

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 6
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Portfolio Progress Report from the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital		
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PORTFOLIO PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL INCLUDING ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL ANNUAL REPORT

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report is provided to update the Committee on the progress of items relevant to this committee under the responsibility of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital.

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 supports the Sustainable Community Strategy by highlighting progress and change across a range of indicators and measures related to the objective to create the UK's Environment Capital.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This is an interim annual progress report for the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital. In April 2014 the council adopted the Environment Capital Action Plan (ECAP) which provides, for the first time, a clear vision for Environment Capital. The plan is based on the internationally recognised concept of living within the resources of one planet, a vision of a sustainable world where people lead healthy, happy lives within their fair share of the earth's resources.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 There are a total of 33 targets included within the Environment Capital Action Plan, listed in appendix A. The progress of these targets has been reported, predominantly, up to the end of March 2015 unless more recent information was available. Of these, 21 have a status of 'green' which means that they are on track, 8 are 'amber' which indicates that they are struggling in some aspects and 4 are 'red' which means they are failing to achieve and this status is unlikely to change by the end of 2016.

Appendix B provides a detailed breakdown against each of the targets included within the plan. It also, on a theme by theme basis, provides details of other initiatives that have taken place in

the city which support the corresponding theme. Finally, Appendix B, concludes with a list of potential targets that have been suggested by citywide partners for inclusion in the second Environment Capital Action Plan which will be prepared to commence from January 2017.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report. It is provided for information and comment.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 This report and corresponding appendices have been produced in collaboration with colleagues from the council and external citywide organisations.

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 In November each year a full annual progress report will be prepared and made publically available. This will detail progress against each of the targets included in the city's Environment Capital Action Plan.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix A: Environment Capital Action Plan

Appendix B: Environment Capital Annual Report