the ban
- Members stated that being able to cycle all the way to the cycle parking was a reasonable expectation

The following Recommendation wording to be amended as follows:

- **Cycling Access in the Town Centre & responsible use and management of the Cycle Network**
That officers, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, explore improvements to cyclist access up to the town centre, including safe routing around the town centre and appropriate secure cycle parking provision and that they engage with cyclists and relevant stakeholders to encourage responsible use of the

- network and consulting on parking and access issues within the town centre
- **Single Point of Officer Responsibility**
That a single, named officer (or dedicated role/Member champion) be identified to lead on implementation, monitoring, and reporting of the Cycling Strategy and associated action plan, and that the Cabinet Portfolio for Transport and the Director of Planning and Regulation investigate ways that this can be funded for a fixed period ahead of the new unitary authority being established under Local Government Reorganisation

3 INPUT FROM CYCLING USER GROUPS

The Chair introduced the item and explained that there were four cycling groups that had given feedback on the delivery of the cycle strategy action plan, focusing on two elements for development. The first was creating an implementation plan for cycling network improvements and maintenance, and the second was increasing the provision of secure and accessible cycle parking across the town, including e-bike charging points.

Wheels for Wellbeing

The Committee received a presentation from this organisation, run by and for disabled people. It was noted that the organisation's work operated across two main areas:

- Providing access to cycling
- Campaigns and policy

Members were informed that the organisation operated three inclusive cycling centres and managed a fleet of over 350 cycles, including a wide range of non-standard cycles. These centres enabled disabled people to learn to ride in a safe, off-road and disability-positive environment. The organisation also provided led rides on public infrastructure using loaned cycles and trained ride leaders.

The Committee noted that the organisation delivered training and consultancy across cycling, active travel, micromobility and multimodal journeys. It was reported that regular surveys of disabled cyclists were undertaken to identify barriers and enablers to cycling. All work was underpinned by a mobility justice approach, which prioritised transport investment for those with the least access to mobility options.

The Committee heard that there were several positive impacts of cycling for disabled people including:

- Essential day-to-day transport, helping to address gaps caused by inaccessible public transport and limited private transport access.
- Increased social participation and community connection.
- Physical activity and access to green spaces, supporting physical and mental health.
- Greater autonomy and independence.
- Enjoyment and improved wellbeing.

It was emphasised that designing infrastructure to meet disabled people's needs

benefitted the whole population.

The presentation also identified several barriers for disabled cycling, such as inaccessible infrastructure, lack of safe and secure cycle parking and storage, high cost of non-standard cycles, public hostility and limited opportunities.

The Committee noted that accessible cycling infrastructure and parking design must consider inclusive access from the outset and include maintenance planning. It was highlighted that improving accessibility for disabled cyclists would create a more inclusive, safer and more sustainable transport network for all residents in Stevenage.

In response to questions from members about disabled cyclists utilising local athletics tracks, learnings from cycling parking facilities already built and cycle racks in paved areas, the speaker clarified that there are at least 250 tracks around the country that are inclusive for all and a good starting point for those wanting to try cycling.

It was also noted that some other countries have underground parking facilities, and the officer would take this away to get a written response about how it could work for Stevenage. The speaker informed the committee that they would always recommend parking racks are situated on cycleways to help with accessibility.

In response to another member question, it was noted that Wheels for Wellbeing services are not currently being accessed by Stevenage residents and they have not worked with the Council previously.

Clarification was given that Beryl Bikes do not currently provide any non-standard cycling and officers agreed to take this up with Beryl to look at any opportunity of introducing them to the network.

It was further noted that Herts Disability Sports Foundation do provide Stevenage's inclusive cycling and have a wide range of bikes available.

Invis-Ability

The Committee received a verbal update from a representative of a disabled-led organisation based in Stevenage.

The speaker explained that the organisation operated within the local community and primarily supported disabled residents, as well as family members and friends who assisted them.

It was noted that many of their users regularly relied on the Stevenage cycle network to maintain independence, particularly where they did not drive, enabling access to the town centre and local shops.

The Committee heard that the organisation had developed a strong working relationship with Cycling UK and the local Cycling Hub, initially established following contact with a representative from Cycling UK who had observed the speaker using

a wheelchair with an electric bike attachment. This relationship had grown positively and had resulted in collaborative work, including a joint cycling session and a video produced to highlight potential obstacles, including raised or recessed ironworks and other surface hazards, so that participants using different mobility equipment could prepare accordingly.

Members were advised that user experiences of the cycle network were generally positive, particularly in supporting independence and physical activity. However, several recurring concerns were raised. These included:

- Sections of infrastructure being worn or in need of maintenance, particularly around ironworks.
- Crossing points and refuge islands being too narrow to safely accommodate larger mobility equipment such as scooters or tricycles.
- Problems with dropped kerbs and the camber of paths, which were reported to be consistently uneven and sloping. This was said to create difficulty and fatigue for manual wheelchair users and present risks for a range of users, including those with walking aids or pushchairs.
- Specific examples were given of uneven surfaces and raised lips causing near accidents, including a recent incident in the Old Town.

The Committee was informed that these surface inconsistencies required constant vigilance from disabled users, detracting from their ability to enjoy the environment. Concerns were also raised regarding signage on the cycle network. It was reported that some signs were faded, dirty, missing lettering, or absent altogether. This was highlighted as a particular issue for visually impaired users who relied on clear signage to navigate independently.

In relation to access points onto and off the cycle network, it was noted that steep cambers and drops could present safety risks, particularly in poor weather conditions, and for a wide range of users beyond wheelchair users alone.

The Committee further heard concerns regarding cycling parking provision. It was reported that existing cycle parking facilities were not suitable for larger adapted cycles, such as electric tricycles, and that there was currently no provision for charging adapted electric cycles. The suggestion was made that consideration be given to integrating charging provision for adapted cycles alongside existing electric vehicle infrastructure.

In closing, the speaker emphasised their strong personal support for the cycle network, noting that it had played a significant role in their rehabilitation and ability to exercise following becoming a wheelchair user. While expressing appreciation for the network and the partnership working to date, they stated that improvements were needed to ensure that disabled users could access all areas safely and equitably.

The Committee thanked the speaker for their contribution and noted the issues raised.

Cycling UK Stevenage

Representatives from Cycling UK's Stevenage presented their feedback to the Committee and noted they had been invited to provide constructive criticism. They stated their vision for Stevenage as a town where cycling was chosen because it was safe and convenient. They linked cycling to the Council's modal shift, climate targets, and reducing health inequalities.

Objective 1: Cycling infrastructure & maintenance

The intended outcome of a connected, world-class cycling network had not been achieved.

Key issues identified were:

- Incomplete network and poor access to key destinations.
- New developments not prioritising cycling in practice; driving remained easier.
- Poor surface quality, maintenance issues, and frequent punctures.
- Design barriers in the older network, including steep underpasses and flooding.

They stated that without improvements, cycling would remain limited to a motivated minority.

Objective 2: Secure and accessible cycle parking across the town

Key issues identified were:

- Insufficient secure residential cycle storage was highlighted; demand exceeded current provision.
- The town centre lacked accessible, secure cycle parking.
- The cycling ban in the town centre reduced convenience, particularly for short, multi-stop trips and student access.
- Convenience must outweigh driving to enable behaviour change.
- While policies identified the right ambitions, implementation, monitoring, and accountability were lacking.

They proposed setting a clear target to double cycling trips within five years, supported by automatic cycle counters. They emphasised that increasing cycling rates would require difficult decisions and firm leadership.

The group reaffirmed their willingness to work collaboratively with the Council. They offered lived experience, survey data, and resident panel feedback to inform improvements. They concluded that the Committee's work could be pivotal in delivering a positive cycling legacy for Stevenage.

Stevenage Cycling Hub

The Committee noted that Cycle Hub was established during the 2020 lockdown, which created initial operational challenges. Strong support was received from SBC and Herts County Council. Despite limited initial experience, the team had developed services successfully and demonstrated steady growth.

Cycle Hub provided cycle training from age two upwards, refurbished cycles for sale and hire (including a cargo bike), a small retail offer, led rides, and maintenance courses. Members were asked to support promotion of the Stevenage Community

Chest-funded adult sessions.

In the previous year, delivery included balance biking, beginner and fun skills sessions, Bike ability courses, government-funded “Happy Camps” for children on free school meals, and 171 one-to-one lessons (primarily for children). Attendance reflected increasing geographic reach. The children’s club remained popular, with lower winter participation

The workshop refurbished 15 donated cycles, most of which had been sold, with unusable bikes passed to partner charities. Community engagement included organising the Stevenage Recycling Festival, supporting local Cycling UK rides, and national campaigns.

Key development needs identified included:

- Increased mechanic hours
- Clearer visibility and signage for the building
- Extended weekday opening (subject to funding)
- Additional park cycle routes
- A nearby surfaced training area
- Website and administrative support
- Funding to train additional ride leaders.

Members were encouraged to visit the Hub and observe its work within the community.

At the end of the presentations the Chair invited Members to ask questions or provide comments to the speakers.

A Member queried how progress against the Council’s modal shift objective is currently monitored. Officers confirmed that there is no systematic programme of monitoring and evaluation in place for the existing strategy. Concerns were raised regarding the absence of outcome measures and limitations in baseline data. The potential use of cycle counters to establish a more robust baseline was highlighted.

Members discussed issues relating to:

- Loss of previously safe routes within the town centre due to redevelopment.
- Poor connectivity to retail parks and out of town centre shopping areas.
- Steep gradients at underpasses, creating accessibility barriers.
- The need for inclusive design reflecting modern accessibility standards.

It was noted that accessibility standards have evolved since the network’s original 1960s design, and that greater engagement with disabled users is required when developing solutions. Representatives advised that some retail destinations are not safely accessible without significant detours, limiting independent access for some disabled residents.

Officers clarified that:

- The Council is responsible for cleaning cycleways.
- The County Council is responsible for structural maintenance.

Where defects are reported on Council-owned assets, repairs can be arranged. Reporting issues via the website was raised as a concern, and officers agreed to follow this up outside the meeting.

In response to a question regarding whether current issues stem from historic design or lack of investment, it was considered that both factors contribute. The original network design has not been sufficiently modernised, and maintenance has not fully aligned infrastructure with current standards.

A potential location for a pump track was identified in Fairlands Valley Park behind the Stevenage Cycling hub.

Members queried officer capacity to support proposals presented at the meeting. Officers advised that:

- The Committee may make recommendations to the Executive.
- Operational matters can be reviewed where resources allow.
- There is no dedicated cycling officer.
- The Director for Planning and Regulation agreed to look at the 8 points that the Cycling Hub raised in their presentation to see where the Council can lend its support to help them achieve their mission
- Officers would investigate why the fault reporting feature to report damaged cycleways on the website was not working

The previously discussed option of appointing a Member Champion for cycling was referenced as a potential means of providing leadership in the absence of dedicated officer resource.

It was RESOLVED that

- Officers to report back on how the Council is measuring the modal shift objective
- Officers should investigate the costs and mechanisms to establish baseline data potentially using a third-party using cycle counters as a methodology for establishing a baseline
- Officers collate all the actions and recommendations from the two meetings focusing on cycling and present these to the HCC, SBC Cabinet Portfolio holder for transport for a response and work with cycle groups to work towards the agreed outcomes
- With regard to underground parking facilities that officers would take this away and provide a written response about how this could work for Stevenage
- With regard to Beryl Bikes, officers would contact Beryl to investigate the possibility of providing some non-standard cycle hire for disabled users on the Stevenage network

4 **URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Part I Business

5 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Not required.

6 **URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Part II Business.

CHAIR

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Climate Adaptation for Stevenage Borough Council

Agenda

- Session Objectives
- Climate Projections Overview
- Progress Update on Climate Adaptation – Globally, Nationally & Locally
- Climate Change Risk Assessment Results
- Draft 5-year Climate Adaptation Plan

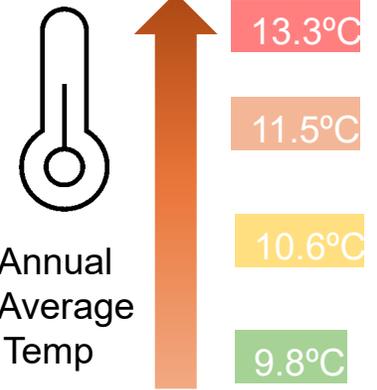
Session Objectives

- Understand the potential impacts of climate change on Council services and assets.
- Acknowledge the integration of climate risks within the Council's corporate risk management framework.
- Support the continued development of the Council's Climate Adaptation Plan (2026–2031).
- Provide feedback on proposed adaptation priorities and the risk assessment approach.

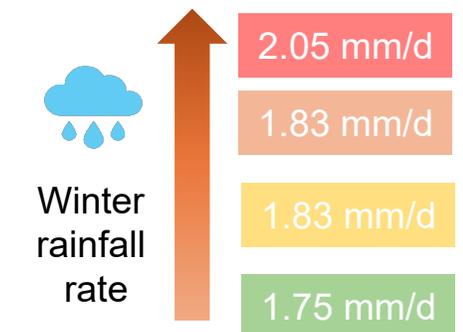
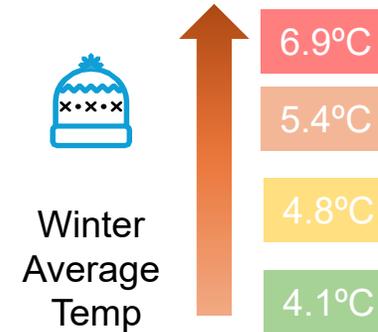
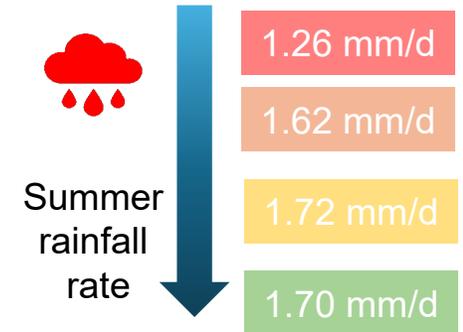
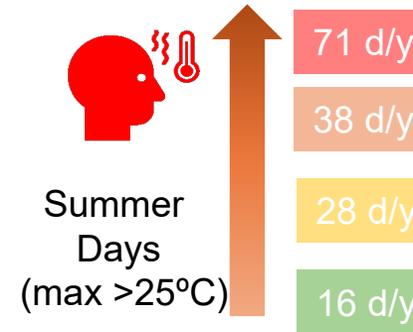
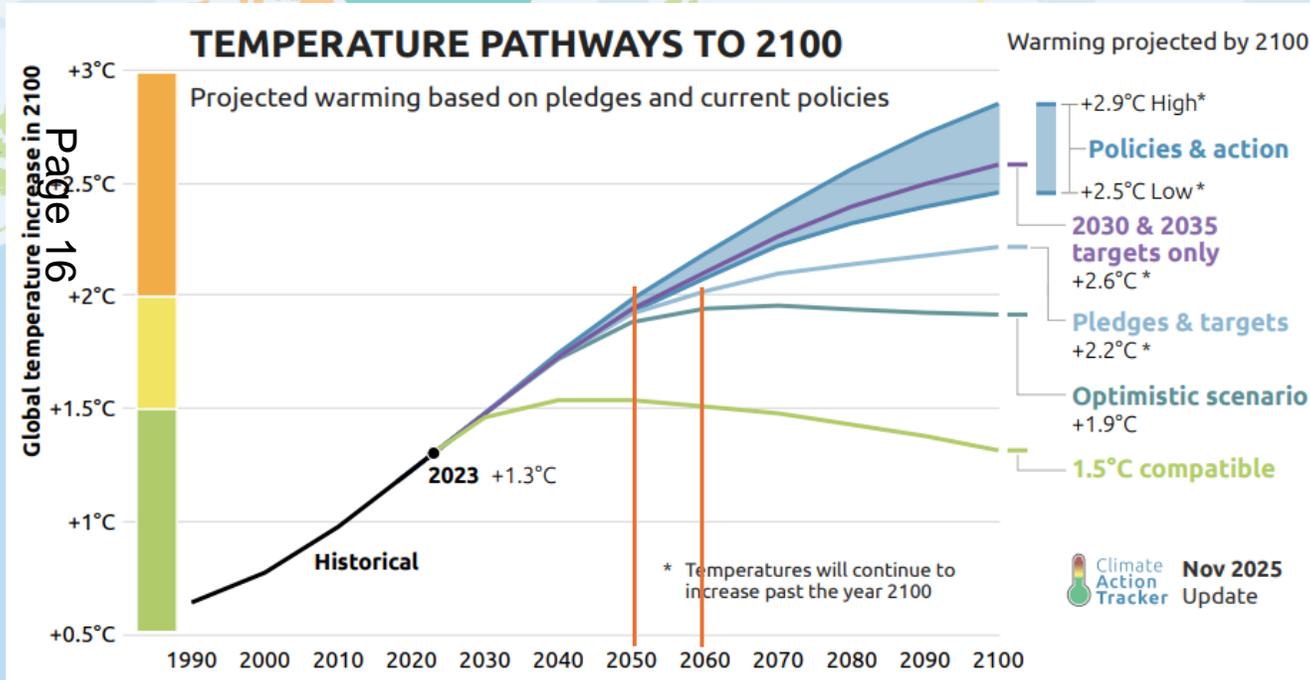
Changing Climate

For Stevenage, it will be:

- hotter & drier summer
- milder & wetter winter



Global Long-term average Temperature



KEY 1981-2000 2001-2020 +2°C +4°C

Impacts from recent extreme weather events in Stevenage



Heavy rainfall - Jul 2015



Summer 2022



Thunderstorm- May 2023



Storm Conall – Nov 2024



Summer 2024



Storm Henry - 2016



Storm Eunice – Feb 2022



October 2024

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se impacts will intensify & be more frequent with the changing climate

Climate Adaptation

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“Adjustments in ecological, social or economic systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli and their effects.

It refers to changes in processes, practices and structures to moderate potential damages or to benefit from opportunities associated with climate change.”





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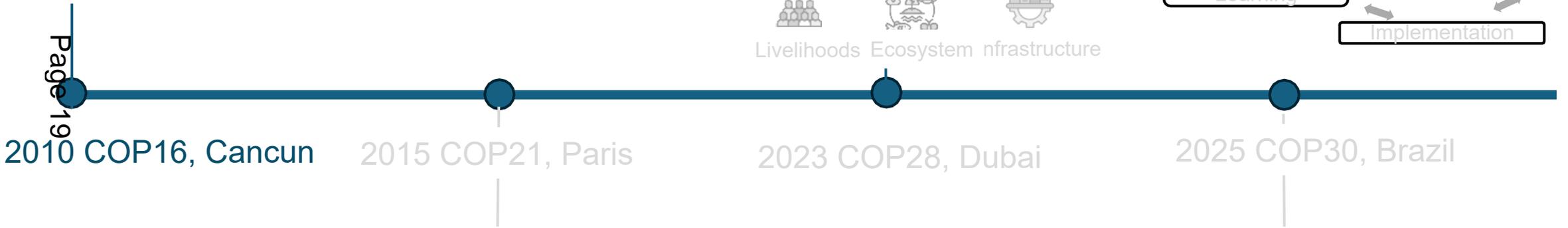
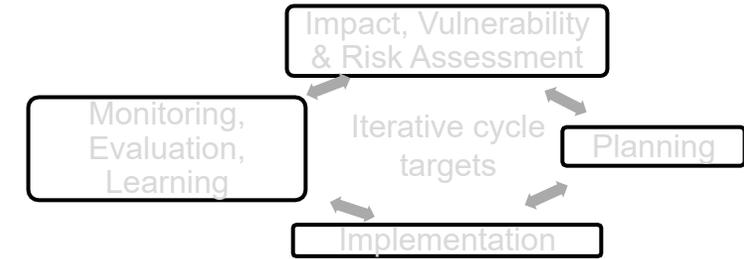
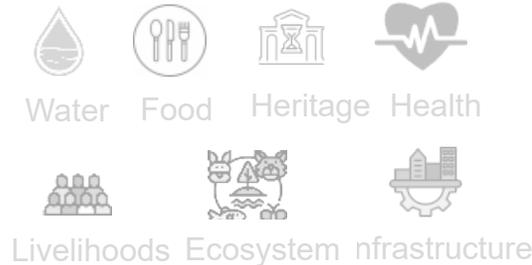
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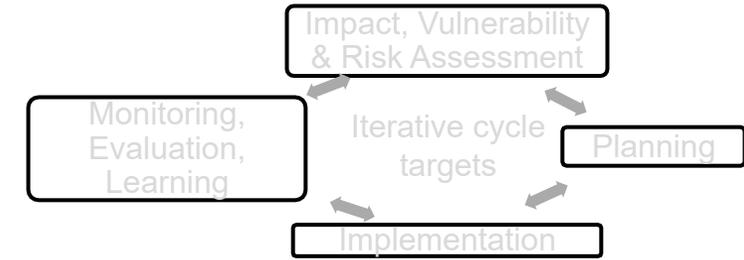
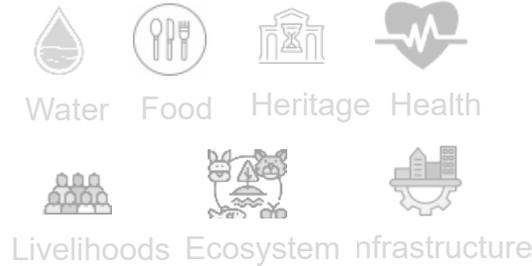
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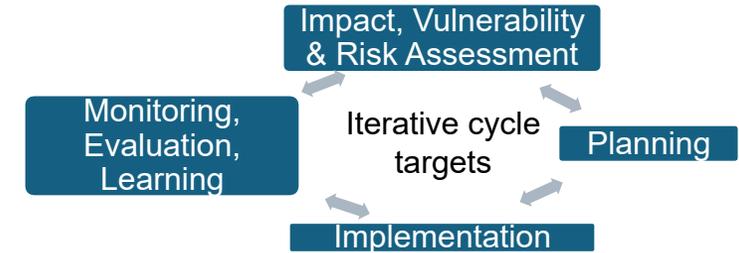
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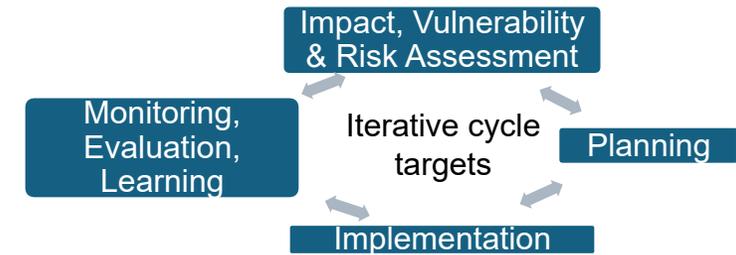
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Nationally - Work done so far

Under the **Climate Change Act 2008** – The UK government is required to assess climate risks & plan for adaptation.

- **UK Climate Change Risk Assessment (UKCCRA)**

- Identifies current & future risks and opportunities from climate change for the UK.
- Led by Secretary of State, advice & evidence for the assessment is provided by Climate Change Committee (CCC).
- Published every 5 years, next due in 2027.

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- **National Adaptation Programme (NAP)**

- Sets out policies and actions to address the risks identified in the CCRA and the timescales for implementing those actions.
- Led by DEFRA, responding to the UK CCRA.
- Published every 5 years. Latest: NAP3, covering the period 2023 – 2028. The next: NAP4, due in 2028.

- **Adaptation Reporting Power (ARP)**

- The Act gives the Government power to require organisations with public functions (e.g., utilities, infrastructure providers, regulators) to report on the climate risk affecting them & actions they are taking to adapt to climate change.
- Reporting runs in a 5-year cycle. The 4th round APR ended in 2024 – invited a selective LAs to be part of a pilot & remained as voluntary. The 5th round of APR is anticipated to start in late 2026 and run until late 2029.
- Feed into CCRA & NAP, helps CCC to evaluate risk level & if they should be prioritised in the national assessment & inform policy development and sector strategies.

- **CCC Monitoring & Progress report**

- Report to Parliament on progress in preparing for climate change and implementing adaptation measures.



Nationally - Third National Adaptation Programme 2023 to 2028 (NAP3)

□ Health, Communities & Build Env.

- £5.2 bn of investment in flood & coastal erosion.
- Continue to deploy the Adverse Weather & Health Plan and UK weather health alerting system.
- Support adaptation via NPPF & Building Regs.
- Provide dedicated local climate projection to support local adaptation planning.

□ Business & Industry

- Deliver the Green Finance Strategy.
- Publish new strategy on supply chains & imports.

□ International Dimensions (New!)

- £1.5bn adaptation fund to help building resilience in vulnerable communities to climate related disasters.

□ Natural Environment

- Using Local Nature Recovery Strategies to evaluate the climate trends & hazards at a local level.
- Incorporate climate change adaptation into the design of Environmental Land Management schemes.

□ Infrastructure

- New Resilience Framework, including new commitments on resilience standards.
- New transportation adaptation strategy, led by DfT.
- £2.2bn of investment in water quality & resilient supply, led by DEFRA.

Locally – Work done so far

- Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) based on a HCCSP template
 - An exercise undertaken as part of HCCSP Adaptation subgroup.
 - Categorise by climate drivers (i.e. flooding, drought, storm, extreme heat).
 - Evaluate the **impacts on the statutory obligations and key services of the Council** at present via interview with the heads of services.
- Presented that to SLT in August 2024
 - Agreed to integrate the relevant operation climate risks to the Operational Risk Registers (ORRs) and Strategic Risk Registers (SRRs).
- Incorporated two of the high rating climate risks to existing ORRs and defined a cycle for future integration. Work in progress.

Continuation of Previous Work

- Revised CCRA based on new guidelines published by DEFRA for the 4th round of Climate Adaptation Reporting Power
 - Categorized by the affected sectors
 1. Natural Environment
 2. Infrastructure
 3. Health, Communities & Build Environment
 4. Business & Industry
 5. International Dimensions.
 - Evaluating the impacts at present-day, +2°C and +4°C warming scenarios.
- Drafted a 5-year Climate Adaptation Plan
 - Improve understanding and evidence base.
 - Enhance Council's climate resilience.

Climate Change Risk Assessment

Understanding risks and their extent



Risk Matrix

Consistent with ORR for easy incorporation

		Likelihood Scoring				
		Rare (1)	Unlikely (2)	Possible (3)	Likely (4)	Almost Certain (5)
Impact Scoring Page 28	Major (5)	5 [Medium]	10 [High]	15 [High]	20 [Very High]	25 [Very High]
	Significant (4)	4 [Low]	8 [Medium]	12 [High]	16 [Very High]	20 [Very High]
	Moderate (3)	3 [Low]	6 [Medium]	9 [Medium]	12 [High]	15 [High]
	Minor (2)	2 [Low]	4 [Low]	6 [Medium]	8 [Medium]	10 [High]
	Insignificant (1)	1 [Low]	2 [Low]	3 [Low]	4 [Low]	5 [Medium]

Likelihood		Indicators
5	Almost certain	> 85% Is expected to occur in most circumstances Likely to occur this year or at frequent intervals
4	Likely	60% - 85% Will probably occur at some time or in most circumstances Likely to occur at least once in the next 3 years
3	Possible	30% - 60% Fairly likely to occur at some time or in some circumstances Likely to occur at least once in the next 5 years
2	Unlikely	15% - 30% Is unlikely to, but could occur at some time
1	Rare	5% - 15% May occur only in exceptional circumstances Extremely unlikely to occur in the next 10 years

Impact		Indicative Overview
5	Major	Financial loss greater than £1 million Substantial lengthy impact on achievement of strategic objectives and performance Unable to provide statutory duties Unmanageable impact on reputation Very difficult, perhaps long-term to recover Death
4	Significant	Financial loss greater than £250k but less than £1 million Substantial impact on objectives/costs Serious impact on service quality National media interest Medium to long-term effects and expensive to recover
3	Moderate	Financial loss greater than £75k but less than £250k Significant waste of time and resources Noticeable operational disruption Considerable negative local media coverage or high level of customer complaints Short to medium term effect
2	Minor	Financial loss of greater than £1k but less than £75k Any financial impact can be managed Some limited disruption or fall in service quality Limited negative local media coverage or customer complaints Short term effects
1	Insignificant	Financial loss of less than £1k Internal impacts only Negligible loss, disruption or resource implications Minimal legal, environmental or health and safety risks

CCRA overview

- A total of 45 specific risks were identified, with some further broken down into subsidiary risks.

Thematic area	Present			+2 °C			+ 4 °C		
	L	M	H	L	M	H	L	M	H
Natural Environment & Assets	7	2	2	3	6	2	2	5	4
Infrastructure	4	6	1	3	6	2	-	8	3
Health, Communities and Built Environment	17	15	1	14	18	1	8	20	5
Business and Industry	4	4	-	3	5	-	-	8	-
International Dimension	5	2	-	4	3	-	1	6	-

Natural Environment

Parks, woodlands, grasslands, lakes, and other green spaces that are owned and managed by the Council.



Habitats



Bank Erosion



Tree & plant Health



Water quality



Parks



Grasslands



Woodlands



Amenity trees



Lakes

Impacts on SBC

- Additional resources required to protect natural assets and maintain public spaces
- Increasing costs for green spaces upkeep
- Reducing local carbon storage capacity.



Existing Measures

- **Amenity Tree Management Policy:** retention & management
- **Biodiversity Action Plan:** protection & enhance biodiversity
- **Green Spaces Strategy:** maintain & expand green spaces
- **Tree and Woodland Strategy:** increase canopy cover
- **Local Plan:** tree replacement policy
- Meadow Management
- FVP dam & embankment management



Residual Risks

- Limitations in the current evidence base used for management decisions
- Data gap, e.g. sensitivity of species, habitats, and ecological processes, robust carbon sequestration baseline.

Natural Environment – High Risk

example

Fairlands Valley Park lakes & smaller ponds within Town – Freshwater species & habitats



Lakes & Ponds

Change of temperature
will affect the water
level & oxygen level

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Species abundance &
vitality

Increase runoff &
temperature



Higher chance of algal
bloom

Impacts on SBC

- Impacting the Council's commitment to protect & enhance wildlife habitats
- Increase the cost for maintenance & recovery of the lakes & ponds
- Health & safety risks for the public
- Loss of revenue due to potential closure for leisure activities
- Reputational damage



Existing Measures

- **Biodiversity Action Plan:** specific actions targeted at lakes, ponds, and Stevenage Brook
- **Adopt a Pond scheme:** locals take responsibility for caring local ponds
- Work with EA & regular water quality testing at FVP
- Apply treatment, i.e. natural dyes, to reduce the risk of algal bloom
- Work closely with Comms team



Suggested Actions

- Consider purchase of water quality testing equipment to reduce the long-term cost
- Investigate alternative treatment methods, i.e. ultrasound treatment system, to be more efficient & minimise the impact on wildlife and visual

Health, Communities & Built Environment



Air Quality



Staff

Impacts on SBC

- Added pressure on Environmental Health and public health services



Maintenance

- Increased maintenance, repair and insurance costs



Temporary accomm

- For social housing, risk of tenant complaints, and increased demand for temporary accommodation

- Demand for support from residents



Resident support



Existing Measures

- Corporate & Commercial property management

- Green Spaces & Tree & Woodland Strategies to increase canopy cover

- Social Housing management & tenant support

- Local Plan: Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, water efficiency, energy efficiency, etc

- Work with HCC, as lead local flood authority, to deliver the Surface Water Management Plan



Residual Risks

- Condition of existing housing/building stock and constraints on available resources

- Engagement level from the locals

- Uncertainties over the scale and duration of future impacts, particularly in financial and resource terms



Food Safety



Damp & Mould



Building fabric & structure



Public Wellbeing

Health, Communities & Built Environment – High Risk

example

Fire risk of Council's owned properties



The extreme heat and dry conditions could ignite combustible materials, such as packaging, wood offcuts, paper, plastics, compost, etc.



Increased risk of structure fire



Impacts on SBC

- Increased the maintenance cost for recovering the damaged properties from fire
- Demand for support from residents. Potentially increased demand of temporary accommodation
- Demand for support from commercial tenants



Existing Measures

- Corporate Buildings are visited at a minimum once a month as part of compliance visits.
- Commercial Buildings are visited by the Senior Estates Surveyor and manages property condition.
- Canopy had been added at the depo to cover the area that temporarily store the wastepaper and cardboard



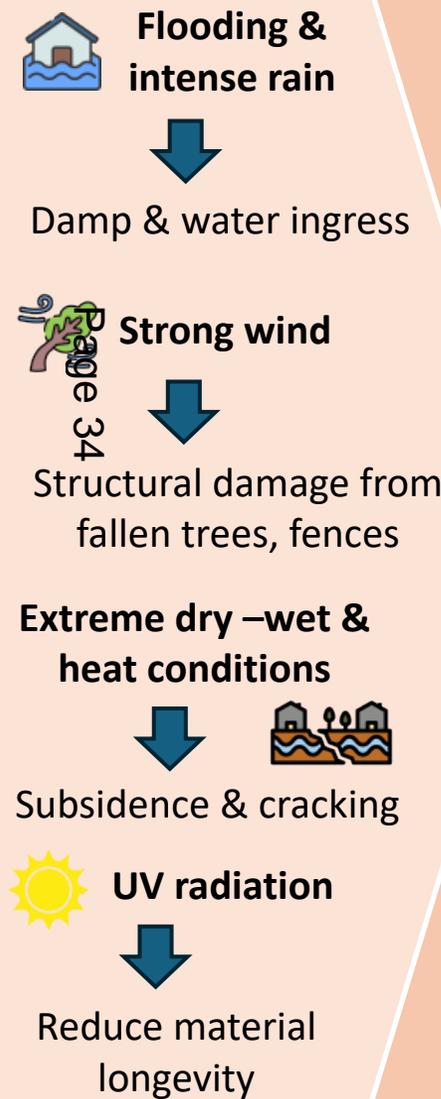
Suggested Actions

- Enhance public communication to support fire risk awareness and prevention during extreme heat and dry conditions.

Health, Communities & Built Environment – Medium Risk

example

Deterioration of building fabric



Impacts on SBC

- Increased the maintenance cost for SBC's owned properties
- Increased number of complaints from tenants regarding the damages
- Increased demand in temporary accommodation
- Increased insurance costs



Existing Measures

- For all residential buildings:
- Local Plan outlines flood risk reduction, solar gain measures
 - Regular tree condition survey
 - Working with HCC on Surface Water Management Plan
- For social housing:
- Housing stock historic data concerning flood risk indicating no significant risk is present
 - Decant policy in place
 - Dedicated maintenance team
- For private residents:
- Existing reporting structure for damp & mould issues



Suggested Actions

- Evaluate the flooding risk for all SBC's properties
- Information gathering related to climate-related building fabric degradation & impacts on residents.



Infrastructure

Potential disruptions to the Council's statutory duties and operational activities resulting from damage to utilities and telecommunications infrastructure, the transport network, and structural assets such as bridges and pipelines



Transport network



Power Plant



Telecom



Water Supply



EV Charger



Staff



Access



Resident support



SBC Assets

Impacts on SBC

- Affect the **delivery of critical** services due to potential loss of staff availability, premises, ICT systems, and utilities
- **Restrict access**, force closure of public facilities
- **Demand** for emergency response, temporary housing support
- **Maintenance & insurance costs** on footbridges, renewable energy, EV chargers



Existing Measures

- **Business Continuity Plans:** framework to ensure the delivery of critical services
- **Sever Weather Plans:** to prepare for, respond to and manage severe weather
- **Employee Culture handbook:** Guidance on emergency
- **Herts Local Resilience Forum:** working with other organisations to plan, prepare & train in responding to emergencies & incidents

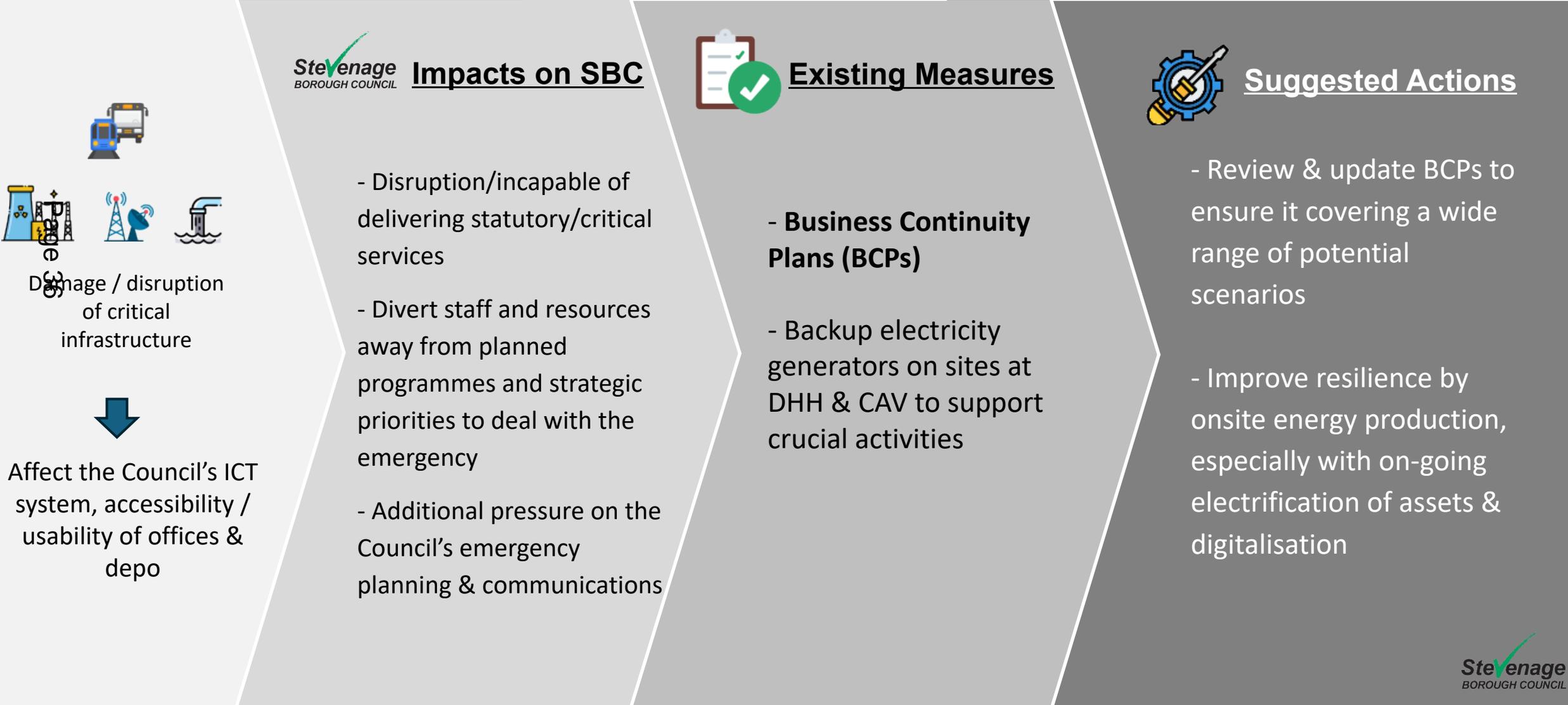


Residual Risks

- Complex interdependencies between infrastructure, service providers & external organisations
- Gaps in data, i.e. condition of all building stock, flood exposure of infrastructure, resilience of 3rd party assets
- Increase risk as the Council electrified and digitalised

Infrastructure – High Risk example

Damage of infrastructure networks (water & sewage, energy, transport, ICT) and disrupted services/supply



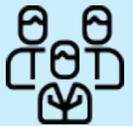
Business & Industry



Offices
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Staff's home



Staff Wellbeing



Staff productivity



H&S



Leisure facilities



Insurance

Impacts on SBC

- H&S risks, i.e. injury, heat-related illness

- Work efficiency / productivity

- Operation of leisure facilities & Council-run events → Extended hours, revenue loss, maintenance costs, reputation impact

- Rising insurance premiums



Existing Measures

- **Business Continuity Plan:** ensuring operations continue during disruption

- Dedicated Green Spaces Team to manage and maintain green assets

- Dedicated event management & severe weather plans to priorities safety of staff, attendees and contractors



Residual Risks

- Uncertainties over the extend of disruption.

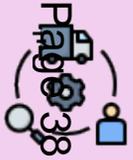
- Higher energy demand and associate costs relating to mechanical cooling systems.

International Dimensions

Assessing the broad range of global climate change impacts, such as food production, human mobility, health, and global economic conditions, on the Council's operation & duties.



Global Economic



Supply Chain



International climate migration



Food supply



Temporary accom



Project delay



Budget constrain



Residents & SME Support

Impacts on SBC

- Increased local demand for housing, social care, and employment support
- Supply chain issue delay Council projects and procurement
- Increased financial pressure
- Increased the demand for support from residents and SMEs



Existing Measures

- **Digital system** to track refugee status & support needs
- Internal procurement processes to activity manage supply chain
- Wide range of **investment** & seeking external grant to reduce financial pressure
- Support up-skilling to improve education & employment opportunities
- Support available for SMEs
- Collaborate with Healthy Stevenage Partnership & Citizen Advice



Residual Risks

- Uncertainties in climate-driven migration.
- Uncertainties in the wider economic pressures & funding constraints.

Draft Five-Year Adaptation Plan 2026 – 2031

- Aims to:
 - Strengthens services and enhance resilience to the impacts of climate change;
 - Enable forecasting of additional resource requirements;
 - Support residents and local communities in meeting future needs.
- Suggesting 18 actions across evidence, policies, communities, infrastructure.
- Developed with sufficient flexibility to accommodate potential changes arising from Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

Draft Five-year Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 - 2031



Evidence Collection and Collation

- Extreme weather impact record
- Carbon sequestration baseline
- Analyse damp/mould enquiries record
- Analyse food safety data
- Investigate alternative water treatment methods for Fairlands Valley Park lakes

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Policies Review & update

- Severe Weather Emergency Protocol review & update
- Severe Weather Plans review & update
- Internal wellbeing policies review



Community Resilience

- Sustainable living info packs for residents
- VCSFE training
- Integrate adaptation into Communications Plan
- Stakeholder mapping and subsequent engagement



Infrastructure Resilience

- Bridge inspections plan for Golf Course
- Explore on-site energy generation
- Temporary accommodation needs review
- Collaborate with other Herts LAs on countywide adaptation action

Summary

■ **Climate Projections Overview**

- Current global average temperature is estimated to be +1.3°C.
- Under current policies and actions, global warming is projected to reach +2°C between 2050 and 2060, with temperatures expected to rise to +2.6°C by the end of 2100.
- Stevenage will have hotter & drier summer and milder & wetter winter.

■ **Climate Change Risk Assessment Results**

- At present, most risks are rated as low to medium. However, the number of risks classified as medium to high increases as global temperatures rise.

■ **Draft 5-year Climate Adaptation Plan 2026 – 2031**

- Proposed actions can be categorised into 1. Evidence Collection and Collation; 2. Internal Policies Review & update; 3. Community Engagement; 4. Infrastructure Resilience.

An aerial photograph of a park featuring a large, irregularly shaped lake in the center. The lake is surrounded by lush green grass and numerous trees. To the left of the lake, there is a building with a blue roof and a parking area with several cars. A paved path winds through the park, and a small red structure is visible on the lake's edge. The overall scene is a well-maintained urban park.

Thank you

“Adapting to Climate Change is not a choice, it’s a vital priority”

Adaptation Campaign Hub

Cabinet Member Response to Review of Recycling in Flat Blocks

Date Recommendations agreed by Environment & Economy Select Committee:

The draft report and recommendations were considered at Environment & Economy Select Committee, Monday 24 November 2025, where the Committee made amendments to the recommendations (circulated to E&E Committees Members on Wednesday 24 December 2025, following agreement by the Committee on Friday 9 January 2026, with no further changes made by the Committee)

(For noting the Final Report and Recommendations are being published at the E&E Select Committee meeting on 28 January 2026 in order that a final version is published on the website)

Date responses should be made by:

Executive responses on behalf of the Cabinet Portfolio Holders for Environment, should be received by Friday 6 March 2026

Recommendations:

Executive Response:

RECOMMENDATION 1 - (i) Recycling Champions - It is recommended that regarding recycling champions officers would be asked to consider encouraging recycling with awards and recognition for the areas with the most recycling, promote with young residents, consider smiley stickers on bins etc.

Response supported by Head of Service, Environmental Operations, Stevenage Direct Services Kris White and Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.

The initiative of recycling champions and the potential benefits this

<p>Action: Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy</p>	<p>approach could deliver is strongly supported. Providing recognition / modest awards, is regarded as an effective way to encourage and reinforce improved recycling behaviour; however, the approach to measuring performance will require further consideration. Currently, kerbside collections from multiple areas are combined within the same vehicle, making it operationally challenging to assess performance by tonnage. Although daily collection rounds do not align with ward boundaries, it would still be possible to highlight the highest-performing rounds based on materials collected and present this information visually, for example through a mapped display on our website. As part of this work, the potential introduction of a recycling-champion system, including associated rewards / acknowledgements and appropriate performance-measurement methods, will also be explored, and officers will seek insight and support from other authorities and the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) to support and inform this approach.</p>
<p><u>RECOMMENDATION 2 –Infographic stickers on the bins</u> - It is recommended that SDS Officers consider using large infographic stickers on the bins to differentiate different recycling bins, this would be a cheaper and easier option than multiple-coloured bins.</p> <p>Action: Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy</p>	<p><i>Response supported by Head of Service, Environmental Operations, Stevenage Direct Services Kris White and Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.</i></p> <p>With the rollout of the new food-waste collection bins at flat blocks, this recommendation has been implemented. Officers will now begin a review of bin provision across all flat blocks and extend this approach to all collection streams. This is a project that will take a number of years to complete, with funding potentially coming from future Extended Producer</p>

	Responsibility (EPR) grants.
<p><u>RECOMMENDATION 3 - Mobile CCTV at Bring Bank Sites</u> -</p> <p>(i) Regarding Bring Bank sites, Officers consider using mobile CCTV of sites with signage saying CCTV in operation and where fly tipping can be evidenced follow up with education and civil prosecution and (ii) Regarding any future plans to rationalise the Bring Bank Sites Members asked to see the plans for early consideration ahead of any public consultation as there were concerns over reducing the capacity.</p> <p>Action: Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy</p>	<p><i>Response supported by Head of Service, Environmental Operations, Stevenage Direct Services Kris White and Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.</i></p> <p>As a deterrent, CCTV, along with other enforcement measures, can play an important role in preventing illegal fly-tipping. Work will commence this year in reviewing all bring-bank sites within Stevenage, to identify potential options / draft recommendations for the Environment & Economy Committee to consider. In the interim, officers will assess locations identified as hot-spots and liaise with colleagues in the ASB team regarding the installation of temporary CCTV.</p>
<p><u>RECOMMENDATION 4 – Use of Signage in bin stores</u> –That any signage used should not be overly descriptive, the primary focus should be on encouraging positive behaviour and educating the public, rather than enforcing rules or regulations.</p> <p>Action: Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy</p>	<p><i>Response supported by Head of Service, Environmental Operations, Stevenage Direct Services Kris White and Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.</i></p> <p>New signage featuring clear pictorial instructions has been designed, and A1-sized boards have now been produced and are being installed across all flat-block bin stores. As with Recommendation 2, this will be delivered as a phased project over the coming months.</p>
<p><u>RECOMMENDATION 5 - Use of easy to understand and easy to do recycling methods at flat blocks</u> - Members recognise</p>	<p><i>Response supported by Head of Service, Environmental Operations, Stevenage Direct Services Kris White and Director Environment &</i></p>

the challenges of implementing recycling provision across such a diverse range of flat blocks and that there is not one single solution that can be rolled out across the flat blocks. (i) It is recommended that whatever offer officers consult on they will need to be simple and accessible to residents to encourage them to take part in any new recycling schemes and (ii) ensure that the literature is available in different formats including other languages, on request (noting however that the literature is mostly pictorial) and in braille.

Action: Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy

Leisure, Steve Dupoy and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.

Following the introduction of Simpler Recycling legislation, officers have implemented a collection service that meets the new standards, is straightforward for residents to understand, and provides a cost-effective solution for the Council. New signage and leaflets have been produced to support residents' understanding of how to recycle correctly, incorporating pictorial guidance to help address potential language barriers. In addition, a narrated instructional video has been created for the food-waste service, and this approach could be expanded across all waste and recycling collection streams. Braille signage would be provided on a bespoke basis; with colleagues in Residents & Estates advising us of any specific accessibility needs within individual properties.

RECOMMENDATION 6 – A possible solutions to collection of recycling at Vardon Road Flats and similar flat blocks - It is recommended that in areas similar to the Vardon Road flats, where there are currently no recycling bins, an option could be to provide large plastic bins or large strong flexible sacks that residents would put their recycling into and then the refuse operatives could move up to the exit/ car park area to the freighters using light fabric sacks (the SDS refuse operatives currently manually lift general waste plastic sacks up a set of steps to the refuse freighters)

Action: Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy

Response supported by Head of Service, Environmental Operations, Stevenage Direct Services Kris White and Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.

This will be reviewed as we progress to these locations within the flat-block improvement programme, which is currently underway. Consultation with residents will take place to determine the most effective approach for improving recycling for both residents and collection teams.

The use of household recycling bags, black and blue for plastics/cans and paper/card respectively, could certainly be

	considered to meet any specific requirements.
<p><u>RECOMMENDATION 7 – Measures to counter fly tipping around bin stores by non-residents</u> – It is recommended that Officers ensure that all new bin stores have locks of some sort and existing ones are also made secure to stop incidents of fly tipping from non-residents.</p> <p>Action: Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy</p>	<p><i>Response supported by Head of Service, Environmental Operations, Stevenage Direct Services Kris White and Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.</i></p> <p>For bin stores located on publicly accessible land, locks will be installed, with access restricted to residents and collection crews only.</p>
<p><u>RECOMMENDATION 8 – Use of innovative 3 wheeled bin.</u> Members commend Stevenage Direct Services Officers for the innovation of their own designed 3 wheeled bin. (i) Members recommend that a survey of flat block sites be carried out to see where this bin can be utilised in recycling collections around the town and (ii) That SDS work with the Director, Business Change and Digital regarding the business opportunity for protecting the design.</p> <p>Action: Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy & Director, Business Change and Digital, Nadia Capuano</p>	<p><i>Response supported by Head of Service, Environmental Operations, Stevenage Direct Services Kris White, Director Environment & Leisure, Steve Dupoy, Director, Business Change and Digital, Nadia Capuano and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.</i></p> <p>These bins have been installed at several locations where their use is practical. However, there are limitations due to weight as the bins can only be safely manoeuvred over a maximum of five steps at entrances or exits, in order to remain compliant with manual handling and health and safety guidance. Officers are currently working on documentation to register the design.</p>

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Lead AD	AD (Stevenage Direct Services) Steve Dupoy
Deputy	AD (Planning & Regulation) Alex Robinson
Chair	Cllr Leanne Brady
Vice-Chair	Cllr Andy McGuinness

Progress update on delivery of the Work Programme – March 2026

Environment & Economy Select Committee Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26
(Including main review items, one-off meetings, review revisits and policy development items)

The work programme is the main guide to the Committee’s work throughout the year. However individual items can be raised at Committee meetings and consider as one-off items on a case-by-case basis at future meetings.

Scrutiny Review items 2025/26: (Main review, one-off updates, briefings etc.)	Strategic Director, Assistant Director, Lead Officer(s) & Portfolio Holder	Provisional meeting date(s) identified	Other details: i.e. (i) Number of meetings item can be covered in? (ii) Whether scoping required? (iii) Expectation/ style of meeting & (iv) other details	Comments by Members when the issue was raised/agreed and or from the lead Assistant Director	Complete ✓ * x	Inclusion in work programme for 2026/27
(Main review) Waste & Recycling	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom, AD Stevenage Direct Services, Steve Dupoy, Operations	Date 2025 (11 June 2025)– Draft Scoping Document considered by the Committee. Date – 8 July 2025 1 September 2025 - Officer presentation on flat bock recycling	(i) meetings to be completed. (ii) A full scope would need to be completed. (iii) Interviews and evidence gathering	Following on from the 27 Feb 2025 E&E meeting, which introduced the waste and recycling service and challenges, Members agreed to explore the service in-depth around a specific issue such as improving the offer to the Council’s 74 <u>flat blocks</u>	✓ The final report and recommendation were agreed with Members prior to the	Not required

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Page 50	Manager SDS, Kris White.	<p>Date – 1 Sep 2025 witness interviews – with external waste professional from Dacorum Borough Council.</p> <p>Date – Oct 2025 witness interviews.</p> <p>Site Visits – Date (July – Mon 14 July) Visit examples of flat blocks (good and bad) Refuse & Recycling Freighter & Date (Week commencing 8 September) Visit Refuse site</p>		<p>and <u>improved comms for new service offers such as food caddies.</u></p> <p>It was also agreed that Members undertake site visits to the Cavendish Road Depot and "ride-alongs" with collection crews to gain firsthand insight into operations.</p>	<p>report being signed off at the meeting on 28 01 26.</p> <p>The Cabinet Portfolio Holder has 2 months to respond to the recommendations – the response is scheduled to be brought back to the 19 03 26 meeting.</p>	

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Page 5		Date – 24 Nov 2025 Draft report and Recommendations. Date- 28 Jan 2026 Final report & recommendations of the review for sign off				
(Update) Ongoing monitoring/ watching brief on the Climate Emergency	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom, AD Planning and Regulatory, Alex Robinson, Head of Climate Action, Fabian Oyarzun.	2 sessions: (i) Monday 3 Nov 2025 (ii) Thursday 19 March 2026	(i) This would take two meetings to be completed. (ii) No scope required. (iii) Interviews with Executive Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Cllr S Speller & Head of Climate Action & AD	E&E should continue with 2 sessions during the year in Oct/Nov to coincide with the Annual Climate Change update to Council and in March to drill down on some specific measures. The Chair will consider a focus for a deep dive around a specific focus for the March 2026 meeting.	✓ The meeting was held as an informal meeting of the Committee on 3 November 2025 . E&E Members will meet with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate	✓ This is now a standing item at E&E

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(One-off performance review meeting)					Change Officers to focus on Adaptations on 19 March 2026.	
Enforcement of fly-tipping	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment Cllr Rob Broom. Enforcement is covered by the Neighbourhoods Community Safety Team, Director Housing & Neighbourhoods, Kerry Clifford Clean up of fly tipping – Director Environment &	To be advised –	One meeting. (ii) a simple scope would be required. (iii) Director for Housing & Neighbourhoods (enforcement) & Director for Environment & Leisure Steve Dupoy (clean up) and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom.	Members have agreed for the Committee to allocate a meeting on enforcement- focusing on enforcement against fly-tipping, with calls for stronger responses and follow-ups to reduce incidents and costs.	✗ It has not been possible to schedule this item and it will remain on the work programme for 2026-27	✓ This item will now be rolled forward to be considered in 2026-27

Scrutiny Review items 2025/26: (Main review, one-off updates, briefings etc.)	Strategic Director, Assistant Director, Lead Officer(s) & Portfolio Holder	Provisional meeting date(s) identified	Other details: i.e. (i) Number of meetings item can be covered in? (ii) Whether scoping required? (iii) Expectation/ style of meeting & (iv) other details	Comments by Members when the issue was raised/agreed and or from the lead Assistant Director	Complete ✓ *	Inclusion in work programme for 2026/27
	Leisure Steve Dupoy.					
(One off presentation leading to a further session) Focus on Active Travel & Accessibility re Transport & the Public Realm – with a focus in 2025-26 on Cycling	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Cllr Rob Broom, AD Regeneration, Dave Wells – (other lead officers?) HCC Public Health lead.	Initial introductory session /presentation, leading to a further detailed session. Date – 28 January 2026 – Initial meeting considering the 2018 Cycle Strategy. A further meeting engaging with cycling groups – provisionally 24 February 2026		The Chair agreed on holding a focused meeting on cycling as one element of this issue: Cycling and Active Travel - Members discussed the need to revisit the 2018 cycling strategy in light of current needs and priorities. There were suggestions to incorporate colour-coded signage on cycleways and walkways to encourage active travel and make navigation easier and more engaging. Update on take up of Beryl Bikes.	✓ Meeting arranged for 28 January 2026 – follow up meeting on 24 February with Cycle Groups to be confirmed.	✓ Other elements of this item beyond cycling were not considered in so can be rolled forward to 2026-27

Monitoring of Previous Reviews Recommendations/Actions							
Scrutiny Items:	Provisional meeting date(s) identified	Number of meetings item can be covered in?	Expectation/ Style of meeting/ date	Scoping details (Whether full scope or simple scope required)	Other details	Comment by lead Assistant Director/ Deputy	Complete ✓ x
Consider the Committee's Action Tracker	June/July 2025 11 June 2025.	One meeting	Members comment on the document – which may lead to further monitoring	No scope required	Minutes of the meeting – Item 7		✓
Cabinet Portfolio Holder response to Skills Agenda review - Link to document	11 June 2025.	One meeting	Members comment on the document – which may lead to further monitoring	No scope required	Details of this meeting can be found via the Link – 11 June 2025		✓

Any monitoring of previous reviews will be agreed when the Committee considers the action tracker at its meeting in June/July 2026.

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(One-off pre-scrutiny policy development) Carry out a pre-scrutiny of procurement of the Contract to run the Business Technology Centre	Director Planning & Regulation, Alex Robinson, Cabinet Portfolio for Economy, Skills, Transport and Devolution.	29 October 2025.	1 site visit/meeting	One-off site visit to the BTC and officer briefing – seeking E&E Members views.	N/A	Members were invited to attend a pre-scrutiny meeting of the Contract to	✓
(One-off pre-scrutiny policy development) Updates on the development of Green Space Strategies – Parks & Open Spaces	Green Spaces & Environmental Performance Manger, Julia Hill, Arboriculture & Conservation Manager, Cristian Pinta, Exec Portfolio Holder for Environment, Rob Broom	Following the pre-scrutiny policy development meeting in March 2025 it was suggested that E&E Members may wish to carry out a site visit to Stanborough Lakes in WGC to see what a	1 site visit	Site visit		Following the site visit notes will be circulated to E&E & the Cabinet Portfolio Holder focusing on issues for development at Fairlands Valley Park and the towns other green spaces.	✘ It has not been possible to schedule this item and it will remain on the work programme for 2026-27

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		neighbouring authority is offering re green spaces. Date to be advised.					