

CORPORATE DELIVERY PLAN PROGRESS 2ND QUARTER 2020/21
(UNCOMPLETED ACTIONS ROLLED FORWARD FROM 2019/20)

1. BACKGROUND AND FOREWORD

- 1.1** The Corporate Delivery Plan incorporating Key Actions for 2019/20 was agreed at full Council on 16 May 2019 following a number of officer and member workshops.
- 1.2** With the remote meeting protocol in place this report has been provided as an information sheet rather than as a report for the Committee. It has been prepared to show progress as at the end of the 2nd Quarter 2020/21 for those actions which were not completed during 2019/20 due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 1.3** The postponement of the 2020 elections to May 2021 and the coronavirus pandemic has led to a reassessment of priorities, with the Council now working on a 1-year external Recovery Plan and a 2-year internal Modernisation Plan. These will gradually develop into a longer term renewal strategy which will form the basis for a new Corporate Plan in 2021. However, as the pandemic enters its second wave much of the recovery work has been paused whilst key priorities are being reconsidered.

2. PROGRESS ON THE KEY ACTIONS FOR 2019/20 ROLLED FORWARD TO 2020/21

- 2.1** Below, under each of the 5 Corporate Delivery Plan priorities, are the headlines of the progress made for each of the remaining 14 CDP Key Actions as at the end of the first quarter 2020/21.

ECONOMY: Help create a sustainable and vibrant economy that works for all

CDP1.1 Continue to allocate funds from the business rates pilot fund in line with the agreed principles: Supporting Local Businesses; Improving the Council's long-term financial position; Local Wealth Building; Supporting a Zero Carbon District; Reducing inequality.

- No further funds have been allocated but the reserve now forms part of agreed recovery funding.

CDP1.3 Progress and deliver the redevelopment of Brimscombe Port by securing planning permission and being ready to seek a development partner.

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- **Planning:** A meeting has been held with GCC Highways and some minor amendments to the road layout are to be made by Atkins and further details provided. An imminent response is expected from the EA and a meeting has been requested with Natural England to address their comments. Homes England amendments to the project definition and key milestones in the Loan agreement have been agreed with Homes England.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Provide affordable, energy efficient homes for our diverse and changing population

CDP2.5 Contribute to our identified local housing need, by building new council homes through:

- a) **submitting planning applications for 56 units on 6 sites.**
- b) **agreeing an approach to purchase more land.**
- The Development Strategy has been written and was presented to Housing Committee on the 22nd September.

CDP2.8 Provide high quality, safe temporary accommodation for homeless single people and families within the district.

- Salvation Army staff have now returned to work. We have held pre-application discussions with Planners who have indicated that they would view a change of use application here favourably.

ENVIRONMENT: Help the community minimise its carbon footprint, adapt to the changing climate and continue to improve recycling rates

CDP3.11 Implement the revised Environment Strategy and develop an action plan with partners to incorporate our commitment to being a Carbon Neutral district by 2030 (CN2030).

- The 2030 Strategy is in draft. Public consultation and council committee reviews are scheduled over autumn/winter leading to Full Council on the 25th February where it will be proposed for adoption.
- Integral to the Environment Strategy being finalised is a strategy for consultation and ongoing governance with the community. This will be finalised on the basis of both internal and external consultation processes that are being launched at the moment. In the meantime, the internal steering group is established and the network of neighbourhood climate action groups continues to grow.

CDP3.12 Work with partners to implement the next phase of the cycling and walking strategy, focussing on routes between Dudbridge-Nailsworth; Dursley–Cam-Uley; Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield.

- Dudbridge-Nailsworth: Resurfacing of the track is now complete.

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- Dursley-Cam-Uley: SDC has earmarked £50k to carry out works on a section of footpath. CDU14 to make it suitable for cycling and re-designate it as a bridleway. The local cycling group have started a public consultation on this proposal, after which we will work with GCC to implement the proposal. Negotiations are ongoing to finalise the northern section of the route through the North East Cam development following a proposal from the developer. A finalised design for the route between Dursley and Uley also needs to be established.
- Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield: Sustrans have commenced the design phase for this project. SDC is contributing £10k for this piece of work.
- Stroud-Chalford: No further spending following a £600 contribution towards creating promotional material for the route to present to the public. We will continue to engage with the group leading the project and potentially make contributions to additional work as the project progresses.

CDP3.13 In our role as statutory waste collection authority, support community groups to phase out single use plastics; whilst also reducing its use across council services.

- SDC have asked Stroud District Action on Plastic (SDAP) to contribute to a Christmas message that will be promoted to residents alongside collection alterations over the festive period. This will go in newspapers and be distributed via social media. Drafts are being produced at present.

CDP3.14 In Partnership with Stroud Town Council and Friends of the Lido submit a bid to National Lottery Heritage Fund for additional funding to refurbish Stratford Park Lido.

- The project has been delayed as stated in Q1. There is a meeting arranged with the Friends of the Lido and the Strategic Director of Communities.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING: Promote the health and well-being of our communities and work with others to deliver the public health agenda

CDP4.18 Agree a long term investment and management plan for Stratford Park with partners and contractors

- The Strategic Director has now had committee report approved to appoint consultants to do this work for the review.

DELIVERY: Provide value for money to our taxpayers and high quality services to our customers

CDP5.21 Create a strategic approach to building more effective partnerships with parish and town councils.

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- The Council continues to work constructively with Town and Parish Councils throughout the pandemic. Twice-weekly Member updates on the pandemic are now shared directly with Town and Parish Councils.

CDP5.22 Adopt a clear vision and digital strategy which is fit for purpose to deliver good quality, convenient and efficient services for staff, residents and local businesses.

- Work has been delayed by the pandemic but a vision and digital strategy is now in draft and initial modernisation discussions held with Group Leaders and Strategy & Resources members.

CDP5.23 Explore the opportunities for income generation to help achieve financial self-sufficiency.

- The Budget Strategy was approved by Council in October 2020 and includes an assessment of the pandemic impact. Modernisation savings targets have been introduced into the MTFP to move towards balancing in the longer term.

CDP5.24 Work collaboratively through partnerships and external stakeholders to achieve greater influence to deliver the Council's objectives.

- The One Legal Transfer is now complete. The Council continues to work with partners on many projects including high profile regeneration schemes like the Canal and a great many areas of pandemic response.

2.2 In summary, although some progress has been made on these key projects, much of the recovery work is paused as the pandemic enters its second wave. A strategic workshop is planned with members to agree key priorities at this time.

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