

## REPORT TO EVENTS AND TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT 2021 RECOMMENDATIONS

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

The council adopted a revised Environmental Policy in 2020 in which it set out its key environmental objectives. The policy also committed the council to undertaking an annual assessment of its operations against its environmental objectives. The Environment and General Purposes Committee reviewed the first annual audit at its November 2021 meeting. In accordance with the council's policy, each committee shall receive a report on the areas from the audit under its remit at its next ordinary meeting.

In September 2021, the council also declared a Climate Emergency. The resolution committed the council to working towards carbon neutrality and considering the climate impact in all its decision making.

### 2.0 ACTIONS IDENTIFIED UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S REMIT

The Environmental Audit has been provided to all members previously.

The table in the appendix summarises the improvements identified by the Environment Committee. In addition, there is an overarching action to prioritise purchasing of British made goods in all procurement.

### 3.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

The committee should:

- a) review the Environmental Audit 2021
- b) consider if further / alternative areas of improvement should be included in the committee's action plan for 2022
- c) consider the approval of the action plan as detailed in appendix A.

## APPENDIX A: EVENTS AND TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN 2022

Ref	Improvement Identified	Actions to be taken	Target
E1	Investigate making Taste Knutsford plastic free	Town Centre and Marketing Officer to implement measures to make Taste Knutsford single use plastic free.	Jun 2022
E2	Work to reduce single use plastics in Christmas Market	Events Officer to implement measures to reduce single use plastics	Nov 2022
E3	Explore waste separation at Makers Market and Christmas Market	Events Officer / Town Centre and Marketing Officer to discuss recycling collections with ANSA, to implement for Christmas Market and discuss with Makers Market operator.	Nov 2022
E4	Review effectiveness of leaflets/flyers current event marketing methods and take steps to reduce wastage.	Events Officer to undertake review and implement waste reduction measures.	Apr 2022
E5	Work with contractors to use alternatives to diesel generators where possible	Events Officer to assess alternatives for each event which uses generators. Where it is not considered feasible this will be reported to the committee.	Dec 2022
E6	Confirm sustainability of wood used in Flowers of Wallwood	Town Centre and Marketing Officer to confirm	Jul 2022
E7	Increase awareness of the Knutsford Schools Award for Sustainability	Improved marketing for the award to be included in promotion of the Town Awards 2022.	Apr 2022
E8	Reinvigorate ReFill scheme	Town Centre and Marketing Officer to work with businesses to relaunch the scheme.	Jul 2022