

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
**ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT 2021 ACTION PLAN**

**Report Reference** E-21-23  
**Meeting Date** 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
**Agenda Item** 8  
**Prepared by** Town Clerk

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## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

At the previous meeting the committee reviewed and approved the council's initial Environmental Audit. Each committee is being informed of the arising recommendations under its workstreams and putting in place action plans to deliver on these in 2022.

The table in the appendix summarises the improvements identified under the responsibility of the Environment Committee.

A number of the actions under this committee

## **2.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED**

The committee should consider the approval of the action plan as detailed in appendix A.

The committee should discuss and outline potential suggestions for specific action under the following aims:

- Projects to enhance the quality of the natural environment and open spaces
- Areas for additional wildflower planting
- Opportunities for improving/promoting walking and cycling within the town

## APPENDIX A: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN 2022

Ref	Improvement Identified	Actions to be taken	Target
E1	Confirm usage data on water usage for floriculture watering	Planning and Facilities Officer to make enquiries with ANSA.	SEPT 2022
E2	Consider any projects which would enhance the quality of the natural environment and open spaces	Committee to identify potential project(s)	JUNE 2022
E3	Lobby Cheshire East Council and the Government to seek a change in the law to increase the protection of trees and reduce felling and unnecessary husbandry.	Town Clerk to prepare lobbying plan for committee approval.	APRIL 2022
E4	Identify additional sites for wildflower planting	Additional sites to be identified for wildflower strip planting and included in spring sowing.	MARCH 2022
E5	Investigate alternatives to herbicides	Planning and Facilities Officer to investigate alternatives for Town Ranger use.	APRIL 2022
	Investigate alternatives to herbicides	Engagement to take place with Cheshire East Council / ANSA on reducing herbicide use in the town	APRIL 2022
E6	Progress project to increase number of cycle shelters in the town centre	Town Clerk to progress installation at Silk Mill Street Car Park, subject to partnership funding.	APRIL 2022
E7	Identify additional opportunities for improving/promoting walking/cycling within the town	Committee to identify potential opportunities	JUNE 2022
E8	Identify a project that could be delivered with the Knutsford and District Schools Council to promote awareness of environmental issues within the town.	Cllr Malloy to engage with the schools council to ask them to put forward a project.	JUNE 2022
E9	Lobby Cheshire East Council to include recycling bins within in the town centre	Engagement to take place with Cheshire East Council / ANSA to identify options.	JUNE 2022