

DATA LABEL: Public

Environment Policy, Development and Scrutiny Panel

Workplan 2021/2022

	Issue	Purpose	Lead Officer	Date	Referral to Council Executive
1.	Action to Mitigate Funeral Poverty – West Lothian Council Endorsed Respectful Funeral - Update	The purpose of the report is to update the panel on the success of the West Lothian “Respectful Funeral” model provided by local funeral directors, and to provide details of an agreed extension to the scheme. This model contributes to mitigation of funeral poverty. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 14 September 2021	David Cullen	14 September 2021	Yes
2.	Broxburn Flood Protection Scheme	The purpose of this report is to update the Panel on the project and, in particular, the proposed programme of works developed in collaboration with consultants engaged to undertake the outline design of measures to reduce the risk of flooding at Nicol Road and Pyothall Court, Broxburn. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 14 September 2021	Graeme Hedger	14 September 2021	No
3.	Scottish Road Works Commissioner’s Performance Review 2020/21	The purpose of the report is to update the Panel on the Scottish Road Works Commissioner’s performance review of West Lothian for 2020/21. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 14 September 2021	Graeme Malcolm	14 September 2021	No
4.	Bathgate Water Regeneration Project	The purpose of this report is to inform the Panel of the progress of the project to regenerate the Bathgate Water and improve the environment in the surrounding area. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 14 September 2021	Ronnie Fisher	14 September 2021	Yes

5.	2020/21 Financial Performance - Month 12 Monitoring Report	To provide the Panel with an update on the financial performance of the Environment portfolio for the General Fund Revenue budget and the General Services Capital Investment Strategy. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 14 September 2021	Robert Young	14 September 2021	Item 15 Yes
6.	Building Regulations: Proposed Changes to Energy Standards and Associated Topics, Including Ventilation, Overheating and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	The purpose of the report is to make the panel aware of the Scottish Government Consultation - Proposed Changes to Energy Standards and associated topics, including Ventilation, Overheating and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and to consider the proposed response. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 14 September 2021	Jim McGinley	14 September 2021	Yes
7.	Broxburn Property Flood Resilience Scheme	The purpose of this report is to update the Panel on the progress being made to deliver the council's Property Flood Resilience scheme of up to 15 properties in New Holygate and Parkwood Gardens, Broxburn Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021	Shona Collins	17 November 2021	Yes. Info only
8.	Ash Dieback	To update the Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel on the impact and costs associated with the management of Ash Dieback in West Lothian. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021	Andy Johnston	17 November 2021	No
9.	Maintenance of Open Spaces, Trees and Shelterbelts in Development Areas	To provide the Panel with an update on the maintenance of open spaces and shelterbelt trees in Springfield, Linlithgow; including providing an update on the areas the council maintains that may not be owned by the council or where the maintenance responsibility has not been transferred or taken over by the council. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021	Andy Johnston	17 November 2021	No

10.	Litter Picking Volunteers	<p>To invite members of the panel to recognise efforts made by local litter picking volunteer groups in keeping West Lothian looking at its best and thank the volunteers for their continuing hard work.</p> <p>To draw the attention of members to diplomatic and logistical efforts as well as the financial contribution made by the service to facilitate the work of these volunteer groups.</p> <p>To acknowledge the operational challenges having such active litter picking groups brings</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021</p>	Lynn Yuill	17 November 2021	Item 15 No
11.	Livingston Skatepark	<p>The purpose of the report is to provide the panel with an update on the Livingston Skate Park.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021</p>	Andy Johnston	17 November 2021	No
12.	West Lothian Community Choices – Update on Grounds Maintenance Consultation and Service Delivery	<p>The purpose of the report is to update the Panel on the approach for the delivery of Community Choices for Grounds Maintenance and to provide the Panel with an update on the results from the consultation on Grounds Maintenance activities.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021</p>	Andy Johnston	17 November 2021	No
13.	Food for Life update	<p>To provide the Panel with an update on the Food For life initiative.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021</p>	Jim Jack	17 November 2021	No
14.	Environment PDSP Performance Report – Quarter 2	<p>To report the current levels of performance for all indicators which are the responsibility of the Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021</p>	Jim Jack	17 November 2021	No

15.	The licensing of activities involving animals' regulations	<p>The purpose of this report is to make the panel aware of new regulations requiring the licensing of various activities involving animals and the need to update and approve council policies, procedures and fees covering these activities.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021</p>	Craig Smith	17 November 2021	Item 15 Yes
16.	Spaces for People – Engagement with Communities and Stakeholder	<p>The purpose of this report is to inform the Environment PDSP of the Spaces for People (SfP) engagement plan which was instructed by Council on 28 September 2021.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 17 November 2021</p>	Graeme Malcolm	17 November 2021	No
17.	Road Safety Petition	Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022	Graeme Malcolm	1 February 2022	
18.	Pentland Hills Regional Park – funding 2021/22 & updated Minute of Agreement	<p>Report to the panel to advise on the requested from City of Edinburgh Council as management organisation for PHRP and the revision and proposed update of the Minute of Agreement between CEC and Midlothian Council to operate the Regional Park.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022</p>	Chris Alcorn	1 February 2022	Yes
19.	Licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues	Report to advise the panel of the outcome of public and stakeholder consultation regarding whether West Lothian should introduce an SEV licensing scheme and to seek comments on proposals	Audrey Watson	To be confirmed	Yes
20.	Hire Car Licensing	Report to advise the panel of the outcome of public and stakeholder consultation regarding the proposed review of the hire car licensing scheme and to seek comments on priorities for the review	Audrey Watson	To be confirmed	Yes

21.	Contaminated Land Supplementary Guidance, including the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy	The purpose of this report is to advise the panel of preparation of Supplementary Guidance (SG) on contaminated land in support of the West Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) and a contaminated land inspection strategy.	Fiona McBrierty	To be confirmed	Item 15 Yes
22.	Reservoir Safety	Report to advise the Panel of the measures being taken to ensure the safety of Beecraigs Reservoir in the context of ageing infrastructure, a changing climate and recent dam failures elsewhere in the UK	Graeme Hedger	To be confirmed	Yes. Info only

Jim Jack

Head of Operational Services

17 November 2021