



A meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS)** will be held in **CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN** on **THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2025** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environment, Communities and Partnerships) meetings held on 3rd April 2025 and 15th May 2025.

Contact Officer: B Buddle
01480 388008

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary and other interests in relation to any Agenda item.

Contact Officer: B Buddle
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3. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 28)

- a) The Panel are to receive the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme and the Notice of Key Decisions 1st June 2025 to 30th September 2025.
- b) Members to discuss future planning of items for the Work Programme

Contact Officer: B Buddle
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4. QUESTIONS REQUIRING A RESPONSE (Pages 29 - 30)

To note the responses outstanding from previous meetings.

Contact Officer: B Buddle
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5. CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH COMMITTEE

To appoint a non-voting co-opted Member and substitute Member to the Cambridgeshire County Council Health Committee.

Contact Officer: B Buddle
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6. ONE LEISURE SOLAR INSTALLATIONS 2025 (Pages 31 - 40)

To receive a presentation on One Leisure Solar Installations 2025.

Executive Councillor: S Howell

Contact Officer: M Raby
01480 387921

7. CLIMATE REPORT QUARTER 4 (Pages 41 - 62)

The Panel is invited to receive and comment on the Climate Quarter 4 presentation.

Executive Councillor: L Davenport-Ray

Contact Officer: H Robinson
01480 388388

8. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WEALTH BUILDING (Pages 63 - 80)

The Panel is invited to comment on the contents of the report and consider the Report Recommendations.

Executive Councillor: S Howell

Contact Officer: C Deeth
01480 388233

28 day of May 2025

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

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Please contact Mrs Beccy Buddle, Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny), Tel No: 01480 388008/e-mail Beccy.Buddle@huntingdonshire.gov.uk if you have a general query on any Agenda Item, wish to tender your apologies for absence from the meeting, or would like information on any decision taken by the Committee/Panel.

Specific enquiries with regard to items on the Agenda should be directed towards the Contact Officer.

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS) held in Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Thursday, 3 April 2025.

PRESENT: Councillor J E Kerr – Chair.

Councillors T Alban, S Bywater, M A Hassall, N J Hunt, C Lowe and D J Shaw.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors S J Criswell, M Kadewere, S R McAdam, S Mokbul and C H Tevlin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor S L Taylor .

52. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd April 2025 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

53. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor N Hunt declared a non-registerable interest in minute 24/58 by virtue of being a ward member for Huntingdon.

54. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

With the aid of a report by the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) (a copy of which is appended in the Minute Book) the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme and Notice of Key Decisions for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st July 2025 were presented to the Panel.

55. OUTSTANDING RESPONSES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Panel noted the responses to questions previously asked.

56. CPE UPDATE AND OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER

By means of a report by the Head of Economy, Regeneration and Housing Operations Manager (a copy of which was appended in the Minute Book), the Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) Update and Off-Street Parking Places Order Report was presented to the Panel.

Clarification in relation to point 11 of Appendix 1 was sought, following which the Panel were advised that this related to carparks without visible bay markings such as the carpark at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park. Concern was expressed that there was a lack of clarification for on street parking restrictions which a concern for residents, however the Panel were advised that the Council would be adopting Cambridgeshire County Council's policy for on street parking and that

this document detailed the on-street restrictions. It was confirmed to the Panel that the application had been submitted to the Department of Transport and was expected to be heard in Parliament in July. It was noted that the team would likely be looking to commence enforcement in August once approved.

The Panel heard that an accessible online portal would provide maps across the County which would list all the detail and restrictions for each parish. The details of this would be shared in due course once it is active. Councillor Hassall expressed his support for this portal and felt that it would be particularly useful to more rural residents and further enquired whether the signs and lines throughout the district were now at an enforceable standard, following which the Panel were assured that work was underway to ensure that this would be completed prior to the Civil Enforcement coming into effect.

Councillor Hassall further proposed that each Councillor be provided with the levels of enforcement that they could expect in each parish so that this information could be passed on to parishes. Following a discussion, where the Panel heard that this detail had been included within the original report and that engagement with parishes was ongoing with a robust Communications Plan, it was proposed by Councillor Hassall to add an additional recommendation to the Cabinet report, this was seconded by Councillor Bywater and the Panel voted unanimously in favour of forwarding the proposed recommendation to the Cabinet;

5) to provide detail to each parish council as to what they can expect under the implementation of the Civil Parking Enforcement Order.

Clarification was sought on the terms set out in 5.1.4 of the report and how they would be affected by Local Government Review, following which, the Panel were informed that the project would continue on a business as usual basis until otherwise advised, however the Panel were assured that the majority of the proposed partner Councils were also working in partnership on CPE therefore minimal disruption to the Order was anticipated.

Following the discussion, it was

RESOLVED

that Cabinet be encouraged to consider the comments from Overview and Scrutiny when making a decision upon the recommendations within the report; and; that the Cabinet consider adding the proposed recommendation 5 to the report;

5) to provide detail to each parish council as to what they can expect under the implementation of the Civil Parking Enforcement Order.

57. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the

business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

58. HUNTINGDON SPORT AND HEALTH HUB FEASIBILITY REPORT

The Panel were reminded of the Part Two nature of the item and that the contents of the report and subsequent discussion should remain confidential.

The Panel gave consideration to an exempt report by the Head of Leisure, Health and Environment, (a copy of which was appended in the annex to the Minute Book), on the Huntingdon Sport and Health Hub Feasibility Report which was presented to the Panel.

Following the discussion, it was

RESOLVED

that the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel be passed to Cabinet for their consideration when making a decision upon the recommendations within the report.

Chair

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
(ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS) held in
on Thursday, 15 May 2025.

PRESENT: Councillor N J Hunt – Chair.

Councillors T Alban, S Bywater, S J Criswell,
M A Hassall, M Kadewere, C Lowe,
S Mokbul, B M Pitt, D J Shaw, D Terry and
N Wells.

APOLOGIES: No apologies were submitted.

IN ATTENDANCE: N/A.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

A proposal to elect Councillor N J Hunt to the Chair of the Panel was
moved and seconded, whereupon it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor N J Hunt be elected Chair of the Panel for the ensuing
Municipal Year.

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

A proposal to appoint Councillor B M Pitt to Vice-Chair of the Panel
was then moved and seconded, whereupon it was

RESOLVED

that Councillor B M Pitt be appointed Vice-Chair of the Panel for the
ensuing Municipal Year.

Chair

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Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2025-26

Environment, Communities and Partnerships

Forward Agendas

Meeting Date	Pre-Scrutiny	Scrutiny Review
10 th July 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One Leisure Independent Review UpdateRevised Climate Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One Leisure Annual ReviewThe Annual Climate Report
4 th September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Play SufficiencyHuntingdon Sport and Health Hub – RIBA Stage 2 (Private)	
14 th October 2025		
6 th November 2025		
4 th December 2025		

Pending Agenda Items

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendation	Outcome
July	Paxton Pits Contract Renewal	Send straight to Cabinet	

O&S Topics Identified For Future Meetings

Subject	Proposer	Brief	Status
Community Safety Partnerships		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider bringing forward a paper to review and understand what Huntingdonshire District Council has done or is currently doing in relation to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP). • Given the importance of community safety, I believe it would be beneficial to examine the CSP's activities, outcomes, and any ongoing initiatives to ensure transparency and alignment with local needs, thus improve local understanding. • Is it working, could this be improved? 	Progress – schedule on to agenda
Right to Grow	Cllr Hassall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following motion to Council 	Progress – schedule on to agenda
Integrated Care		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative working between HDC and NHS • Reducing inequalities – health, housing, growth 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs
Hinchingbrooke Hospital		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on redevelopment works • Big organisations making a difference locally, local recruitment • Link to preventative and integrated care 	
Open Spaces in Huntingdonshire		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HDC owned – HCP, Paxton Pits • Great Fen • Green spaces perspective and how links with the local plan • Access for residents – health lifestyles, mental health, OLAL • Purpose of open spaces, and strategic use of them • Mental Health, Well-being • Wildlife corridors 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs

Customer Service Model		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community support • Merits of speed of customer contact versus depth of discussion and customer outcome 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs
Huntingdonshire's Legacy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and influence of Huntingdonshire • Creating a legacy for the district 	More info and scoping requested from Cllrs

Working Groups

Climate Working Group			
Members: Cllrs T D Alban, J Kerr, C Lowe and D Shaw Lead Officer: Neil Sloper			
Progress: November 2022: Initial Meetings held to establish Terms of Reference for the group. April 2023: Regular meetings established. Evidence and information gathering to be progressed. Group to be involved in the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Development. January 2024: Meetings held to discuss proposed work plan for the group and to discuss HVO Fuels project November 2024: Meeting to discuss future proposed projects January 2025: Group met to review the HVO draft report prior to its consideration by the Panel Next Steps: Review the membership of the group and increase the membership to 6 Councillors Meetings to be scheduled to allow involvement in proposed works.			
Disabled Facilities Grants Group			
Members: I P Taylor, B Banks, C Tevlin and C Lowe Lead Officer: Claudia Deeth			
Progress: February 2024: Councillors invited to express their interest in being involved with the project. August 2024: initial meeting held and scope of project discussed February 2025: Further meeting held to update the group on the progress of the project Next Steps: DFG team to arrange ongoing schedule of meetings			

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS INCLUDING THOSE TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Prepared by: Councillor Sarah Conboy, Executive Leader of the Council
Date of Publication: 19 May 2025
For Period: 1 June 2025 to 30 September 2025

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- Notes:-
- (i) Additions changes from the previous Forward Plan are annotated ***
 - (ii) Part II confidential items which will be considered in private are annotated ## and shown in italic.

Matter for Decision Description of Decision	Decision Maker	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Reasons for the report to be considered in private (paragraph no.)	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
Community Chest Grant Aid Awards 2025/26 To consider applications received via the Community Chest Awards Scheme for 2024/25.	Grants Panel	18 Mar 2026		Claudia Deeth, Public Protection Manager Tel: (01480) 388233 or email: Claudia.Deeth@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		S Howell & L Davenport-Ray	Environment, Communities & Partnerships

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<p>Great Staughton Neighbourhood Plan Examination Outcome and Progression to Referendum</p> <p>Do seek agreement to act on the Examiner's report into the Great Staughton Neighbourhood Plan leading to a referendum on whether or not it should be brought into force as part of the statutory development plan and the timetable for this process.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>17 Jun 2025</p>		<p>Clare Bond, Planning Policy Team Leader Tel: (01480) 387104 or email: Clare.Bond@huntingdonshire.gov.uk</p>		<p>T Sanderson</p>	<p>Performance & Growth</p>

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Economic Growth Strategy To seek approval of an Economic Growth Strategy for Huntingdonshire.	Cabinet	15 Jul 2025		Rebecca Tomlin, Economic Development Manager Tel: (01480) 388534 or email: Rebecca.Tomlin@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		S Wakeford	Performance & Growth

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<p>One Leisure Independent Review Update</p> <p>This report relates back to the main Long Term Operating Model for One Leisure report presented and approved by Cabinet in March 2024. A recommendation of this report was to re-visit O&S and Cabinet after 12 months and provide an update on all of the recommendations that the original report specified.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>15 Jul 2025</p>		<p>Gregg Holland, Head of Leisure Service, Health and Environment Tel: (01480) 388157 or email: Gregg.Holland@huntingdonshire.gov.uk</p>		<p>S Howell</p>	<p>Environment, Communities & Partnerships</p>

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<p>Shared Services Agreement Renewal</p> <p>The paper is seeking agreement to renew the shared service agreement for the provision of Legal, Building Control and ICT for a further 5 years, noting the same agreement will also be recommended to partners at Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire District Council.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>15 Jul 2025</p>		<p>John Taylor, Corporate Director - Communities Tel: (01480) 3880119 or email: John.Taylor@huntingdonshire.gov.uk</p>		<p>L Davenport-Ray & B Mickelburgh</p>	<p>Performance & Growth</p>

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Revised Climate Action Plan*** To approve the Revised Climate Action Plan.	Cabinet	15 Jul 2025		Harriet Robinson, Climate Co-ordinator Tel: (01480) 388513 or email: Harriet.Robinson@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		L Davenport-Ray	Environment, Communities & Partnerships
Corporate Plan - New Performance Indicator - Targets and Tolerances*** To approve new performance indicator targets and tolerances for the Corporate Plan.	Cabinet	17 Jun 2025		Neil Sloper, Head of Policy, Performance & Emergency Planning Tel No: (01480) 388635 / email: Neil.Sloper@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		S Conboy	Performance & Growth

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Play Sufficiency To approve a new framework for play provision in the District and to ensure provision is sustainable and meets the needs of all communities.	Cabinet	16 Sep 2025		Helen Lack, Development and Delivery Manager - Parks Countryside and Climate Tel: (01480) 388658 or email: Helen.Lack@huntingdonshire.gov.uk		J Kerr	Environment, Communities & Partnerships

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<p>Huntingdon Sport and Health Hub - RIBA Stage 2##***</p> <p>To gain approval to proceed with the preferred option and provide detail on the final designs, costs and capital requirements.</p>	Cabinet	16 Sep 2025	Huntingdon Sport and Health Hub Feasibility Report - RIBA Stage 1 Built Facility Strategy Swim England Aquatics Review	Gregg Holland, Head of Leisure Service, Health and Environment Tel No: (01480) 388157 / email: Gregg.Holland@huntingdonshire.gov.uk	3	S Howell	Environment, Communities & Partnerships

Matter for Decision Description of Decision	Decision Maker	Date decision to be taken	Documents Available	How relevant Officer can be contacted	Reasons for the report to be considered in private (paragraph no.)	Relevant Executive Councillor	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Panel
<p>Community Infrastructure Levy Funding***</p> <p>To consider application for funding from the latest Community Infrastructure Levy funding round which opened on 2 June 2025.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p>	<p>14 Oct 2025</p>		<p>Claire Burton, Implementation Team Leader Tel No: (01480) 388274 / email: Claire.Burton@huntingdonshire.gov.uk</p>		<p>T Sanderson</p>	<p>Performance & Growth</p>

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Overview and Scrutiny (Environment, Communities and Partnerships) Panel – Questions and actions requiring a response.

Minute No.	Item	Councillor	Action/Question	Response
24/43	Business Rates – Discretionary Rate Relief Policy	Panel	Request for detail on the number of businesses affected by the changes in rate relief	We know that 675 businesses were highlighted to have had a change to their bill for 25/26 - around 200 of these were very small change due to other factors with other reliefs taking over this, of the others each case was examined and active work was undertaken with Economic development offering targeted support - Letters sent and promotion of other grants and help with payments if applicable. There has been very limited contact from businesses.
24/56	Civil Parking Enforcement Update and Off-Street Parking Places Order	Cllr Hassall	Suggested O&S Recommendation To provide detail to each parish council as to what they can expect under the implementation of the Civil Parking Enforcement Order	Considered by Cabinet at meeting on 15 April 2025. Cabinet agreed to endorse this recommendation which was also supported by the Officer.

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Public
Key Decision – No

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: One Leisure Solar Installations 2025

Meeting/Date: Overview and Scrutiny (Environment, Communities and Partnerships 5th June 2025

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Communities, Health and Leisure

Report by: Facilities Manager – Hard Services (MR)

Ward(s) affected: All

RECOMMENDATIONS:

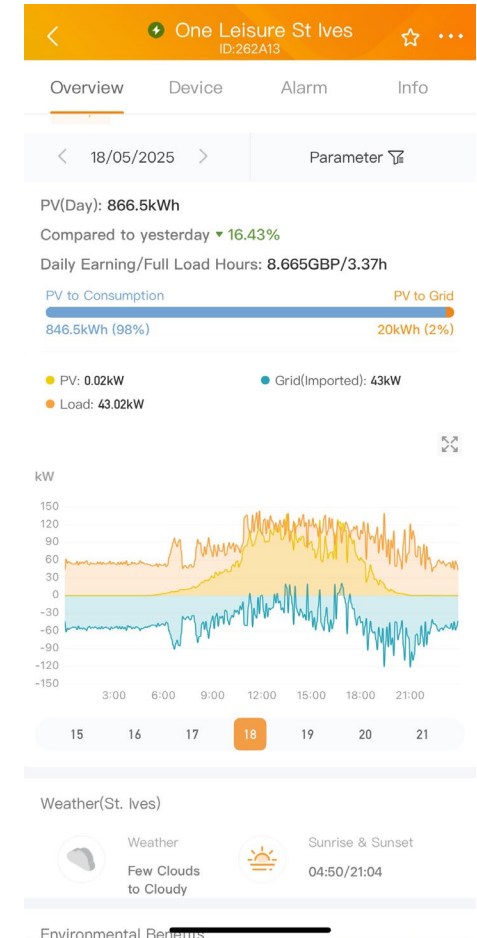
The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance & Growth) (Environment, Customers & Partnerships) is invited to note and comment on the attached presentation.

One Leisure Solar Installations 2025



One Leisure St Ives Indoor 257.04kWp Solar PV System saving 27% of annual electricity usage

Year:	kWh Saving:	Financial Saving:	CO2 Savings:
Year 1	235,680 kWh	£58,920	35.11 tonnes
Year 5	1,148,940 kWh	£287,235	
Year 10	2,238,960 kWh	£559,740	
Year 20	4,242,240 kWh	£1,060,560	
Year 25 (panel lifespan)	5,155,500 kWh	£1,288,875	768.03 tonnes

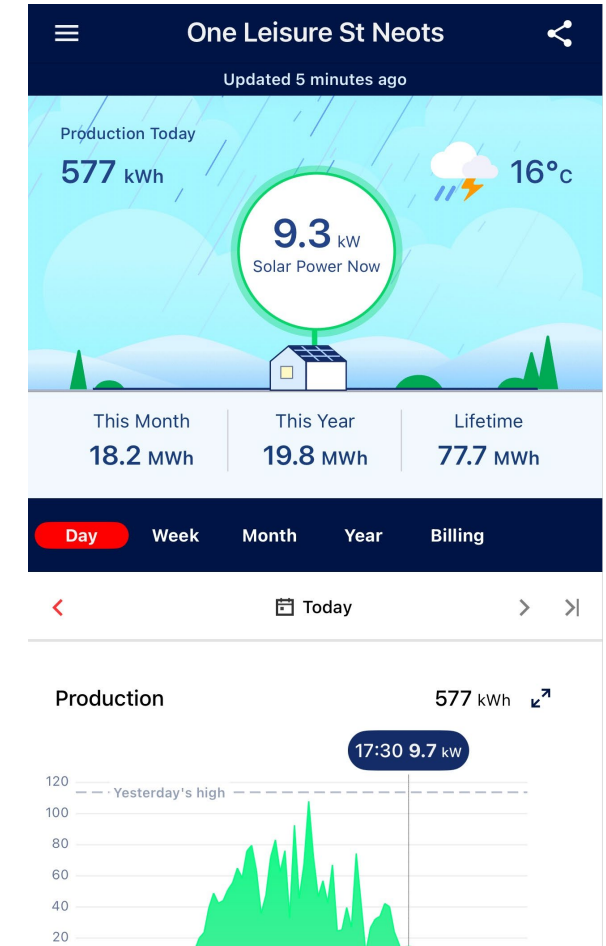


Cost of Installation and Maintenance over 25 years £640,000 – Payback 11.5 Years

One Leisure St Neots

121.5kWp Solar PV System saving 17% of annual electricity usage

Year:	kWh Saving:	Financial Saving:	CO2 Savings:
Year 1	101,760 kWh	£25,440	19.68 tonnes
Year 5	460,080 kWh	£115,020	
Year 10	966,720 kWh	£241,680	
Year 20	1,831,680 kWh	£457,920	
Year 25 (panel lifespan)	2,226,000 kWh	£556,500	430.5 tonnes

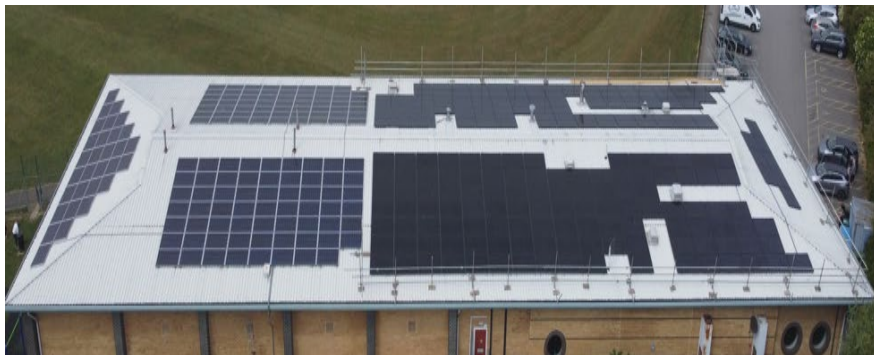
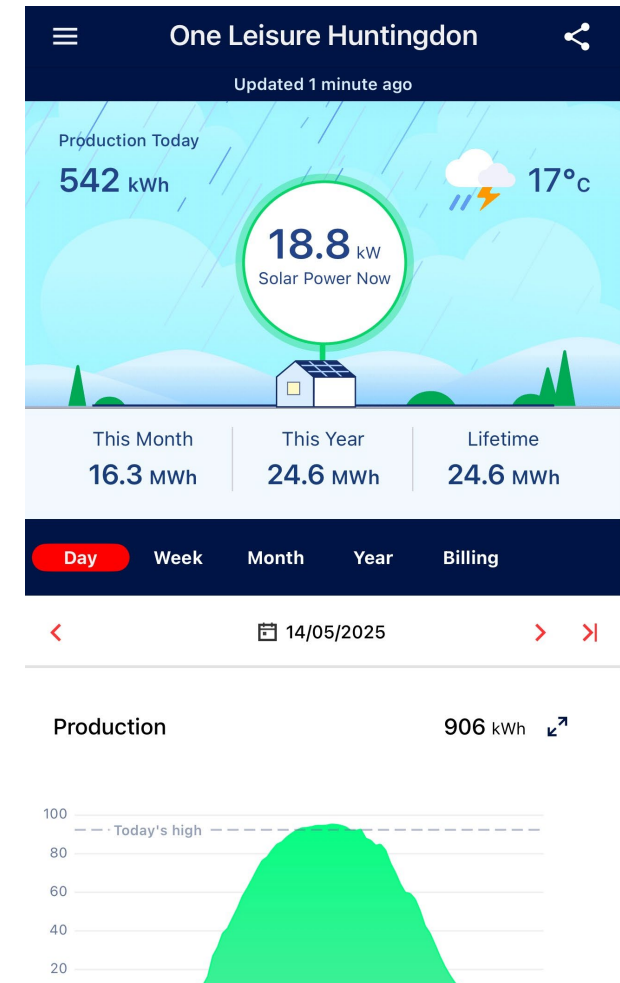


Cost of Installation and Maintenance over 25 years £121,000 – Payback 5.25 Years

One Leisure Huntingdon Dryside

101.7kWp Solar PV System saving 29% of annual electricity usage

Year:	kWh Saving:	Financial Saving:	CO2 Savings:
Year 1	94,720 kWh	£23,680	18.32 tonnes
Year 5	461,760 kWh	£115,440	
Year 10	899,840 kWh	£224,960	
Year 20	1,704,960 kWh	£426,240	
Year 25 (panel lifespan)	2,072,000 kWh	£518,000	337.96 tonnes

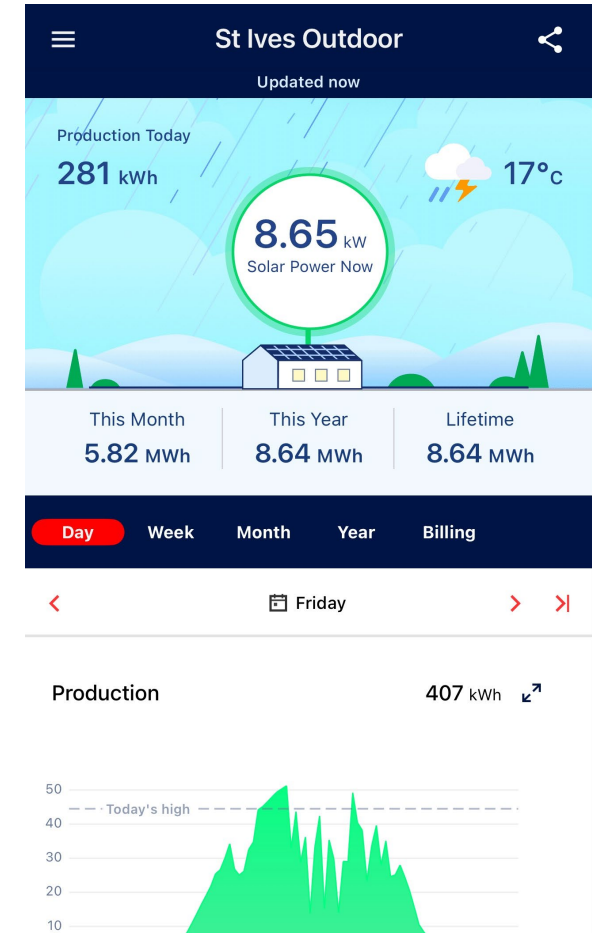


Cost of Installation and Maintenance over 25 years £120,000 – Payback 5.25 Years

One Leisure St Ives Outdoor

54kWp Solar PV System saving 14% of annual electricity usage

Year:	kWh Saving:	Financial Saving:	CO2 Savings:
Year 1	51,150 kWh	£12,788	9.89 tonnes
Year 5	249,356 kWh	£62,339	
Year 10	485,925 kWh	£121,481	
Year 20	920,700 kWh	£230,175	
Year 25 (panel lifespan)	1,118,906 kWh	£279,727	216.34 tonnes



Cost of Installation and Maintenance over 25 years £91,000 – Payback 7.5 Years

One Leisure Ramsey

84.6kWp Solar PV System saving 18% of annual electricity usage

Year:	kWh Saving:	Financial Saving:	CO2 Savings:
Year 1	79,870 kWh	£19,968	15.45 tonnes
Year 5	389,366 kWh	£97,342	
Year 10	758,765 kWh	£189,691	
Year 20	1,437,660 kWh	£359,415	
Year 25 (panel lifespan)	1,747,156 kWh	£436,789	337.96 tonnes



Cost of Installation and Maintenance over 25 years £103,000 – Payback 5.5 Years

Summary

Savings Across All Sites (cumulative):

Year:	kWh Saving:	Financial Saving:	CO2 Savings:
Year 1	563,180 kWh	£140,795	98.45 tonnes
Year 5	2,745,502 kWh	£686,375	
Year 10	5,350,210 kWh	£1,337,552	
Year 20	10,137,240 kWh	£2,534,310	
Year 25 (panel lifespan)	12,319,562 kWh	£3,079,890	2,153.59 tonnes

Please note;

These are indicative savings. Designs have been produced based on previous 12 months weather conditions.
Financial savings have been based on current electricity contract price, this is expected to rise and savings/paybacks reduced.

Total Solar Installation and Maintenance Cost - £1,075,000

Average payback period – 7 Years

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Public
Key Decision - No

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter:	Climate Q4 Report 2024/25
Meeting/Date:	Overview and Scrutiny (Environment, Communities and Partnerships) Panel, 5 th June 2025
Executive Portfolio:	Councillor Lara Davenport-Ray, Executive Councillor for Climate Transformation & Workforce
Report by:	Harriet Robinson, Climate Coordinator, Climate, Transformation and Workforce
Ward(s) affected:	All

RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is invited to note and comment on details of delivery the Climate Q4 update from the attached presentation.

Executive Summary:

This report presents the 4th quarterly review of Huntingdonshire District Council's progression concerning its Climate actions. This covers all climate-related activities undertaken during the months of January to March 2025. It outlines the progress made towards achieving a carbon net zero Council by 2040 as set out in the Council's Climate Strategy and Action Plan.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny panel are invited to note and comment on details of the delivery of the Climate Q4 update from the attached slide deck.

RECOMMENDED

It is requested that the panel:

1. Comment on the delivery of the Climate Q4 update in 2024/2025
2. Note the progress made by the Council and its partners towards achieving Carbon Net Zero by 2040
3. Note that work towards the Council's climate aspirations are embedded as Business As Usual (BAU) and that moving forward, updates on delivery activity will be provided through the Council's performance monitoring framework, with informal Member briefings as required.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to highlight progress made in Q4 of the Council's Climate Agenda.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In October 2022 the Council passed a **Cost of Living and Climate Change Motion**. This recognised the importance and positive impact of action benefiting the climate and environment in tackling the rising costs of living by reducing consumption of natural resources, shifting to renewables, and producing less carbon emissions. The Council proactively tackles the Climate Crisis and ecological emergency, working closely with partners, and leading by example to be a net carbon zero Council by 2040, and support Huntingdonshire to achieve the same goal.
 - 2.1.1 The Annual Climate Report and an updated Climate Action Plan will be published in July 2025. Previous links to Overview and Scrutiny Climate updates are shown in Appendix 3.

3. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Not relevant

4. KEY IMPACTS / RISKS

- 4.1 Risks include: projects overrunning, inaccurate carbon emission reduction measurement, inadequate monitoring of project and failure of project delivery

5. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 The Council aims towards achieving its goal of carbon net zero by 2040.

6. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND/OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

[*\(See Corporate Plan\)*](#)

- Corporate Plan – Create a Better Huntingdon for future generations by lowering carbon emissions
7. Climate Strategy – be a positive example to others by reducing our own emissions and adapting our service to the changed Climate, an enabler to support action within our communities and across our partners and an encourager to ensure all efforts help to deliver our ambition of a Carbon Net Zero Council by 2040
- 7.1 HDC's Place Strategy – Huntingdonshire Futures sets out a vision to make Huntingdonshire a better place to live, work and visit over the next 30 years. The Council has started to work with local communities to bring this strategy to life and 'environmental innovation' is one of the 5 journeys agreed within the strategy's adoption. A link to this strategy is in Appendix 4.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no legal implications of note.

9. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 A project support officer has been recruited to support Climate and Biodiversity work for a period of 12 months.

10. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The work that has been undertaken will directly contribute towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions and carbon emissions.

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

12. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

12.1 The paper allows an opportunity for the Overview and Scrutiny panel to understand progress made towards the Council reaching its Carbon Net Zero targets.

13. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED

Appendix 1 – link to the Climate Action Plan

Appendix 2 – link to Climate Strategy

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Appendix 1 – Climate Action Plan

[Climate Strategy - Action Plan](#)

Appendix 2 – Climate Strategy

[Climate Strategy Appendix 1](#)

Annual Climate Review – 2023-2024 [Annual Climate Report 2024](#)

Net Zero Villages Project Proposal: [Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Panel \(Environment, Communities and Partnerships\) on Thursday, 5 December 2024, 7:00 pm - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](#)

Appendix 4 – Huntingdonshire Futures Place Strategy: [Place Strategy - Appendix 3.pdf](#)

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2024-2025 Q4 CLT Climate Update

January to March 2025

Presented on: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

By Harriet Robinson - Climate Coordinator

Contents

- ▶ CLT Actions: You said, we did
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CLT Actions: you said, we did

1. Goals and target audience need clarification - enhance coverage and messaging

1. Comms plan discussed with Parks, Countryside and Climate team with meeting set on 4th March

4. Ensuring value for money, prioritising control over core, statutory functions

4. Climate is non-statutory so there has been a focus on proving value through showcasing key events and promoting our Climate agenda

2. Ask CPCA for additional spend for the Net Zero Villages project

2. CPCA have confirmed there is no additional funding for this project

5. New approach to climate training

5. 30 min online climate learning now part of the staff iLearn suite

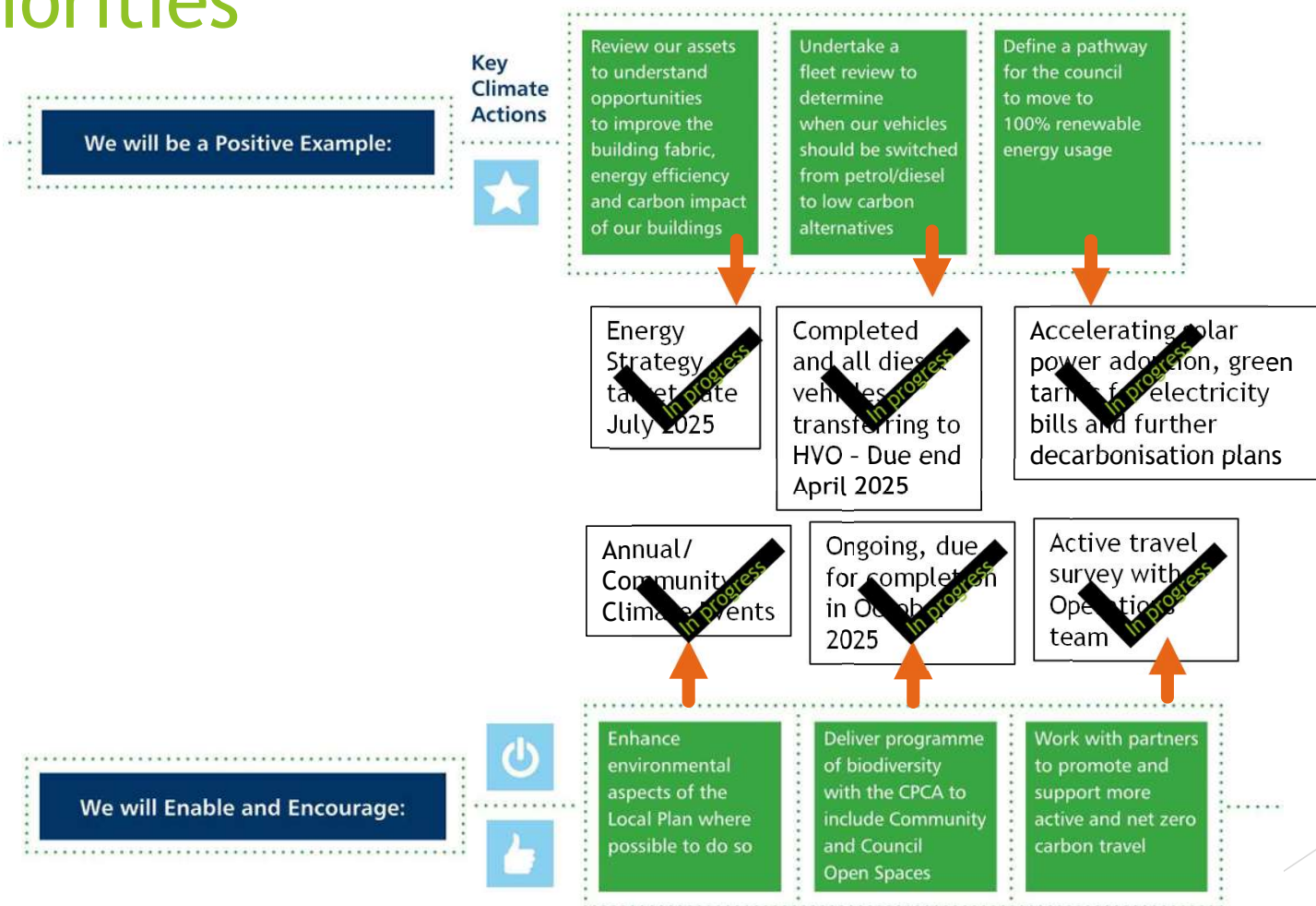
3. Community health and wellbeing

3. Community climate events planned throughout 2025 to influence residential behaviour change concerning their carbon footprint

6. Demonstrate ability to drive change to further enhance climate influence

6. Attended several events, increased LinkedIn posts highlighting key areas of Climate work within HDC for relationship building. Comms plan initially planned for beginning of March but to be rescheduled.

Aligning Climate Strategy to Corporate Plan Priorities



Corporate Plan - Action Snapshot

Year	Do	Enable	Influence
2023/24	5	0	1
2024/25	2	3	1
2025/26	0	0	2
Total	7	3	4

All Actions are Completed or on Target for Completion

Itemised breakdown featured in Appendix 1



Q4 Key Highlights

January 25- attended Future Fens project workshop hosted by Anglian Water in partnership with North Star Transition and UCL

February 25: Cabinet approves the use of HVO for all HDC diesel vehicles, saving us 1,100 tonnes of CO2 a year once implemented

3rd February 25: hosted the Locally Determined Contributions (LDC) workshop at Pathfinder House

12th February 25: hosted sustainable Procurement Training by ARU to HDC Facilities, Procurement and Climate teams



Key Highlights continued

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March - Home Energy handover.
Continuation of processing ECO4 Flex applications awaiting the Warm Homes Upgrade Grant announcements

7th March - 11 successful applicants announced for the Net Zero villages grant application fund. £257,376.60 awarded

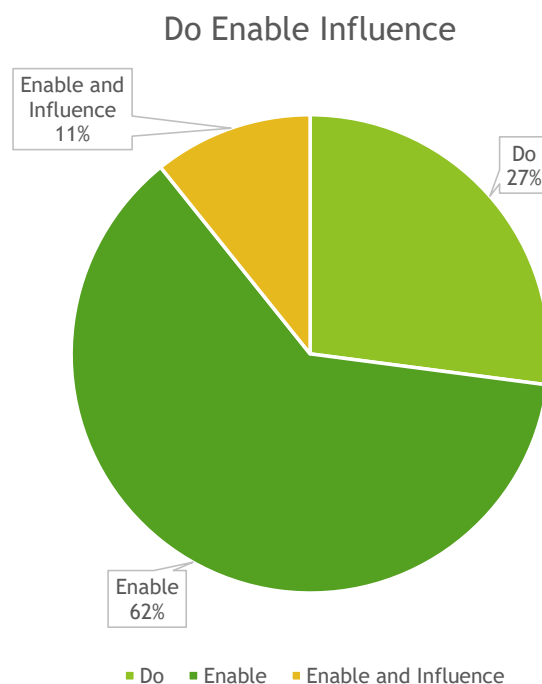
8th March - collaboration with 3CICT upcycling 65 laptops and 30 mobile phones for reuse

10th March - new project support officer starts 12-month FTC to support Biodiversity For All project and Climate actions

Over £257,000 Granted to Rural Communities to Tackle Climate Change -
[Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)



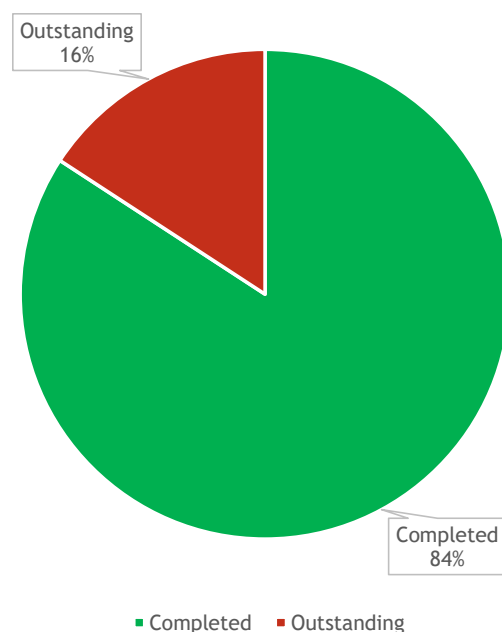
Climate Budget overview - Do Enable Influence



- ▶ 27% of climate budget has been spent on 'do'
- ▶ 11% of budget has been spent on 'enable and influence'
- ▶ 62% of budget has been spent on 'enable'
- ▶ Mitigation for increasing 'influence' spend (CLT support required):
 - ▶ Empowerment through the Huntingdonshire Business Awards (coming 2025-26)
 - ▶ Improve our communications and storytelling through a strong comms plan

Climate Action Plan - Short Term Actions

Short Term Goals (2024-2025)



► Outstanding goals:

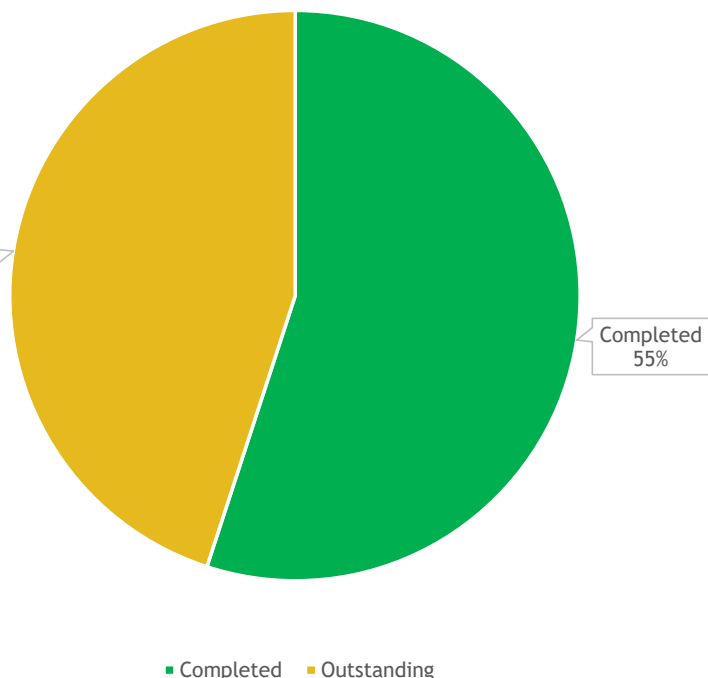
- Include climate considerations within all key strategies and government documents
- Implement impact assessments for all key decisions to ensure climate implications are considered
- Update procurement rules to ensure new contracts/services minimise negative impact on the Climate

► Mitigations in place:

- New Business Performance and Transformation Manager revising climate considerations within all key strategies.
- Procurement team to update frameworks to include further Climate impacts. Moving to updated climate action plan.

Climate Action Plan - Medium Term Actions

Medium Term Goals



► 9 actions due for completion in Q1 2025 including:

1. Scope 3 emissions reporting
2. Developing an Energy Strategy
3. Setting a carbon budget
4. Delivering the Biodiversity For All programme in partnership with the CPCA

► Mitigations in place:

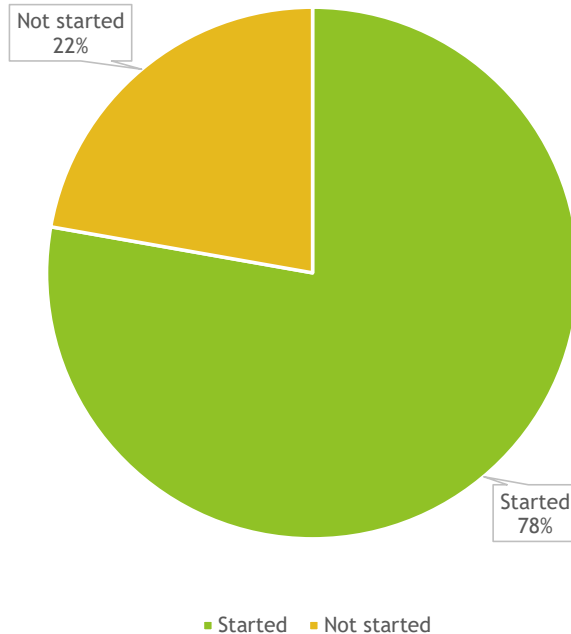
1. Work to be undergone in 2025-2026
2. Energy Strategy to be completed by July 2025
3. Carbon budget being set in line with LDC work, due for completion in Q3 2025
4. Biodiversity For All due for completion in October 2025

(Numbers correspond actions to mitigations)

Climate Action Plan

Long Term Actions

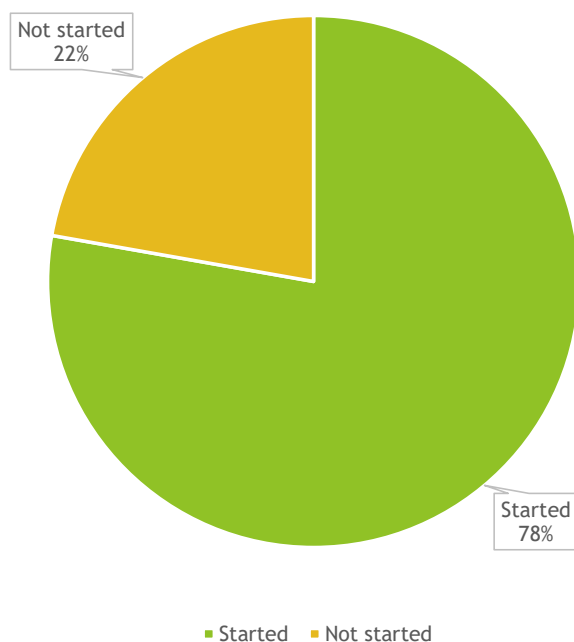
Long Term Goals



- ▶ Started 14 actions due for completion in 2027 which include:
 - ▶ Supporting delivery of the Great Fen
 - ▶ Previously contributed funding from the Planning team, which stopped due to budget constraints. Currently attending their steering group for delivery updates
 - ▶ Quantifying carbon savings from the Council's shift to e-billing
 - ▶ Council tax team planning a trial of this later on in 2025
 - ▶ Increasing our recycling service for communal areas
 - ▶ CLT approval for role already completed. Providing budget carryover is approved, recruitment can commence on this role immediately
 - ▶ Researching alternative power sources for CCTV cameras
 - ▶ Initial investigations suggest current solar sources unreliable for keeping cameras working 24/7. Further consultancy work to continue over 2025/2026
 - ▶ Providing housing association landlords with information/advice on energy saving to support their tenants
 - ▶ Head of Economy, Regeneration and Housing Delivery connected with landlords to address energy efficiency in their housing stock

Climate Action Plan - Long Term Actions (continued)

Long Term Goals



- ▶ Not started 4 actions:
 - ▶ Promoted high quality design in the Council's commercial estate that incorporates net zero gain to biodiversity
 - ▶ Estates only became aware of this recently
 - ▶ Work with partners and responsible transport authorities to promote active, net zero carbon travel
 - ▶ Not started yet
 - ▶ Support capital grant development (where government grant funding becomes available) to encourage businesses to lead in green credentials
 - ▶ Grant funding has not become available but investigations into B Corp status has begun
 - ▶ Increase our measured household recycling rate
 - ▶ Weekly food waste will come in next year (2026) to begin this action, which will make a massive impact

Questions?

Action Type	Action	Latest Update	Status	Expected end date
Do	Complete Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Fuel Trial and present a business case for decision.	Cabinet has approved the use of HVO for all diesel vehicles. Transport team currently in process of purchasing fuel.	Completed	2024/25
Do	Deliver a Fleet Decarbonisation Plan.	Work being currently being undertaken by the Energy Saving Trust.	Completed	2024/25
Do	Deliver Energy Strategy.	Energy Strategy has been awarded to Cambridge MC and final sign off by 25th July 2025	In progress	Jul-25
Do	Deliver the Climate Conversation in 2024, showcasing community action and listening to local people in their communities.	2024 Climate Conversation delivered in November 2024. Community climate conferences planned for Spring 2025 pushed back due to elections, building work and conflicting events. Locations will be in climate working group members' wards.	Completed, further events ongoing	Spring 2025
Do	Identify emissions from HDCIT data centres to include in reporting and establish disposal methods for IT equipment to reduce environmental impact.	Last year's budget was aimed at improving datacentre efficiency, covering chillers, UPS racks, fire suppression and monitoring, with a focus on downsizing, sustainability and future-proofing. Progress has stalled due to limited responses to procurement and budget constraints. Upcycling workshops took place on 8th March 2025.	Continually ongoing	2024/25
Do	Establish climate and carbon emissions learning and development plan for Council employees.	E-learning package has been tailored to Huntingdonshire District Council's agreed strategy and priorities. Progressed to final stage	Completed	Feb-25
Do	Accelerate Solar Power Adoption on Council Buildings.	Cabinet has approved £412K spend in November 2024 for the install of roof-mounted solar panels at One Leisure St Ives Outdoor, OL Ramsey, OL St Neots and OL Huntingdon Dry. Spec and costs have been received, undergoing review.	Continually ongoing	2025/26

Appendix 1: Corporate Plan Actions

Appendix 1 continued: Corporate Plan Actions

Enable	Support community projects and plans that reduce carbon emissions.	Recruited 2 graduate ecologists and project support officer. Commenced habitat banking work and secured £130K of CPCA funding to implement natural flood defences across the district.	Continually ongoing	Jul-25
Enable	Deliver Biodiversity for All (2023-2025) to enable community action and support green skills development (PROJECT).	Bio4All due to finish at the end of June, Greenskills ending in August and Biodiversity Audit Project ending in October	In progress	Oct-25
Enable	Commission Active Travel Studies (UKSPF) to influence/inform future investment priorities (PROJECT).	Feasibility study for the LCWIP along with a HDC local aspiration document currently in progress. This has included stakeholder, public and Cllr engagement	In progress	Mar-25

Influence	Deliver the Phase 1 Rural Pilot HDCElectric Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy Actions.	Final installation delayed by a couple of weeks but all sites (including 3 Parish Council locations) installed	In progress	Apr-25
Influence	Develop the Council's procurement rules to further embed social and environmental value.	Following the resignation of staff procurement roles have been re-recruited and last training session from ARU is being arranged.	In progress	2025/26
Influence	Expand positive climate action support for local businesses, celebrating best practice and sharing knowledge.	ACC completed in Q3. Continuing work on the LAEP (with CCC, underpins abilities of businesses to access and switch to greener energy) and new Economic Development team completed Green Business Programme initiative. Availability of funds to assist Community Buildings (NZV) to decarbonise has taken priority over this action.	Continually ongoing	2025/26
Influence	Adopt the Huntingdonshire Plan for Nature and influence the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) with our priorities.	Completed and adopted	Completed	Dec-24

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Key Decision – No

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Community Health and Wealth Building Fund

Meeting/Date: Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environment, Communities and Partnerships – Thursday 5th June 2025

Executive Portfolio: Cllr Sally Howell, Executive Councillor for Communities, Health and Leisure

Report by: Claudia Deeth, Public Protection Manager

Ward(s) affected: All

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environment, Communities & Partnerships) is invited to comment on the contents of the report and consider the following in respect of the progress made to date on the Community Health and Wealth Building Fund:

1. **Be a constructive critical friend** - are there areas that you feel need to be looked at.
2. Are there **issues that matter to local people and the local community we need to bear in mind**.
3. Are there **things we could be doing but are not currently part of the proposed approach**.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 At the meeting of Full Council held in December 2024 where approval was sought for the Community Health and Wealth Building Strategy and associated Fund, it was resolved that:

a) that the Community Health and Wealth Building Strategy as appended as Appendix A to the report now submitted be approved; and

b) that the creation of a £750k Delivery Fund be approved for use over the next 3 years to support the delivery of the Community Health and Wealth Building Strategy; noting the intention to bring detailed proposals on the mechanics of operation to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for further input and review.

- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to share with the Panel the progress that has been made in relation to how the delivery fund may operate and to provide the Panel with the opportunity to input and review the proposals being made.

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY/BACKGROUND

- 2.1 It was recognised that in order to achieve what was set out in the Community Health and Wealth Building Strategy, a delivery fund would be needed. Overview and Scrutiny expressed an interest in playing an active role in the development and review of the principles surrounding the application and allocation of the fund.
- 2.2 This report is the first step of engaging the Panel in the development of the delivery process and a commitment to continue to provide the opportunity for input and review.

3. KEY IMPACTS / RISKS

- 3.1 The delivery fund has the opportunity to fund projects and initiatives that truly tackle issues at the heart of the problem. It is essential that the procedure for awarding funds is fit for purpose and can withstand challenge.
- 3.2 We are confident that the tool that has been commissioned to enable the impacts of funded projects to be measured is robust and will clearly evidence the value added.

4. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN/TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The timescales for delivery are detailed within the presentation.

5. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND/OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

[*\(See Corporate Plan\)*](#)

- 5.1 The first priority in the Corporate Plan is to improve the quality of life for local people. Our residents benefit from many services, that we and other

organisations deliver, but ultimately their overall quality of life will be driven by factors beyond the control of any single organisation.

- 5.2 The Corporate Plan commits the council to not just doing but also “enabling” and “influencing”. This fund presents opportunities to fund activity by partners best able to deliver outcomes, and to influence the delivery of others. There is an expectation that some funding will pass through to other delivery organisations or support joint activity, be that through Parish Councils, Community groups or others.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Consultation sessions with residents took place during summer 2024 and two further consultation sessions are being held in June. The first session will be held with residents and the second with representatives from the community and voluntary sector. The purpose of the sessions is to establish that the priorities previously identified by residents remain the same and then with the community and voluntary sector representatives, develop principles for the awarding of the fund.

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 This process is being managed within existing resource.

8. HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Good employment, having friends and being socially connected, being healthy and physically active are all proven to improve lives. The evidence shows that these factors contribute to quality of life for our residents and positively reinforce each other. The more you earn the longer you live. The more active you are, the happier you will be, and the less likely you are to suffer from low mood. People who have a wide network of friends, are happier and more independent, are less likely to need help from the state.
- 8.2 As a Council we work hard to create the conditions for Huntingdonshire residents to lead fulfilling, healthy lives. Supporting business investment and job creation. Sponsoring skills projects which link residents with these jobs. Running leisure centres and parks and providing outreach activities in communities to support physical activity. Providing financial support and income maximisation services for our residents and doing lots of this in partnership with the community.

9. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 We are hearing more and more from residents who are passionate about the environment that they are living in and the impact that climate change will have on future generations. Through this fund, there is an opportunity for the community and voluntary sector to respond to these concerns and develop projects and initiatives from the ground up that create a better Huntingdonshire for children and young people.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 10.1 Our Corporate Plan commits us to Improving quality of life and wellbeing for residents and the implementation of the fund enables us to deliver against this priority.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Community Health and Wealth Building Strategy and Fund - [Agenda for Council on Wednesday, 11 December 2024, 7:00 pm - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](#)

Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Environment, Communities and Partnerships)

Thursday 5th June 2025

Community Health and Wealth Building Strategy and delivery Fund

- In December 2024, Full Council approved the Huntingdonshire Community Health and Wealth Building Strategy (CHAWS) and associated fund.
- The Strategy aims to:
 - Adopt a community wealth building model.
 - A continued focus on prevention, root causes and social determinants of health.
 - Community co-production.



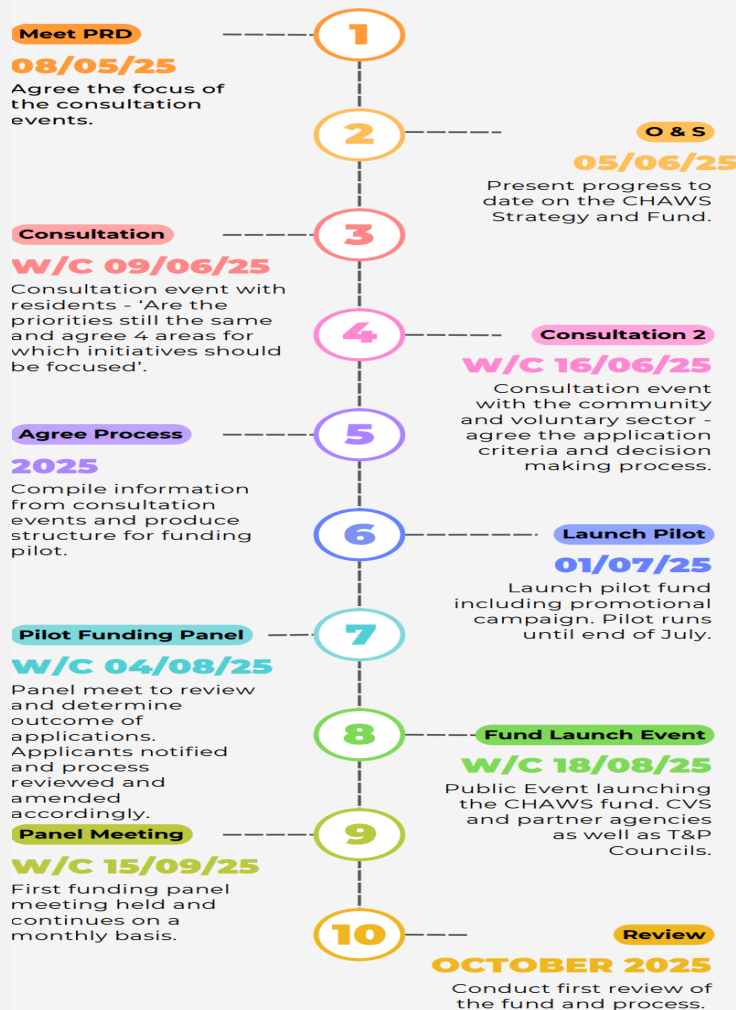
- Full Council also approved a Community Health and Wealth Building delivery fund of £750k over 3 years.
- At the meeting, it was agreed that:

‘that the creation of a £750k Delivery Fund be approved for use over the next 3 years to support the delivery of the Community Health and Wealth Building Strategy; noting the intention to bring detailed proposals on the mechanics of operation to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for further input and review’.

We would like to share with you, for your consideration, the steps that have been taken to date to implement the fund and to input into the mechanics of what is being delivered.

Timescales for Implementation

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHAWS FUND



During 2024, we met with residents to ask them ‘what it means to live a good life in Huntingdonshire’. We learnt that the following are important to our communities:

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- **The need to put people at the heart of services** – ensuring the needs of local people are met and that they are involved in decision making.
- **Physical interventions are important** – improving high streets, tackling empty shops and improving public transport will strengthen community connections and quality of life. People want to be optimistic about where they live, it is important to tackle the signs that they attribute to decline.
- **There needs to be a full picture approach** – siloed working and only tackling some elements of the problem/s will not improve quality of life.
- **Build trust between the public sector and the public** – be honest and transparent about decision making.
- **Give the community a role in their future** – enable them to be part of decision making and delivery. Consider opportunities to let them manage and maintain community assets.

Doing what we set out to achieve

The strategy aims to improve the quality of life for local people by focussing on three themes:

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- To improve physical and mental health via supporting an increase in **physical activity**
 - To support economic resilience via a focus on **employment and skills** and barriers to this.
 - To support **social connection** and sense of community.

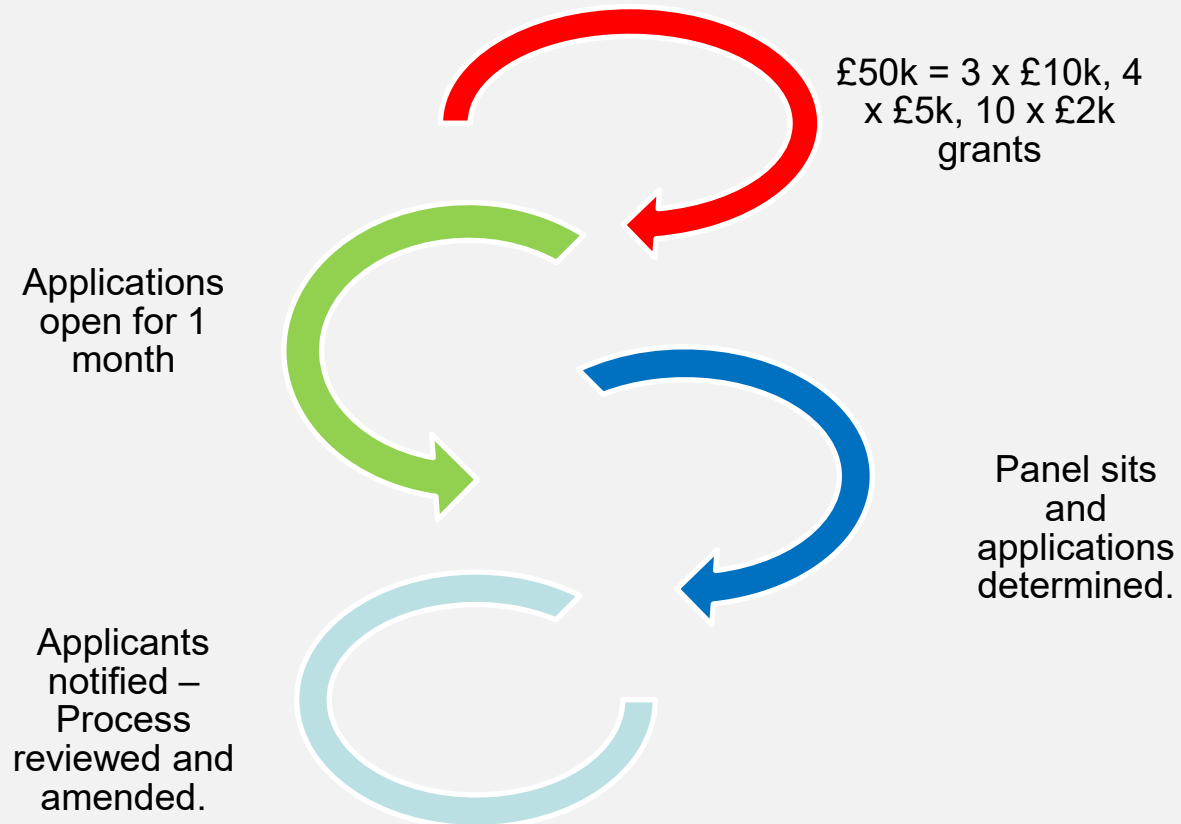
Residents' lives change and so does the world, so it is important we reaffirm the focus of the delivery fund, based on what the strategy sets out to achieve.

We will do this by holding two further consultation sessions:

- Resident Workshop – W/ c 9th June 2025 – **Co-produce the principles that the panel should use to award grants from the fund.**
- VCS Workshop – W/ c 16th June 2025 – **Co-produce the mechanisms for delivering the fund.**

Pilot Fund

Applying what has been learnt through the consultation process, we will run a pilot to test the delivery model and make available a pot of £50k:



How will Impact be Measured?

Social Value Engine – Measuring the Change:

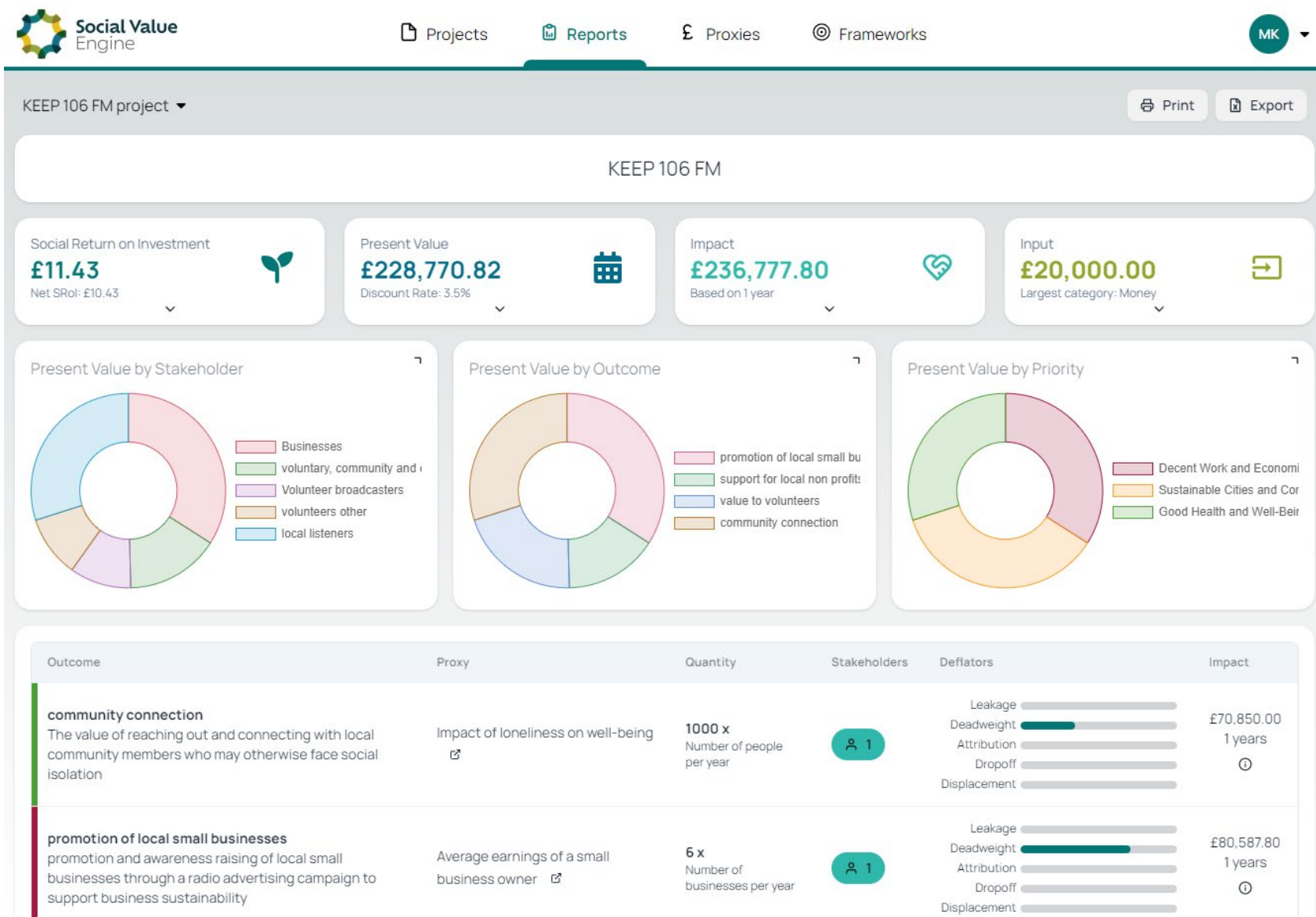
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We have procured a tool that will enable us to measure the positive impacts that the funded project or initiative, has on people, relationships, and communities, beyond just the financial benefits.

We will measure the Social Value that each project has on Huntingdonshire.

Social Value is about making things better for others and contributing to a more positive society. This includes factors like environmental sustainability, community development, and social well-being.

Principles of Social Value

- 1  Involve Stakeholders
- 2  Understand What Changes
- 3  Value The Things That Matter
- 4  Only Include What Is Material
- 5  Do Not Over-Claim
- 6  Be Transparent
- 7  Verify The Result



Present Value by Stakeholder



- Businesses
- voluntary, community and
- Volunteer broadcasters
- volunteers other
- local listeners

Present Value by Outcome



- promotion of local small bu
- support for local non profit
- value to volunteers
- community connection

Present Value by Priority



- Decent Work and Economi
- Sustainable Cities and Cor
- Good Health and Well-Beir

How the Fund will Operate

The consultation sessions will define the process but in theory, the fund will operate along the lines of:

Stage 1: Total funding split into available pots e.g. 'Applications for funding up to £10k'.

Stage 2: Funding panel created which will include partner agencies and representatives from the community. Panel to meet monthly.

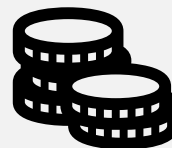
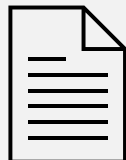
Stage 2: Fund launched.

Stage 3: First applications received. Applications under £10k go to panel. Applications over £10k require an Expression of Interest phase.

Stage 4: Expression of interest applications reviewed by Hunts Forum within 7 days of receipt. If determined to meet criteria, support provided to develop into full application. Applicant given 4-week timescale to work to to enable application to be heard at next panel.

We are confident that this is just the start!

- The process is being established with the vision that other funding can be added to it.
- We are talking with partners about the possibility of them also putting money that would be awarded via the same means.
- Local businesses have been approached about them getting involved to.



Summary of where we are.....

- We are in the final stages of preparation of the first release of funding
- In doing this we will be continuing codesign with our communities, this important principle remains key.
- Our intention is to pilot our approach and learn from it
- We have built into our work a rigorous assessment of return on investment; using a tool that is recognised as working well for others
- When the pilot is concluded we will expand the fund and move into another gear
- Alongside the direct grants we are working with others on this approach too – whether that's NWAFT, private sector or other public sector organisations - the signs are very promising. Our Enabling/Influencing work is potentially significant.
- We have work to do on maximising the return from our procurement activities, and we recognise that.

Questions the panel may wish to explore

- We are seeking a different type input from O&S.
- Our focus today **is not on reviewing and commenting on detailed policies or approaches**. This is about **shaping strategy** and **enabling Officers** to deliver practical services.
- We will use your input **alongside the coproduction** we do with communities.
- We would like you to provide input and review - and suggest the following themes for us to work through:
 - **Be a constructive critical friend** - are there areas that you feel need to be looked at?
 - Are there **issues that matter to local people and the local community we need to bear in mind?**
 - Are there **things we could be doing but are not currently part of the proposed approach?**

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