

UPDATE ON PREVIOUS ACTIONS

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COMPLETED ACTONS			
PROGRESS OF CORPORATE PRIORITY – ENVIRONMENT			
1.	07.02.2022	<p>What quantity of business waste is recycled?</p> <p>We do offer our commercial customers a dry recycling service to compliment their residual waste services and we have many customers who take this up.</p> <p>The recorded rate of recycling for the dedicated commercial waste vehicles is around 10% by weight across all of the services that we offer. This is not great, but represents the lack of legal obligation placed upon businesses at present.</p> <p>Note that recycling from certain types of premises, such as rural schools and town centre businesses, are co-collected with other work and cannot be separately recorded.</p> <p>We know that the Environment Act will demand that all businesses recycle more and those that produce ‘domestic like’ waste will be required to recycle much more in future We will therefore be supporting local businesses to prepare for these changes in legislation.</p>	Complete
2.	07.02.2022	<p>Please provide the rag rating for commercial waste collection when it becomes available.</p> <p>The outstanding RAG rating was actually for Customer Satisfaction with Refuse and Recycling Service. Feedback is being collected now and will be available at the end of the financial year. These statistics will be included in the Annual Report.</p>	Complete

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3.	07.02.2022	<p data-bbox="427 177 1897 352">Concerns were raised about the fact that our recycling rate is being reported at 27% this year when it has been higher in previous years. Furthermore, whilst councillors are told that Fenland District Council has a good recycling rate when compared to other authorities in the region, this does not appear to be supported by data comprised on the government website and/or websites such as Let's Recycle. FDC is listed as being 194th out of 338 authorities. Why are those figures at odds with what is being reported to councillors?</p> <p data-bbox="427 392 1897 496">In 2016 prior to the garden waste service the council had a recycling rate closer to 50% for collected waste. As you will no doubt recall, it was anticipated at the time that by creating a cost neutral garden waste service the overall recycling rate would drop by 6-8%; dependent upon the uptake of that service.</p> <p data-bbox="427 536 1897 671">Fenland now has a well-established and effective garden waste service in place now, and the overall amount of waste collected for composting is substantial, but it remains behind those 2016 levels. Since 2016, customers have changed their habits, producing less garden waste overall, which is good news because waste reduction is at the very top of the waste hierarchy.</p> <p data-bbox="427 711 1897 847">Over the past 6 years the Defra published recycling rates have indeed been impacted but, as Councillor Murphy mentioned, Fenland still performs well when compared to authorities with similar demographics and services across the country. This does mean, as you determined, Defra figures show Fenland is now behind the other authorities in Cambridgeshire for overall recycling rate.</p> <p data-bbox="427 887 1897 1070">Because of the seasonal and annual variations of garden waste, the corporate performance measure reported since 2017 focusses on the blue bin collections and excludes garden waste to avoid these changes dwarfing any performance changes in the blue bin collections. It was hoped that this measure would provide a clear picture of how well we continue to perform with regards to the blue bin service and the effectiveness of our recycling action plan. This measure has remained stable since the changes to services in 2017.</p> <p data-bbox="427 1110 1897 1214">At present for household collected waste, including garden waste, Fenland is recycling around 45% of the waste collected at the doorstep. This figure represents a point in time and as Cllr Murphy mentioned waste is seasonal and this will change by the end of the year.</p> <p data-bbox="427 1254 1897 1430">The Fenland corporate objective with regards to waste recycling is based on our contribution to the RECAP Partnership and recycling across the area: to “Work with partners, the community and volunteers to divert at least 50% of Cambridgeshire’s household waste from landfill”. Across Fenland and the County, with the household waste taken to local bring banks and household waste recycling sites, our communities are recycling more than half of their waste and successfully contributing to this broader objective.</p>	Complete

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4.	07.02.2022	How many successful prosecutions have we had in the past year and how many have we got ongoing?	Complete
		There are 2 prosecutions pending, one for a fly tipping offence and one for a littering offence. They are currently waiting for court dates.	
5.	07.02.2022	Street lighting stock review in parish and town council areas should have been completed at the end of December, is the work still ongoing and if so, is there any update?	Complete
		<p>The District Councils Capital streetlight replacement and upgrade works has been ongoing now since April 2020 and should have been completed by now, however both the impact of Brexit and the Pandemic has both prolonged the works programme and also increased some material costs. To date we have replaced approximately 600 units and have a further 40 units to be replaced by the end of the financial year to complete the Capital programmed works. This timeframe is, however, heavily reliant on ordered materials being received in time.</p> <p>Fenland are not undertaking a review of Town and Parish Council streetlights. The Engineering Team are however facilitating streetlight replacement works on behalf of five Parish Councils. These replacement works are at various stages with completion dependent on delivery of materials or awaiting UKPN connectivity works.</p>	
6.	07.02.2022	CPE – page 80 – says specialist contractor has been appointed, a number of authorities involved, how are these costs being paid, how is it being divided out and what is the cost to Fenland?	Complete
		<p>Fenland have appointed RTA Associates Ltd to assist with the implementation of CPE for Fenlands own administrative area. Whilst RTA Associates have since been appointed by both Hunts DC and Cambridgeshire County Council on behalf of South Cambs DC to assist with the implementation of CPE in those administrative areas, the works are being completed separately and project costs are not linked. In this respect Fenland is unaware of associated CPE costs for Hunts DC and South Cambs DC, however any common tasks will be offered at a reduced rate by RTAA across all three authorities.</p> <p>The cost for the implementation of CPE will be different for each of the three District Councils and this is associated with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of existing traffic regulation orders within each administrative area that requires surveying and digitising 2. The extent of corrective signing and lining works required within each district 3. The number of off street car parks with each of the Districts and work involved with the creation of off street parking places orders and enforcement 4. Whether existing arrangements are already in place for CPE Enforcement and Administration duties. 	

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		Whilst the cost of both CPE consultant fee's and overall implementation costs for the other Districts are unknown, It is anticipated that FDC CPE implementation costs will be higher than HDC or SCDC as FDC has more off street car parks, no current CPE enforcement officers or PCN administration contracts in place and do not charge for on or off street parking. The capital project cost for the FDC CPE implementation is being funded by a £400k CPCA grant. It is anticipated that the annual revenue running cost for FDC will be in the region of £40-£70k per year, however actual costs will be subject to the type of operating model adopted which will be determined by members.	
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP			
7.	07.02.2022	<p>Page 60 and page 7 of Report – no info as to why it is red rag rated? Please provide an explanation.</p> <p>The action plan is a living document and provides a snapshot of what work has been completed at the time. The action plan is subject of regular review and was most recently updated week commencing February 14th.</p> <p>The section referred to links with other workstreams of the plan and is now green with the following update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2022 - Posters and toilet door stickers have been shared with a range of community centres, supermarkets, doctors' surgeries, and workplaces. 	Complete
8.	07.02.2022	<p>There is no rag rating against drugs and alcohol. Please provide.</p> <p>The first section was an overview of the outcome of the 2018/19 strategic assessment, not an action, and the workstreams from that assessment followed below. The action plan is a living a document and will at regular points be updated and amended to reflect the current situation. This will also mean completed work is removed. However, there is a historical record as a version of the action plan is part of the agenda pack for each CSP meeting.</p>	Complete
9.	07.02.2022	<p>Information was requested regarding trends in domestic violence and how it is being managed in the District.</p> <p>Domestic violence is managed through several partners, but many key partner agencies can have an influence on how domestic violence victims or potential victims are dealt with. As you'd expect, the management and response is complex. Primarily it's the police who deal with the immediate response to incidents of domestic abuse. Whilst the Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Partnership (DASV) manage an overall response linking prevention, operational response, and education through various partnership forums. It is the DASV with whom Fenland CSP closely work.</p> <p>Domestic abuse cases of higher risk will be allocated an Independent Domestic Abuse Advocacy worker. These roles now include specific IDVA for health and the A8 community. The attached document shows the number of referrals into the IDVA service, the engagement and repeat cases and provides the best trend picture for Fenland.</p>	Complete

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		<p>Not all police incidents of a domestic abuse nature will lead to a crime being recorded. However, the higher percentage of recorded crime against reported incidents does reflect the polices' 'positive action' response to cases of DA. This data isn't readily available at a Fenland level hence county data is used.</p> <p>In terms of IDVA referrals for 20/21, Fenland was fourth after P'boro, Cambs City and Hunt's. The same as in the previous year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Domestic Abuse Data from 2018/19 to 2021/22 Source – Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="430 472 1182 877"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="430 472 672 600">IDVA Referrals Fenland</th> <th data-bbox="672 472 797 600">18/19</th> <th data-bbox="797 472 922 600">19/20</th> <th data-bbox="922 472 1048 600">20/21</th> <th data-bbox="1048 472 1182 600">21/22</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>Full Year</td> <td>Full Year</td> <td>Full Year</td> <td>3/4 Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fenland</td> <td>172</td> <td>177</td> <td>164</td> <td>116 (155*)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ave Engagement</td> <td></td> <td>75%</td> <td>78%</td> <td>73%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ave Repeats</td> <td></td> <td>43%</td> <td>33%</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="430 916 1167 1398"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="430 916 672 1123">Percentage of police incidents where a crime is then recorded</th> <th data-bbox="672 916 797 1123">18/19</th> <th data-bbox="797 916 922 1123">19/20</th> <th data-bbox="922 916 1048 1123">20/21</th> <th data-bbox="1048 916 1167 1123">Year to Date 21/22</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>Full Year</td> <td>Full Year</td> <td>Full Year</td> <td>3/4 Year</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Police DA Incidents Cambs</td> <td>8610</td> <td>8795</td> <td>9299</td> <td>6954 (9272*)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Police DA Crimes Cambs (average)</td> <td>53%</td> <td>78%</td> <td>84%</td> <td>85%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>• *Projected based on current year to date data</p>	IDVA Referrals Fenland	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22		Full Year	Full Year	Full Year	3/4 Year	Fenland	172	177	164	116 (155*)	Ave Engagement		75%	78%	73%	Ave Repeats		43%	33%	25%	Percentage of police incidents where a crime is then recorded	18/19	19/20	20/21	Year to Date 21/22		Full Year	Full Year	Full Year	3/4 Year	Police DA Incidents Cambs	8610	8795	9299	6954 (9272*)	Police DA Crimes Cambs (average)	53%	78%	84%	85%	
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10	07.02.2022	Data in relation to the number of prosecutions, referrals and education programmes connected with the unlawful use of E-Scooters was requested from Cambridgeshire Constabulary.	Completed
		Cambridgeshire Constabulary have confirmed that 9 drivers in Wisbech were reported for summons in the last 3 months. Approximately 40 E-Scooters have been seized overall and hundreds of educational words of advice have been given.	
WISBECH RAIL UPDATE			
10.	07.02.2022	Request to invite Rowland Potter to return to provide a further briefing to the panel in relation to Wisbech Rail.	Complete
		Amy Brown wrote to Rowland Potter on 16 th February 2022 to request his attendance at a future meeting of the Panel when he has a substantive update to provide. Once the timing has been confirmed this will be added to the Future Work Programme.	
GENERAL			
11.	17.01.2022	To add the Task and Finish Group to a future agenda.	Complete
		This has been added to the Future Work Programme for May.	
12.	17.01.2022	Councillor Booth requested a rolling 12-month future work programme.	Complete
		The Future Work Programme has been updated to reflect this request.	
ONGOING ACTIONS			
1.	07.02.2022	Request to invite the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to attend a future meeting of O&S to discuss the levelling-up agenda for Fenland.	ASAP with an update to the programme anticipated for May.
		A written invitation is being prepared to send.	
2	07.02.2022	Request a further update report on road safety in Fenland.	Asap with an update to the programme anticipated for May.
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3.	17.01.2022	Request to invite Jyoti Atri Public Health Director to give a presentation to Overview and Scrutiny.	Asap with an update to the programme anticipated for May.
		Amy Brown wrote to invite Jyoti Atri's attendance at a future panel meeting on 16 th February 2022. Amy Brown will liaise with Jyoti's executive assistant to arrange a suitable date which will then be added to the Future Work Programme once confirmed.	
4.	17.01.2022	Councillor Booth requested that the panel remind Cambridge County Council that not all preschools are businesses and that and some are charities in our response to their email.	Asap with an update to the programme anticipated for May.
		Contact details for the lead CCC officer are awaited and an email will be sent as soon as it is received.	

WATCHING BRIEF ITEMS

1.	8.11.2021	Cllr Booth requested a watching brief on Peterborough City Council's planning review and how this may affect Fenland	Next review – May 2022
		<p>The arrangements that Fenland District Council has in place with Peterborough City Council remain in the following areas:</p> <p>Development Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared support manager • Viability validation assessments that are required relating to S106 agreements Planning Policy • The work required to get a new adopted local plan. <p>Peterborough City Council's planning review is ongoing as is our continued engagement with them in relation to the possible outcomes. Meanwhile we have been pleased to announce that Nick Harding, Head of Planning, has agreed to continue his work as Head of Planning at FDC as he always has done and this means no change in service for FDC as was emailed to all members before Christmas.</p> <p>A further update was provided from Dan Horn on the 11th January 2022 as follows:</p> <p>"The arrangements that Fenland District Council has in place with Peterborough City Council remain in the following areas:</p> <p>Development Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared support manager • Viability validation assessments that are required relating to S106 agreements <p>Planning Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work required to get a new adopted local plan. 	

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2.	17.01.2021	<p>Cllr Booth requested a watching brief on updates from the CPCA regarding Skills and Employment and Apprenticeships.</p> <p>Information From CPCA</p> <p>The Business Growth Service (Growth Works)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Works with Skills is working actively with the economic development team in FDC to support companies on issues related to accessing talent, including apprenticeships. As well as accompanying FDC on company visits to discuss skills issues with key companies across Fenland we will be working with FDC to promote our diagnostic tool, the Talent Development Maturity Index, which helps employers understand their own issues that may be preventing them successfully hiring, and frequently leads to constructive strategic discussions regarding investment in training and development, including apprenticeships. In addition, Growth Works with Skills has committed to holding a number of ‘surgery’ style drop-in sessions to enable SMEs to book a short session to discuss issues related to talent. We are also exploring sector-based round table events for companies that are likely to be facing similar issues because of the similarities in their businesses. • The Digital Talent Platform which forms part of the skills brokerage through Growth Works with Skills, provides information, advice and lists current opportunities. They are also running an apprenticeship levy scheme to support SMEs to access apprenticeships with full funding. • Growth Works with Skills has a target of an additional 1400 starts across the Combined Authority over the three year contract. • National Apprenticeship Week – will see a social media campaign promoting apprenticeships to businesses and individuals 	Next review – May 2022

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		<p>Careers and Enterprise Company Contract</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers Hub. All secondary schools within Fenland are in the new Careers Hub. All schools are supported to deliver careers advice which promotes apprenticeships to students. This advice outlines the opportunities from level 2 through to level 7. Monthly apprenticeship vacancies are circulated to all careers leaders. These are all listed on the Digital Talent Platform too. The Hub also have a group of Cornerstone Employers who actively engage with all the schools promoting apprenticeships. <p>North Cambridgeshire Training Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £3.16 million grant from the CPCA which will deliver between 50-80 apprentices a year, with other additional training outcomes. <p>Community Renewal Fund: Turning Point Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 6 month project offering businesses in Fenland and Peterborough a 12 week funded internship, it is hoped that many will lead into apprenticeships. <p><i>Response from Sam Anthony regarding FDC's approach:</i></p> <p>Companies are encouraged to consider recruiting apprentices when FDC officers are discussing recruitment and skills with companies.</p> <p>Where companies identify barriers to employing apprentices these are investigated further. An example would be that the company considers that the scheme does not provide the apprentices with a real job. The response to this is that the apprentice is given the opportunity to gain skills both in work and college which can then be utilised by the employer or be added to the apprentice's CV.</p> <p>Companies are personally introduced to Growth Works – Skills who work actively with local employers and the apprenticeship provider network to identify and showcase the opportunities for apprenticeships. A representative from Growth Works then meets with the company to discuss their needs and identify relevant providers.</p> <p>The support provided by Growth Works and apprenticeship providers are promoted in the Fenland for Business Newsletter and Twitter.</p>	