

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE 2024-2025



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Agenda Item 8
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1.0 BACKGROUND

As part of the committee's role in overseeing the implementation of the council's strategic plan, it considers an update report at each meeting outlining progress on delivering the current year action plan.

The Corporate Peer Challenge identified the need to review the strategic plan and realistic number of actions that can be completed within any period. The precise process for this review is currently to be determined but will likely be undertaken in March/April. It is suggested that the committee may wish to indicate priority for existing actions, but that it would be prudent to wait until the wider review before making changes to the current (or next) year action plans.

Section three includes updates in respect of whether actions are likely to be completed by the end of the current plan year (ends April 2025).

2.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

The committee should review the progress on implementing the agreed action plan to date (section three).

3.0 ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE ACTIONS REPORT 2024/25

	Origin	ARef	ORef	Action	Lead Officer	Target	Status	Committee Update
	23/24	ENV02	H2	Explore a 'lost streets' project which would look to install signage denoting street names which have been lost or streets which are no longer in existence e.g. Bakehouse Yard, Love Lane etc	Town Clerk	30/09/2024	Complete	Scheme agreed.
	23/24	ENV03	H2	Install a new plaque for the QEII coronation tree	Planning and Facilities Officer	31/08/2024	Started	Currently awaiting Friends of the Heath to install a new rope barrier around the tree.
	23/24	ENV06	H3	Develop an action plan for addressing the actions raised in the management plans of each conservation area	Planning and Facilities Officer	31/07/2024	Started	It is planned to table a report to the next committee meeting.
	23/24	ENV08	H4	Undertake a ward-by-ward local heritage survey	Town Clerk	31/08/2024	Started	Will be concluded by the end of March.
	23/24	ENV09	C4	Develop a schedule of routine maintenance/cleanliness jobs that would be suitable for volunteers to support	Planning and Facilities Officer	30/06/2024	Started	This will be concluded by the end of March ready for the ENV10 to be commenced in April.
	23/24	ENV10	C4	Explore the creation of a volunteer team to support activity	Planning and Facilities Officer	30/06/2024		This will not be completed before May. This will be a priority for the new Communication and Engagement Officer once in post.
	23/24	ENV12	T1	Develop an Active Travel Infrastructure Plan	Town Clerk	28/02/2025		This action has not been resourced and will not be completed by the end of the current plan year.

23/24	ENV13	T2	Work with partners to develop a project plan for the cycle path from the Moor to Parkgate	Town Clerk	30/06/2024	Deferred	Budget allocated in 2025/26 financial year for advanced design work.
23/24	ENV15	T3	Source volunteers to undertake a survey of existing PROW and non-PROW	Town Clerk	31/08/2024	Started	The survey is currently being undertaken by volunteers and should conclude by the end of the current plan year.
23/24	ENV16	T3	Write to landowners to understand if there are any existing issues/conflicts on Public Rights of Way	Town Clerk	31/08/2024	Started	This action will be completed by the end of the year.
23/24	ENV22	T6	Research the options and costs of enhanced bus services	Town Clerk	31/07/2024		This action has not been resourced and will not be completed by the end of the current plan year.
23/24	ENV24	T7	Review existing speed limits in Knutsford and put forward proposals for change under the CEC Speed Management Strategy	Town Clerk	30/09/2024		This action has not been resourced and will not be completed by the end of the current plan year.
23/24	ENV26	E1	Identify the various stakeholders for green spaces and develop a targeted consultation to inform the development of a Green Spaces Strategy	Town Clerk	12/07/2024	Complete	
23/24	ENV29	E4	Review of the mature trees survey to identify 10 trees/areas suitable for preservation orders and an application to be submitted to Cheshire East Council	Planning and Facilities Officer	31/08/2024		This action has not been resourced and will not be completed by the end of the current plan year.
24/25	ENV30	H2	Install one sign as part of the Lost Streets project	Town Clerk	31/10/2024		This action will be completed by the end of the year.
24/25	ENV31	H2	Develop project to renovate the Casear Summerhouse	Town Clerk	31/07/2024		This action has not been resourced and will not be completed by the end of the current plan year.
24/25	ENV32	H3	Publish Legh Road Conservation Area guidance leaflet	Town Clerk	30/09/2024		Work on this action has commenced.

	24/25	ENV33	H3	Commence implementation of CA management plans	Planning and Facilities Officer	30/09/2024		To be completed in the new year.
	24/25	ENV34	H3	Subject to adoption of remaining CAAMPs, develop information leaflets for each area	Planning and Facilities Officer	30/04/2025		To be completed in the new year.
	24/25	ENV35	C4	Host three volunteer days/sessions to engage volunteers in town maintenance projects	Planning and Facilities Officer	31/10/2024		This action has not been resourced and will not be completed by the end of the current plan year, it will be taken forward in the summer.
	24/25	ENV36	T1	Consult on the draft Active Travel Infrastructure Plan	Town Clerk	31/03/2025		See ENV12
	24/25	ENV37	T2	Develop a funding plan for the delivery of the Parkgate Cycle Path	Town Clerk	30/09/2024		See ENV13
	24/25	ENV38	T3	Develop a rights of way improvement plan for existing routes	Town Clerk	31/12/2024		This should be completed by the end of the plan year, subject to volunteer competition of surveys.
	24/25	ENV39	T4	Identify desirable permissive path routes	Town Clerk	31/08/2024		This interconnects with the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan and PROW Improvement Plan.
	24/25	ENV40	T7	Seek the implementation of top two speed limit changes as identified	Town Clerk	31/12/2024		See ENV24
	24/25	ENV41	E1	Develop a Knutsford Green Spaces Strategy	Town Clerk	31/08/2024	Started	This is in progress. Subject to resource it may be presented to the March committee meeting.
	24/25	ENV42	E3	Deliver the 2024/25 Nature Action Plan activity plan	Planning and Facilities Officer	28/02/2025	Started	Some actions will be completed, the work on pollinators will be carried over into 2025/26