

Environment Policy, Development and Scrutiny Panel

Workplan 2021/2022

	Issue	Purpose	Lead Officer	Date	Referral to Council Executive
1.	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
2.	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
3.	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

4.	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	No
5.	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
6.	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
7.	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
8.	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

9.	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	Yes
10.	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
11.	Request for a 30mph Speed Limit on The B8046 Westfield Road, The B792 Slackend And Cathlaw Lane In Torphichen	<p>The purpose of this report is to inform the Panel of the outcome of the additional 30mph speed limit survey work carried out, following the interim report presented to the Environment PDSP on the 1 June 2021.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022</p>	Gordon Brown	1 February 2022	Yes
12.	Request for Speed Reduction Measures in Main Street, Mid Calder	<p>The purpose of this report is to inform the Panel of a deputation which has been remitted to the Environment PDSP from the West Lothian Council meeting on the 23rd November 2021. The deputation is seeking for the introduction of traffic calming measures on Main Street, Mid Calder.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022</p>	Gordon Brown	1 February 2022	Yes
13.	Consultation Response To Scotland's Pavement Parking Prohibitions	<p>The purpose of this report is to inform the Panel of the consultation that is being carried out by the Scottish Government in relation to Scotland's Pavement Parking Prohibitions. The report suggests a Council response to the consultation questions.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022</p>	Gordon Brown	1 February 2022	Yes

14.	Regional Transport Strategy 2035 Consultation Response	The purpose of this report is to update the Panel on the completion of SEStran's draft Regional Transport Strategy 2035 and to provide a draft consultation response to the associated consultation (Appendix 1). Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022	Graeme Malcolm	1 February 2022	Yes
15.	Underground Refuse Systems – Investigation of Potential Benefits	To investigate a pilot scheme for underground waste disposal in Craigshill with the options available, feasibility and costs of an initial pilot. To report on areas suitable for a roll out with the estimated costs and potential phasing. To compare underground refuse provision with equivalent above ground shared provision. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022	David Robertson	1 February 2022	Yes
16.	Environment PDSP Performance Report – Quarter 3	To report the current levels of performance for all indicators which are the responsibility of the Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022	Jim Jack	1 February 2022	No
17.	Hiring of Council Minibuses to Community Organisations	To advise the Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (PDSP) of the outcome of a review of the hire of council minibus to community organisations and of an alternative service provision. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022	Bruce Robb	1 February 2022	Yes
18.	2021/22 Financial Performance – Month 6 Monitoring Report	To provide the Panel with an update on the financial performance of the Environment portfolio. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022	Robert Young	1 February 2022	No
19.	Greening of the John Muir Way Study	The purpose of this report is to update the Panel on the recent 'Greening of the John Muir Way' study undertaken by consultants working for the Green Action Trust (GAT) and the proposed projects as they relate to the 2 stretches of the John Muir Way within West Lothian. Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022	Chris Alcorn	1 February 2022	No

20.	Quarterly Climate Change Update	<p>The purpose of this report is present to the Panel the first of the agreed quarterly climate change updates as set out in the new Climate Change Strategy, informing and advising of key announcements and changes in relation to climate change both during and in the period since COP26, and to present an updated design of the Climate Change Strategy which was approved at a meeting of the Council Executive on 26 October.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 1 February 2022</p>	Peter Rogers	1 February 2022	No
21.	Proposed Pedestrian Crossings	Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 29 March 2022	Brian McDowell/Ronnie Fisher	29 March 2022	
22.	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 29 March 2022</p>	Chris Alcorn	29 March 2022	Yes
23.	Energy efficiency - regulation in existing non-domestic buildings call for evidence	Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 29 March 2022	Peter Rogers	29 March 2022	
24.	The Introduction of Short Term Lets Licensing	<p>Report to advise the Panel of the new legislation which introduces a licensing scheme for Short Terms Lets and how the council intends to administer that scheme.</p> <p>Report to be submitted to the PDSP on 29 March 2022</p>	Audrey Watson	29 March 2022	Yes
25.	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

26.	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
27.	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	Yes
28.	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

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 01 February 2022