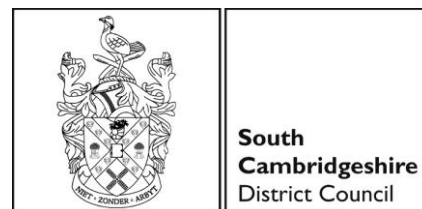


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21 August 2020

To: Chair - Councillor Pippa Heylings  
Vice-Chairs – Councillor Dr. Martin Cahn & Geoff Harvey

Members of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee –  
Councillors Grenville Chamberlain, Graham Cone, Peter Fane and  
Jose Hales

Substitutes: Councillors Heather Williams, Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya,  
Nick Wright, Tom Bygott, Ruth Betson, Eileen Wilson and  
Judith Rippeth

Dear Sir / Madam

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Climate and Environment Advisory Committee**, which will be a **Virtual meeting - Online** on **Tuesday, 1 September 2020** at **2.00 p.m.**

Yours faithfully  
**Liz Watts**  
Chief Executive

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5. **Response to the DEFRA Consultation on Tree-planting** **9 - 18**  
To note the consultation and identify any initial views.
6. **Planning for the Future: response to government consultation (Oral Report)**  
To note the consultation on proposed changes to the planning system:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>  
To agree how the committee's view will be taken into account in the Council's response and identify any initial views. Consultation closes on 29 October 2020.
7. **Reviews of Housing Asset Management Strategy and New Build Technical Design Specifications**  
To note the ongoing reviews of these documents which include work to bring these into alignment with the Council's Zero Carbon Strategy, and to identify CEAC Member support for these reviews.
8. **Future Funding Opportunities (Oral Report)**  
The Committee is invited to consider its approach to funding opportunities, such as retrofitting.

#### **PROCEDURAL ITEMS**

9. **Forward Plan** **19 - 20**
10. **Dates of Next Meeting**  
The Committee are invited to agree the following meeting dates:
- 2pm Tuesday 27 October 2020
  - 2pm Tuesday 12 January 2021
  - 2pm Tuesday 9 March 2021

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# Agenda Item 3

## South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee held on  
Tuesday, 30 June 2020 at 2.00 p.m.

**Chair:** Pippa Heylings

**Vice-Chairs:** Dr. Martin Cahn & Geoff Harvey

**Committee Members in attendance:**

Graham Cone

Peter Fane

**Councillors in attendance:**

Dr. Shrobona Bhattacharya and Bridget Smith

**Officers:**

Patrick Adams

Geoff Clark

Siobhan Mellon

Trevor Nicoll

Senior Democratic Services Officer

Neighbourhood Services Manager

Development Officer - Climate and  
Environment

Head of Environment and Waste

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Jose Hales.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2020.

**4. Presentation by Cam Valley Forum on the Let it Flow report**

The Committee received a presentation from Stephen Tomkins and Dr Alan Woods of the Cam Valley Forum. The priority of the Forum was to restore natural flows in chalk streams, which had been reduced by the over-abstraction of water for human consumption.

It was recommended that

- Water be taken from downstream and from alternative sources, such as Grafham Water, South Lincolnshire and the Cambridgeshire/Norfolk border.
- Local sewage works be upgraded to allow treated waste to recharge aquifers.
- New developments should be water neutral.
- Rainwater harvesting be increased, leaks be fixed and water consumption be reduced by providing all residents with smart meters and introducing hosepipe bans during the day.
- The Government pass legislation to protect chalk streams at source.

The presentation concluded by asking the Council to support their proposals.

Members of the Committee asked questions

**Water neutrality in new developments**

Alan Woods explained that he expected developers to work with water companies to build homes that reduced water usage and costs. He hoped that policies from the Government and Local Authorities could also improve water efficiency. He agreed that Section 106 or CIL payments from developers should be used to improve water efficiency. He concluded that technology from Scandinavia showed that water could be stored without stagnation.

**Reducing water usage in existing buildings**

Stephen Tomkins recognised that retrofitting existing buildings was expensive, but water butts could be installed and washing-up water could be used to water plants. He suggested that what was required a “culture change” for all residents to conserve water.

**Better storage of rainwater**

Stephen Tomkins explained that only 3% of the areas rainfall was supplying the residents’ taps and this needed to be improved. It was suggested that farmers could build small reservoirs on their farms, which would conserve water and save money.

The Chair thanked Stephen Tomkins and Alan Woods for their informative presentation and agreed that the Council needed to look at ways of supporting the objectives of the Cam Valley Forum.

**5. Presentation on Cambridge Climate Change Charter**

Paul Taylor-Armstrong, Climate Change Officer from Cambridge City Council gave a demonstration of the Cambridge Climate Change Charter and its carbon footprint calculator. He explained that the calculator worked for businesses and residents and provided suggestions on how carbon emissions could be reduced. It was noted that the calculator could be used to provide general high-level data on participants from the District, that would be compliant with the GDPR rules.

Councillor Shrobona Bhattacharya suggested that certificates could be awarded to participants who successfully reduce their carbon emissions. She also suggested that chartered buses to business parks could reduce the need for residents to rely on their cars.

The Committee agreed to ask officers to work with the Cambridge City Council and explore the possibility of jointly running the Cambridge Climate Change Charter.

**6. Stock Modelling for Zero Carbon and Improvements to Energy Efficiency Across SCDC Housing Stock**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager presented this report on the efforts made to improve the energy efficiency of existing Council housing to reduce carbon impact and running costs. He explained that the report from Savills recommended improvements that could reduce the housing stock’s carbon emissions from 11,000 tonnes to 2,200 tonnes a year. The report recognised that it was not cost effective to improve some of the older homes up to the expected standard. The reports recommendations would take 4-5 years to implement.

Members of the Committee asked questions.

**Impact on tenants**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager explained that some tenants were opposed to replacing gas heating with more sustainable technology such as a fitted heat pump and the Council had to work with tenants when introducing improvements. Convincing elderly and vulnerable tenants of the benefits of these changes could be challenging and less intrusive improvements may be considered.

**Older properties**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that some of the Council's properties were over 100 years old and improving all homes on a minimum standard was not cost effective.

**Benefits of updating housing stock**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager explained that the Council needed to update its housing stock, which presented an opportunity to not just improve its efficiency, but to improve the health and wellbeing of our tenants and save on costs.

**Wider stock survey**

The Neighbourhood Services Manager explained that the Council needed to decide how to conduct a wider survey of the current housing stock.

The Committee welcomed the report and the efforts being made to reduce the carbon emissions of the Council's housing stock. The Committee recommended that the Council carries out a stock survey. The Committee agreed that this issue should come back to the Committee.

**7. Solar Together Cambridgeshire**

The Development Officer for Climate and Environment presented this report, which outlined plans for Solar Together Cambridgeshire – a solar pv group-buying scheme which the Council is promoting in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council and neighbouring city and district councils.

It was noted that the plan was to launch the scheme on 1 September. Residents would be able to register and pay a deposit online.

In response to questioning, the Development Officer for Climate and Environment explained that there was a rigorous screening process for installers, which allowed contracts to be awarded to the cheapest supplier, as the quality was guaranteed.

The Committee recommended that this initiative be promoted to parish councils and via social media.

**8. Biodiversity and Natural Capital Strategy (Oral update)**

The Development Officer for Climate and Environment updated the Committee on the Biodiversity and Natural Capital Strategy, which Council would be asked to adopt at its meeting in November. It was noted that an online briefing session would be held on 13 July from 5pm to 6pm, to update members on the progress being made in relation to the Local Plan and work with other groups.

It was understood that there was cross party support for this Strategy and the Committee **NOTED** the report.

## 9. Green to our Core Project Update

The Development Officer for Climate and Environment updated the Committee on the Green to Our Core Project and the status of its 13 initiatives.

### Travel to Work

The Development Officer for Climate and Environment explained that the forced introduction of working remotely due to Covid-19 would obviously influence the Travel to Work Plan.

### Sites for EV points

The Development Officer for Climate and Environment reported that sites had been identified at Cambourne and Sawston, but unfortunately the site at Histon had been rejected as too expensive due to connection issues. The delay in the project was due to Covid-19 and the funding was still available. The Development Officer for Climate and Environment agreed to find out if planning permission was required.

### Zero Carbon Grants

The Development Officer for Climate and Environment stated that a successful webinar had generated 600 expressions of interest in the scheme. She agreed to ask if the Communications team could promote it on the Council's website.

The Committee hoped that the reduction in carbon emissions due to the lockdown could result in changes that realised permanent reductions. The Committee **NOTED** the report.

## 10. Forward Plan

The Committee agreed to discuss the following issues at its future meetings:

- Biodiversity National Capital Strategy
- Community forest and tree planning
- Greenhouse gas commission report (October)
- Travel Plan
- Update on work on heritage homes

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to hold its next meeting on Tuesday 1 September at 2pm.

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**The Meeting ended at 4.30 p.m.**

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# Agenda Item 4



**South  
Cambridgeshire  
District Council**

**REPORT TO:** Climate & Environment Advisory Committee 01 September 2020  
**LEAD CABINET MEMBER:** Lead Cabinet Member for Climate Change  
**LEAD OFFICER:** Head of Shared Waste Services and Environment

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## **Doubling Nature Strategy**

1. This report outlines proposed objectives, scope, structure and schedule for a high-level strategy outlining the approach of the Council to doubling nature and invites initial views from the committee on the strategy.

## **Recommendations**

2. The committee is invited to provide their views on what should be in the strategy.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

3. It is the role of the committee to advise Cabinet on policies, actions and resources required to deliver its climate and environment ambitions. The strategy will help the Council deliver these.

## **Details**

### **Background**

4. Full Council recognised the ecological emergency on 18 July 2019 and agreed an aim to 'double the area of rich wildlife habitats, tree cover and accessible green space in order for nature and people to thrive, and businesses to prosper'.
5. The need for a 'visionary strategy' setting out the Council's programme in response to this motion was agreed by Trevor Nicoll, (Head of Waste & Environment) and Cllr Heylings, (Chair of the Climate & Environment Advisory Committee) following adoption of the Zero Carbon Strategy in May 2020. The document was to be a sister document to the Zero Carbon Strategy, developed following a similar process and with a similar look and feel.
6. Plans for the development of this high-level strategy by the end of the year were noted by the Climate & Environment Advisory Committee on 30 June.

7. These plans included a Members' workshop in the autumn to provide i) an overview of current work in the district relating to doubling nature, including planning policy development work by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service, other work by the Council and wider environmental programmes led by other organisations, and ii) an opportunity for Members to feed in their views and ideas on what should be in the strategy.

### **Purpose and Objectives of the Strategy**

8. The purpose of strategy is to provide the basis upon which programmes and activities to double nature in the district can be developed. The prime objective of the strategy is a shared understanding amongst staff and Members of what the target of doubling nature in South Cambridgeshire means and the Council's role in supporting progress towards that target.
9. The final document will have a similar look and feel to the Zero Carbon Strategy and cover the following areas:
  - i. What the Council means by doubling nature, including an explanation of the related and increasingly widely-used concept of natural capital – (the stock of natural resources, including biodiversity, natural habitats, soil, air and water, from which ecosystem services flow and benefits derive).
  - ii. An overview of the natural capital of the district, drawn from existing sources and covering nature, green space, water bodies, tree cover, agricultural land, air quality and other aspects.
  - iii. Placing of the Council's role within the context of work by other organisations including the Local Plan work and especially the Natural Capital Investment Plan work by CaPCA and the OxCam Natural Capital Plan.
  - iv. An outline of the various ways in which the Council influences nature/natural capital in the district including through planning and other policies, on our own estate, through grant-making, advice and information and partnership-working
  - v. The Council's position on the OxCam Arc
  - vi. A series of case studies of previous work

## **Schedule for Development of the Strategy**

10. The schedule for development of the strategy is presented below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tue 8 Sep, 5-7 pm	Members Workshop
Thu 8 Oct	Completion of first draft for Green to our Core Cluster Board
Mon 12 Oct	GTOC Cluster Board
Fri 16 Oct (tbc)	Progress update published in CEAC papers
Tue 27 Oct (tbc)	CEAC
Thu 26 Nov	Final strategy published in Cabinet papers
Mon 7 Dec	Recommendation to Cabinet to adopt strategy
Mon 14 Dec	Strategy adopted after call-in

## **Implications**

11. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered:-

### **Financial**

12. The strategy will be developed within existing budgets.

### **Legal**

13. The shared Legal Service will be asked to advise on the final strategy to ensure there are no legal issues of concern.

### **Equality and diversity**

14. An EquIA will be undertaken as part of the development of the strategy.

### **Staffing**

15. The development of the strategy will be staffed from within existing resource.

### **Climate Change**

16. The strategy will include consideration of the ways in which nature can be enhanced with the aim of locking up carbon and thereby mitigating climate change.

## **Effect on Council Priority Areas**

### **Being green to our core**

17. The purpose of strategy is to provide the basis upon which programmes and activities to double nature in the district can be developed.

## **Background Papers**

None.

## **Appendices**

None.

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# Agenda Item 5

## SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**REPORT TO:** Climate & Environment Advisory Committee

1 September 2020

**AUTHOR/S:** Miriam Hill, Trees Officer

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**Item:** England Tree Strategy

**Item brought to Committee because:** Advice is sought on any additional issues or considerations which are of particular importance or relevance to South Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire.

### 1.0 Executive Summary

- 1.1 South Cambridgeshire District Council is to submit a response to DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs) in response to the current England Tree Strategy consultation.

### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The England Tree Strategy seeks to further the work of the National Tree Champion, Sir William Worsley, the many changes in legislation and policy which have occurred over the last two years, future changes in the land management grants systems and reflect changes in public opinion.
- 2.2 The document also reflects the 2018 DEFRA consultation 'Protecting and enhancing England's trees and woodlands' which sought views and opinions on: the duty to consult on tree management; reporting on felling and planting of trees by local authorities; tree and woodland strategies; and forestry enforcement measurements.
- 2.3 A considerable number of organizations have contributed to the formation of this document already. They range from environmental and wildlife groups through to large landowners and forestry representatives.
- 2.4 The consultation period ends on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### 3.0 The England Tree Strategy Document

- 3.1 Trees touch on all aspects of living and working in England. They are an essential green infrastructure resource providing services and benefits to humans. They improve air quality, reduce noise, provide microclimate regulation and help save energy through solar shading, intercept and retain rainwater, act as visual elements within the landscape and provide food, shelter and other products for animals and humans alike.
- 3.2 There are also disadvantages of trees. Disadvantages include increases in allergies, the emission of volatile organic compounds, disruption of hard surfaces, falling leaves, flowers, seeds and fruits, a host and food source for unwanted wildlife.
- 3.3 It is imperative that England increases the canopy cover of the entire country to assist with combatting climate change and become more self-sufficient with wood and tree-

based products. This is especially important within urban areas where trees can have the greatest benefits from eco-system services and gains in health and well-being.

- 3.4 The England Tree Strategy endeavours to address both existing problems associated with planting, managing, and harvesting trees and looks forward at what the nursery, arboricultural and forestry industry may need over the next decades with increasing treescape and canopy cover.
- 3.5 There is no part of the England Tree Strategy which will not affect how we perceive, live, play and work in South Cambs.
- 3.6 As a Council our main areas of focus are as a; local planning authority and regulator of building control; landowner and drainage authority; grant giver and community developer; supporter of local businesses including agriculture; and a local leader of better health and wellbeing.
- 3.7 The Strategy document is very broad to allow DEFRA scope to take consultation responses and shape them into a sharpened, detailed document. DEFRA have not determined a fixed idea of what the outcome/output of the consultation may be, but it has already been suggested that a combination of updates to the Forestry Act 1967, additional guidance and policy are most likely.
- 3.8 There are four main themes to the Strategy: expanding and connecting trees and woodlands; protecting and improving our trees and woodland; engaging people with trees and woodland; and supporting the economy. The 39 associated questions are very detailed with few or limited opportunities to free text.
- 3.9 It is important to note that the Strategy has a Technical Annex which also includes a considerable amount of pertinent information and background.

#### **4.0 Forming the consultation response**

- 4.1 It has not yet been determined the most appropriate method of responding to the consultation. It is possible that South Cambs may respond jointly with Cambridge City Council on some aspects of the Consultation to reflect our partnership. It may be best for South Cambs to submit two responses, one concentrating on our work as a local planning authority and a second reflecting a more holistic response.
- 4.2 To date, the views from a diverse range of officers from many disciplines' have been sought on either themes or specific responses for individual questions. This includes Ecologists, Landscape Architects, Building Control and Sustainability. These are being collated to provide a clear picture on what is considered most important to South Cambs.
- 4.3 Officers have also had a collective discussion with other Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Trees and Woodlands Officers. This has provided a better view of how Cambridgeshire as a whole will respond and given an indication of which are the most important themes for different Councils.
- 4.4 Nationally, Officers have been included in workshops with organisations such as The Institute of Chartered Foresters, to ensure the South Cambs perspective can be included within other responses.
- 4.5 There are too many responses to list in this document, however common themes include: the support of increasing canopy cover; ensuring the 'right tree in the right

location' is adhered to and encouraged; involving as many members of the community on the tree planting and management journey as possible; ensuring what is planted becomes established and allowed to thrive; protecting what we have whilst increasing the canopy cover and variety of treescapes; increasing the opportunities of tree planting to all sizes and types of landowner through education and grants; and encouraging a longer term vision and greater scope of treescapes and management outside of the arboricultural and forestry industries.

## **5.0 Climate & Environment Advisory Committee**

- 5.1 Officers would like to reflect the advice and interests of the Climate & Environment Advisory Committee within the consultation response on matters with particular relevance to the South Cambs perspective.

## **6.0 Background Papers:**

- 10.1 The following list contains links to the documents on the Council's website and / or an indication as to where hard copies can be inspected.

- England Tree Strategy Slides
- [England Tree Strategy Consultation Document](#), and
- [England Tree Strategy Consultation – Technical Annex](#).

### **Report Author:**

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# England Tree Strategy

## DEFRA Consultation

(Miriam Hill, Trees Officer)

# The England Tree Strategy will:

- Support a step change in woodland creation to deliver commitments in this parliament and beyond.
- Increase the area of woodland management.
- Help protect trees, treescapes and woodland from unsustainable management, climate change and pests and diseases.
- Engage people with trees, woodlands and nature.
- Recognise the wide range of ecosystem services trees and woodlands provide.
- Support increased use of timber and energy crops, improving forestry productivity and supply chains.
- Diversify land management business.

# The consultation has four pillars

Expanding and connecting trees and woodlands	Protecting and improving our trees and woodland	Engaging people with trees and woodland	Supporting the economy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Establishing more trees and woodlands and ensuring they are resilient to our future climate, pests and diseases.</li><li>▪ Addressing barriers to woodland creation.</li><li>▪ Supporting nature recovery.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Protecting our trees and woodlands.</li><li>▪ Managing woods to recover biodiversity and increase resilience.</li><li>▪ Developing our domestic nursery capacity.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Increasing access to trees in and around towns and cities.</li><li>▪ Increasing engagement with woodland and their role in education and health care.</li><li>▪ Enabling investment in and the protection of green infrastructure.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Diversifying rural economies.</li><li>▪ Enabling agro and energy forestry.</li><li>▪ Supporting or timber industry.</li><li>▪ Increasing forestry skills.</li></ul>

# Who is taking part in our consultation response?

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## South Cambs & City Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Authority

- Tree Officers
- Ecologists
- Landscape Architects
- Building Control
- Sustainability Officer

## Cambridgeshire

- City of Peterborough
- East Cambridgeshire
- County Council
- Forestry Commission

# Common themes which will be prioritised where ever possible

The different needs of rural, peri-urban and urban landscapes and treescapes

That ELMS (Environmental Land Management Scheme) has to be fit for the purpose of the Tree Strategy's goals

Hedgerow retention, management and protection

The careful location of proposed woodland blocks to avoid impacting on other important habitats

The role and responsibility of statutory undertakers

Importance of bio-diversity net gain on development sites and doubling nature

Commitment to retaining existing woodland or woodland like blocks

Recent and proposed changes in the planning system and the possible impacts on space for and provision of trees

Stronger enforcement for trees, hedgerows, woodland and forestry

Funding for first 20 years of a trees/woodlands life

Every council should have a tree officer

Changing visual appearance of future landscapes and treescapes and attitudes towards them

The role of pests and diseases within the tree population

Greater education or awareness of the importance of trees

Less reliance on plastics in tree establishment

That paying for new initiatives should not burden only tax payers

For the Climate & Environment Advisory Committee:

Seeking advice on what the committee would like to pay particular attention to or additional issues or considerations that are of particular relevance to South Cambs.

# Climate & Environment Advisory Committee FORWARD PLAN 2020-21

## Revised Terms of Reference May 2020

To advise Cabinet on policies, actions and resources required to deliver on the Council's climate change and environmental ambitions, and to provide updates on progress towards achieving agreed targets and outcomes.

This will include, but not be limited to:

- Considering, taking account of available evidence and best practice, innovations and best practice for zero carbon, climate resilience and environmental sustainability, and recommending appropriate actions
- Investigating specific climate and environment-related issues and, where appropriate, organising informal Member workshops to review the evidence and recommendations
- Reviewing the development of Council strategies and roadmaps/action plans for carbon reductions, climate resilience, biodiversity and environmental sustainability; making recommendations for their adoption; updating Cabinet on progress with implementation and recommending any mitigating actions necessary
- Reviewing relevant strategic policies, decisions, future plans, corporate budgets and green investments to ensure that they are in line with a shift to zero carbon and environmental sustainability taking account also of fairness and cost implications
- Reviewing development of new Greater Cambridge Local Plan to ensure it fulfills its role in bringing forward net zero carbon development together with biodiversity and green spaces, particularly in new housing and infrastructure, as well as ensuring that new development can adapt to our changing climate
- Providing leadership on climate change and sustainability, working with partners, as appropriate, to deliver the Council's targets, including public sector, academia, communities, farming and businesses
- Promoting and facilitating the Zero Carbon Communities network, sharing information, guidance and best practice for Parish Councils and local community groups wanting to help shift towards zero carbon lifestyle
- Reviewing the internal operations of the Council with a view to promoting zero carbon and sustainability, adopting best practice and strengthening the Council's environmental performance, with a view to being an 'exemplar council'
- Influencing and interpreting county, regional and national policy for the benefit of South Cambridgeshire
- Making recommendations on bids for funding relating to climate change, tree planting and the protection and enhancement of nature

Meeting date	Report deadline	Agenda items
24 Mar	-	CANCELLED
27 Apr	-	CANCELLED
30 Jun	19 Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Cam Valley Forum on the Let it Flow report</li> <li>• Presentation on Cambridge Climate Change Charter</li> <li>• Stock Modelling for Zero Carbon and Improvements to Energy Efficiency Across SCDC Housing Stock pdf icon PDF 240 KB</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar Together Cambridgeshire pdf icon PDF 593 KB</li> <li>• Biodiversity and Natural Capital Strategy (Oral update)</li> </ul>
01 Sep	20 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the Future Parks Accelerator</li> <li>• Community forest and tree planning (suggested by CEAC; not clear what this agenda item is)</li> <li>• Update on work on heritage homes</li> </ul>
27 Oct (tbc)	16 Oct (tbc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity/Natural Capital Strategy</li> <li>• Travel Plan</li> <li>• Greenhouse gas emissions report</li> <li>• Six monthly report on progress on the Zero Carbon Action Plan</li> </ul>
Jan		
Mar		
		<b>Standing Items</b> Update on GTOC Projects