

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 7
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ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL PROGRESS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on key elements associated with the future delivery of the Environment Capital core priority.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report and provide comments accordingly.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 This report directly contributes to the objectives and outcomes contained in the Sustainable Community Strategy and, in particular, the aspiration to 'create the UK's Environment Capital'.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At its meeting on the 13 June 2012, the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny committee were given an overview of the Environment Capital core priority and informed that they would be consulted on key documents as part of the future delivery of the Environment Capital work. As such the following documents are presented to the committee for their comment:

Annex A: Environment Capital Delivery Framework - The Home of Environment Capital Major Policy, adopted at Full Council in October 2010, briefly outlines a wide range of policies, strategies and plans that support the delivery of the policy. Lots of other activities, plans and strategies across the council also contribute towards its delivery. The Environment Capital Delivery Framework, a 'work in progress' of which is attached at Annex A, brings together and explains in more detail all of these policies, strategies and plans into a single document for the first time. It has been designed to be predominantly web based, with an interactive front sheet so that the user can quickly be directed to the part of the document of interest to them. Subject to Committee comments today, we intend to have the Framework completed and uploaded to the website by August.

Annex B: Environment Capital headline targets – The Environment Capital Steering Group have discussed and agreed this set of Environment Capital headline targets as the short term targets to continue the delivery of the Environment Capital ambition. These headline targets are presented for consideration by the committee as a set of short term targets on which officers can report to this committee and the Greater Peterborough Partnership Executive as required.

It is important to note that they are short term, interim targets, to ensure momentum is maintained. However, a larger package of short, medium and longer term targets are intended to be set as part of a 'One Planet Living' framework, which will be presented to the committee in due course (though should Members be interested in reading up on this policy area prior to those future presentations, then please see <http://www.oneplanetliving.org>).

Annex C: Environment Capital action plan 2012-13 - This action plan for 2012/13 captures some

short term actions that are required to ensure momentum is maintained and communications and branding guidelines are reviewed, agreed and adhered to. The One Planet Living Framework will have a more detailed and longer term action plan.

- 4.2 Further reports, updates and information on the Environment Capital ambition, as detailed in the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny report presented on the 13 June 2012, will be presented to subsequent committee meetings.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 Within the scope of this Committee's responsibilities, Members are asked to note the content of this report and the progress of Environment Capital work.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 For the city to achieve its ambition of becoming the UK's Environment Capital, it must show a strong and evidenced track record of environmental achievement backed by a focus on addressing areas for improvement. This report provides documentation that will ensure Peterborough is able to direct its resources to the Environment Capital outcomes with a consistent and cohesive approach.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Environment Capital documents outlined in this report have been subject to internal and partner consultation as part of their development.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 Feedback from the committee will help to inform the future of the Environment Capital ambition.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 9.1 Home of Environment Capital Major Policy – October 2010

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Annex A: Environment Capital Delivery Framework – Draft document
Annex B: Environment Capital headline targets
Annex C: Environment Capital action plan 2012-13