

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 5
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Report of the Executive Director of Operations

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ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL ACTION PLAN

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with foresight of the Environment Capital Action Plan as part of its progress through the democratic process prior to public consultation.

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 The Environment Capital Action Plan (ECAP) is intended to form the single delivery plan for the priority to create the UK’s Environment Capital. The plan demonstrates how this priority goes beyond our intention to be more environmentally sustainable. It details how delivering the Environment Capital priority makes sense economically, how it makes the city more resilient to change and how it improves our health and wellbeing.

This plan will provide, for the first time, a clear vision for Environment Capital. The plan is based on the internationally recognised concept of One Planet Living, a vision of a sustainable world where people lead healthy, happy lives within their fair share of the earth's resources.

The plan, attached as appendix A, is focussed on ten theme areas, each led by a key city stakeholder:

Theme	Lead	Organisation
Zero Carbon	Charlotte Palmer	Peterborough City Council
Zero Waste	Rachel Huxley	Peterborough Environment City Trust
Sustainable Transport	Simon Machen	Peterborough City Council
Sustainable Materials	Sean Hanson	Serco
Local and Sustainable Food	Ben Middleton	Peterborough Environment City Trust
Sustainable Water	Julia Chatterton	Peterborough City Council
Land Use and Wildlife	James McCulloch	Nene Park Trust
Culture and Heritage	Kevin Tighe	Vivacity
Equity and Local Economy	Neil Darwin	Opportunity Peterborough
Health and Happiness	Sue Mitchell	Peterborough City Council

The plan contains a vision to 2050, local and national context and interim targets to 2016.

- 2050 – designed to be truly visionary. At this stage we do not know if this target is possible but after adoption of the plan effort will focus on undertaking more in depth research into each theme area establishing the trajectory and revising the vision if necessary.
- 2013-2016 – these targets will be, in the vast majority of cases, those that exist already in the City. If they are additional they focus on research which we aim to deliver by working with partners including local and national universities. Therefore these targets do not require additional resource.

The document is intended to be a true reflection of what City stakeholders are able to commit to within existing resources and allows us to understand what these resources are. Crucially, whilst the ECAP is being led and developed by the City Council the plan will be a document that is owned by the City with the aim of delivering this shared priority. The agreement of the ECAP will be a starting point. The challenge thereafter will be to address how we collectively, as a city, fill the gap between 2016 and the 2050 vision. This will be the role of the Environment Capital Steering Group.

5. KEY ISSUES

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

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 be reported to Cabinet. At its meeting in December, Cabinet will be asked to approve the document for the purposes of public consultation.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 9.1 A presentation providing more information was given at the meeting on 5 September 2013.

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix A – Environment Capital Action Plan