



### Appendix 3 Recommendations made by Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee, January 2024 – December 2025

<b>Monday 22 January 2024</b>					
<b>Nutrient Management Board</b>					
<b>Rec. No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Recd Date</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	After almost 10 years of operation, plus a change in governance, the executive should consider rescinding the chair and secretariat to another partner, in accordance with the original nutrient management plan that the nutrient management board chair should be rotated among partner members.	24-Oct-24	24-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	The governance for the Board states that it will be chaired by a Local Authority elected representative. Identifying Herefordshire as Chair and Powys as vice chair.
2	To achieve value for money from the nutrient management board, the executive should set business objectives with key performance indicators for what is expected from our nutrient management board membership.	24-Oct-24	24-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	The purpose of the Nutrient Management Board is to bring together all stakeholders to work in partnership to bring forward the delivery of an evidence led Nutrient Management Plan. The purpose of the plan is to establish actions to reduce Nutrient levels in the River Wye and its tributaries. Each identified action will have its own set of measures to assess performance against the overarching ambition of the plan.
3	Complementary to the nutrient management board, the executive should pursue an informal alliance with Herefordshire sectors responsible for diffuse pollution, including agriculture and livestock representatives, to sharpen the focus on reducing it through voluntary arrangements.	24-Oct-24	24-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	Herefordshire already possesses a coherent network of alliances which seek to address diffuse pollution and support sustainable farming practices. These include the Wye Catchment Partnership and Farm Herefordshire. The Council is an active member of both steering groups and participates in shaping the purpose and direction of these alliances. In addition it runs its own annual Rivers Conference to highlight the key role farming plays in ensuring the future health of our waterways.
4	The executive to look at the resources available for the new environmental advice service to ensure that it is properly resourced, to react in a prompt way to any private mitigation initiatives, and that	24-Oct-24	24-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	The Environmental Advice Service is a service paid for by its applicants. The uptake of these services will enable reinvestment into the team, in order to ensure it is fully resourced. At present the take up has been limited, however

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	statutory partners respond at pace to such initiatives.				this will continue to be monitored and reported to the senior team.
5	The executive to approach the cabinet commission and statutory officers group to shape future planning to delineate between actions requiring reasonable scientific certainty and other actions for the general benefit of the river.	24-Oct-24	24-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	As part of the review of the governance of the Nutrient Management Board, clarification has now been provided around the purpose of the Nutrient Management Plan which is to seek to reduce Phosphate levels and return the river to favourable conservation status. The Council will continue to progress its own Strategic Mitigation and support private mitigation schemes in coming forward in order to enable growth within the north of the county.
6	The executive should set key performance indicators to reflect the recommended delineation between actions requiring reasonable scientific certainty and other actions for the general benefit of the river.	24-Oct-24	24-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	The purpose of the Nutrient Management Plan is to identify evidence led actions to reduce the exceedance of Phosphates in the river and return it to compliance. Each identified action will have measures of success and where achievable quantifiable outcomes; this includes Luston Wetland which delivers both strategic mitigation and river restoration.
7	To contact Welsh Water to ask for data from the redacted Water Industry National Environment Programme in order to identify collaboration opportunities with Herefordshire Council.	24-Oct-24	24-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	The request for the Asset Management Plan (AMP 8) has been made by the Council to Welsh Water and is due to be shared in December 2024 once approved by OFWAT.
8	The executive should seek clarification from the statutory officers group on its plans for a timetable of action on nutrient recovery towards a possible end result of introducing a water protection zone, the so called glide path.	24-Oct-24	24-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	The Diffuse Water Pollution Plan is under development by the Environment Agency, this will set out priority actions with timescales to return the catchment to favourable conservation status. A final option within the plan will be the designation of a WPZ. DEFRA have confirmed this will only be considered once all other measures have been explored. The plan is due to be published in April 2025.

Wednesday 27 March 2024					
Meeting Net Zero Carbon in Herefordshire					
Rec. No.	Recommendation	Date Sent	Due Date	Recd Date	Response
1	Herefordshire Council ensure that the 'environmental impacts' sections of reports to Council and Cabinet include the net zero impact				The Sustainability & Climate Change team will work with the Democratic Services team to update the environmental

	(both council and county wide) of the policy or service proposal.				section of decision reports to ensure the carbon impact of all decisions is quantified where possible.
2	The executive, in setting out its new road strategy, highlight what the impact will be on the net zero ambition for the county and how that might be mitigated.				A. The council will utilise the Department for Transport toolkit to quantify the carbon impacts of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and how we can mitigate them. The LTP is the council's strategic plan for transport across the county. B. A Carbon Management Plan (CMP) will be prepared for the Hereford Western Bypass that will identify carbon emission sources and opportunities for mitigating these emissions. The CMP will cover pre-construction, construction, operation and decommissioning impacts.
3	Herefordshire Climate and Nature Board seeks school academy representation on its board.				This recommendation has been passed on to the Climate and Nature Partnership. The recruitment sub group of the board met and agreed this recommendation. This has been added as an item for the Boards next meeting on the 25th of June to be agreed by the board as a whole.
4	The executive to make the reduction and sequestration targets clearer in its future Carbon Management Plan.				The next Carbon Management Plan will take the council from 2026/2027 to 2030/31 and its net zero carbon emissions target. This will be at the forefront of the plan. Additionally this will be the first plan that not only quantifies how much carbon the council is currently sequestering but will make a plan to offset residual emissions by 2030/31.

**Monday 22 July 2024****Public Rights of Way and Greenway Policy**

Rec. No.	Recommendation	Date Sent	Due Date	Recd Date	Response
1	To assess trends in the overall condition of the PROW network, the Executive should develop or reintroduce one or more key indicators with interested stakeholders (including LAF) that can be used to determine changes in the underlying health of the network over time.	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24		
2	Funding for the PROW network should be prioritised over time on replacing/repairing the 40 to 50 bridges vital to providing a joined-up network across the County;	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24		

3	The executive should explore expanding the current system for reporting defects to the county's public rights of way network to make them more user-friendly (map-based system of reporting), to enable parishes and volunteers to carry out remedial works themselves, where appropriate.	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24		
4	Clear standards for accessibility should be agreed between parish path partnerships and Herefordshire Council.	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24		
5	The Executive should strengthen the Parish Path Partnership through more effective organisation, engagement, coordination and communications with Parishes to ensure that they, footpath officers, ramblers and volunteers can play their full part in maintaining the PROW network.	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24		
6	In enforcing the current Improvement Plan, the Executive should redress the balance to give priority to the primary purpose of protecting access rights to the network, by ensuring landowners meet their legal responsibilities and where they are not, to prosecute where appropriate.	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24		
7	The Executive should set out its policy for expanding the PROW network through the addition of accessible active travel routes (so called greenways and the wider PROW network) as a vital contributor to the Council Plan 2024-28 plus its net zero ambitions for the County.	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24		

**Monday 23 September 2024****Active Travel Measures**

<b>Rec. No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Recd Date</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	The executive should set out its policy on active travel in one plan, and to ensure its alignment with other relevant Council plans	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	We are currently finalising the draft Local Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Plan (LCWWIP) in time for draft consultation int spring 2025. There have been some changes to the original objective areas to be covered by the LCWWIP, and

					alongside he changes to the housing allocation numbers, this has slowed the delivery of a holistic, county-wide plan.
2	An inventory and map of on-going or proposed active travel projects should be drawn up by the executive and published	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	This seems to be replicating the work of the LCWWIP. We will monitor the LCWWIP as a live document, to ensure we stay on track with the funding opportunities available, and can communicate new schemes as they are funded, developed, funded and implemented.
3	A review should be conducted of active travel projects planned and the executive should come forward with proposals to reduce the overly Hereford focus of current projects and ensure that active travel measures are implemented across the county, including market towns	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	The LCWWIP has been redeveloped to maintain a full county-wide focus (i.e. it incorporates city, market towns and rural areas). The consultation will be out in the spring, and members will be able to submit their comments regarding the active travel infrastructure projects contained in the document. It may be worth mentioning that whilst the LCWWIP covers all market towns and rural areas, the measures by which active travel schemes are judged to receive external funding (i.e from Active Travel England) usually contain an element of population size, in terms of the largest amount of impact for a certain scheme. Nevertheless, having an LCWWIP will certainly help the funding requests.
4	Active travel needs to reflect the demarcation of cycling/pedestrian bus/taxi ways All future developments need to actively consider all users of the highways and pathways with appropriate consideration to the ability of movement of the population not forgetting those with lower levels of mobility.	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24	28-Jan-25	The LCWWIP recommended schemes are, wherever possible, LTN 1/20 compliant. We are still awaiting DfT guidance on implementing LTN 1/20 in rural areas, which we have been promised for some time.
5	That any business case for new road builds should contain proposals for offsetting the carbon impact of them	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24	03-Feb-25	All new infrastructure that requires government funding will necessarily have to follow the governments Green Book approach. This was reviewed in 2020 and enhanced to better meet the governments targets of net zero and so any new business cases for new roads will already be required to include proposals for offsetting the carbon impact to enable them to be funded by government grants.
6	To consider solar farms being incorporated in to any planned new road route.	31-Oct-24	31-Dec-24	03-Feb-25	Whilst solar farms may be considered along any planned new route there are many occasions where such a proposal would be inappropriate such as new housing/ commercial

					estate roads, roads close to physical barriers that may constrain further development etc. It is therefore considered that solar farms should be considered on business cases on their own merits rather than a pre-requisite to be considered alongside any new road route.
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**Monday 18 November 2024**

**Tree and Hedgerow Management**

<b>Rec. No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Recd Date</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	Set out a percentage target (akin to biodiversity gain) for an increase in tree coverage on council land by 2030.	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	Agreed. The Council will in the first instance identify the existing percentage of canopy coverage upon its own estate. Once undertaken it will be necessary to establish the land available for tree planting – as certain land such as Highways is likely to be constrained. From this figure a proportionate target can be established, quantifying the number of trees this would approximately equate to. In this instance it may be more appropriate to quantify number of trees given that Ash Die Back is necessitating removal and reinstatement of new planting the percentage of canopy coverage may show a deficit in the early years.
2	Ensure that the strategy on local nature recovery and biodiversity gain be joined up with and become key drivers of the council's policy on tree and hedgerow management	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	Agreed. The Natural Environment team are leading on the delivery of both strategies, internal consultation and discussion between officers is ongoing to ensure these documents are aligned. Wider internal consultation on the overarching Nature Recovery Strategy is also underway with Property Services, Highways and Natural Flood Management.
3	Set out clearly in planning guidance that all new development should meet the requirements of our biodiversity net gain and green infrastructure in terms of tree and hedgerow planting in the development.	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	Agreed. Biodiversity Net Gain is a requirement of the Environment Act and the 10% minimum is already implemented through planning. Policy LD3 of the existing Local Plan is in place to ensure Green Infrastructure is a requirement of all new development. Both Biodiversity Net Gain and Green and Blue Infrastructure will be considerations of the new Local Plan.

					A newly drafted Blue and Green Infrastructure Strategy forms part of the suite of updated documents within the evidence base of the plan and the Natural Environment team are being consulted on proposed policy.
4	Develop our own tree hedgerow nurseries, in collaboration with local seed gathering initiatives, to provide a source of future material to support the Herefordshire tree, hedgerow and woodland strategy.	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	Identification of parcels of land for plant nurseries is required with Property Services Consultation with Parks and Open Space Manager to consider cultivation and management requirements and budgetary requirements.
5	Support local communities in the planting of trees on council owned land (bordering green field sites).	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	Meet with Parks and Open space manager to establish requirements to enable local communities to undertake tree planting. Including licence if required, cultivation and ongoing maintenance.
6	Provide advice and guidance on planting trees and promote hedgerow management best practice.	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	A new Tree and Hedgerow Code of Practice for the Council and its public realm partners has been produced and shared in 2024 with the Highways Team and the Council's public realm partners to ensure best practice is applied consistently. This advice and guidance is aligned with the countywide Tree and Hedgerow Strategy.
7	Review the planning contributions for Biodiversity Net Gain to include monitoring fees in order to incorporate monitoring and enforcement where appropriate.	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	Monitoring fees for Biodiversity Net Gain have been drafted and are currently being reviewed. These fees incorporate on site monitoring by Ecologists. Enforcement funding has been considered but it is noted this is not included in wider monitoring fees by other local planning authorities.
8	Take more enforcement action where it is clearly warranted in all areas of activity.	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	Each potential tree or hedgerow enforcement case is considered on its own merits. Whilst the Natural Environment team will offer technical expertise the decision in regard to taking further action rests with the Planning Enforcement team. The Natural Environment team will liaise with Enforcement to develop agreed guidelines as to where it is appropriate to take action, and the nature of action to be agreed.
9	Strengthen the current Tree and Hedgerow Council Code of Practice (specifically nos. 19, 26 and 29) to include ancient woodlands and traditional orchards.	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	The Tree and Hedgerow Code of practice will be reviewed by the Natural Environment Team and the Parks and Open Space Manager to ensure ancient woodlands and traditional



					orchards are recognised and prioritised within the document.
10	Ensure the tree and hedgerow management strategy incorporates opportunities in applying tree protection orders and strengthens tree management in conservation areas.	20-Nov-24	20-Jan-25	4 July 2025	The Tree and Hedgerow Management Strategy will be reviewed to ensure protection of trees within Conservation Areas and those protected by Tree Preservation Orders is clarified and strengthened within the parameters of the legislation.

**Monday 20 January 2025****River Lugg Water Quality**

<b>Rec. No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Recd Date</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	Engage directly with Natural England and the Environment Agency to achieve the lifting of the housing development moratorium as soon as possible.	Tue 28-Jan-25	Thu 27-Mar-25	Fri 4-Jul-25	Partially agreed. The Council will take advice from its legal team in regard to any identified risk in respect of removing the Nutrient Neutrality requirement within the Lugg catchment. If positively advised by Legal the Council will seek a view from Natural England.
2	Ask for early consultation with Herefordshire Council and the Nutrient Management Board on the specific Diffuse Water Pollution Plan, for the Lugg and its tributaries, the Arrow and the Frome.	Tue 28-Jan-25	Thu 27-Mar-25	Fri 4-Jul-25	Agreed. This is already underway. The Council has a meeting diarised with the Environment Agency the author of the Diffuse Water Pollution Plan, to be attended by Welsh government and Defra to request the DWPP is shared with consultants responsible for drafting the catchment wide Nutrient Management Plan.
3	Engage with Government to ensure adequate funding for the actions in the Diffuse Water Pollution Plan.	Tue 28-Jan-25	Thu 27-Mar-25	Fri 4-Jul-25	Partially agreed. It is outside of the scope of the work of the Council to secure funding for the delivery of the actions included within the DWPP as this lies with the Environment Agency and Defra, however the Council can advocate via the Nutrient Management Board, Phosphate Commission and Wye Catchment Partnership to ensure funding is in place for the implementation of the plan
4	Arrange another Rivers Conference focusing on the Lugg, Arrow and Frome.	Tue 28-Jan-25	Thu 27-Mar-25	Fri 4-Jul-25	Agreed. The Council will host a third annual rivers conference in Autumn 2025, the focus of which is to be confirmed, but will encompass high levels of phosphate within the Arrow, Lugg and Frome.
5	Prioritise processing of strategic planning applications to progress private mitigation and to reiterate the request to Ministry of Housing,	Tue 28-	Thu 27-	Fri 4-Jul-25	Partially agreed. Currently the allocations policy for credits is in date order, this decision was taken by Cabinet in May 2022



	Communities and Local Government to participate in the pilot scheme for the development of the nature restoration fund.	Jan-25	Mar-25		<a href="https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=8816">https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=8816</a> A policy change would require further consideration with an accompanying rationale. Confirmation would be required from planning and legal that this could be delivered via the planning mechanism and a decision taken by Cabinet.  A request has been made to MHCLG to participate in the pilot scheme for the development of the Nature Restoration Fund and can be reiterated at the next Nutrient Management Board meeting where the Deputy Director is due to attend.
6	Invest, with partners, in a specific innovation process to consider approaches that have been successful in different locations or sectors and identify new approaches worth testing in the nutrient management context.	Tue 28-Jan-25	Thu 27-Mar-25	Fri 4-Jul-25	Agreed. Already underway the Council holds a funding pot for river restoration which can be allocated to schemes that demonstrate innovative technology in removing legacy Phosphorous from soils.
7	With partners, identify key outcomes that will indicate the success of actions to move towards river restoration and agree how these will be collected and reported.	Tue 28-Jan-25	Thu 27-Mar-25	Fri 4-Jul-25	Agreed. Already underway through the development of the Nutrient Management Plan which sets out actions and outcome-based reporting to record measurable reductions in phosphate levels.

**Monday 24 March 2025****Energy Efficiency and Retrofitting**

Rec. No.	Recommendation	Date Sent	Due Date	Recd Date	Response
1	Develops a plan to deliver progress on energy efficiency and retrofitting across Herefordshire, including targets, in line with their ambitions on net zero, to include the co-benefits that flow from this, including public health, wellbeing, and the cost of living	Mon 24-Mar-25	Sat 24-May-25	Wed 28-May-25	Accept The Sustainability and Climate Change Team will draft a retrofit strategy for Herefordshire outlining how the council will directly and indirectly support, facilitate and encourage retrofit in the county. The ESSC will be consulted on a draft of the document once produced.
2	Appoints a skills champion on the cabinet to drive forward upskilling across key business sectors, including energy efficiency and retrofitting, to support their growth ambitions for Herefordshire	Mon 24-Mar-25	Sat 24-May-25	Wed 28-May-25	Developing skills across the county is a key priority for the council. Part of Councillor Graham Biggs role as Cabinet Member Economy and Growth is acting as the councils skills champion. There is a skills board in place chaired by David Williams

					<p>principal of Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College. Councillor Biggs sits on this board alongside council officers. All of the main colleges and training providers in the county are also members of this board. There is a collective effort between the skills board and business board to host an event bringing a number of Herefordshire businesses together to discuss and make provision for workforce planning, skills gaps and future skills needs.</p> <p>In addition £400,000 of UKSPF funding has been allocated to support employment and skills.</p> <p>Retrofit is a key part of the above as a key sector in the environmental economy.</p>
3	Promotes the Publicly Available Specification 2035 (PAS 2035) standard for council-funded retrofit delivery and investigates equivalent standards for private schemes to consider	Mon 24- Mar- 25	Sat 24- May- 25	Wed 28- May- 25	<p>Accept</p> <p>The next retrofit programme the council is gearing up to deliver is called Warm Homes: Local Grant which incorporates the use of PAS2035. This gives homeowners confidence the work is delivered to nationally recognised specifications and standards to ensure a high quality of work on their home.</p> <p>Through the creation of the Herefordshire Retrofit Strategy we will investigate what equivalent and alternative standards private homeowners could utilise instead of PAS 2035 and present the benefits and/or disbenefits of these alternative options.</p>
4	Arranges a summit of interest groups of landlords and tenants, To explore how to implement the Renters Right (Reform) Bill, when in force, with a focus on energy efficiency and retrofitting and a goal of improving living conditions for renters	Mon 24- Mar- 25	Sat 24- May- 25	Wed 28- May- 25	<p>Accept</p> <p>The Housing Team are considering the implications for housing services. The changes should give renters properties that meet standards giving better quality of housing, security and better rights. For Landlords it will highlight obligations they need to sustain in a longer tenancy agreement. However, it may decrease the number of properties that are available to rent due to the more onerous obligations and thus financial burden placed on landlords to meet standards. Landlords also may decide to sell to their properties due to this factor – which could reduce the supply of private rental stock, making it more</p>

					<p>difficult to secure a rental.</p> <p>The Housing Team will create a webpage with information for landlords and tenants – this can be a repository of information for both stakeholders.</p> <p>The Housing Team in conjunction with Environmental Health will look to hold a landlord forum with the National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA) to facilitate landlord training and accreditation. The Forum will take place once the Bill has been enacted.</p>
5	<p>Develops an able-to-pay market strategy which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- identify the key barriers to able-to-pay investment</li> <li>- work with partners to overcome these barriers and</li> <li>- use the evidence of the growing market to encourage supplier investment in the retrofit market</li> </ul>	Mon 24- Mar- 25	Sat 24- May- 25	Wed 28- May- 25	<p>Accept</p> <p>We are currently exploring options available to the public to access private finance in support of domestic energy retrofit. Through the development of a retrofit strategy for the county we will explore the key barriers to 'able-to-pay' investment. Through the delivery of the strategy we will work with partners to overcome barriers that have been identified and look to stimulate private investment in the retrofit market as appropriate.</p>
6	<p>Investigates models of partnership with funders to offer private low interest finance to support the able to pay sector to retrofit within an able-to-pay strategy</p>	Mon 24- Mar- 25	Sat 24- May- 25	Wed 28- May- 25	<p>Accept</p> <p>Research has identified that a significant barrier to increasing finance for retrofit is the difficulty for lenders to prove that implemented measures will result in better energy efficiency. Currently there are a number of finance mechanisms and low cost loans but negative perceptions of borrowing, complex applications and uncertainty over eligibility are all hampering take-up. We will carry out further research into finance models that are available to residents to enable domestic retrofit.</p>
7	<p>Looks at ways to encourage small improvements and easy wins that would bring a disproportionate improvement to a property's energy efficiency.</p>	Mon 24- Mar- 25	Sat 24- May- 25	Wed 28- May- 25	<p>Accept</p> <p>We will explore this idea through our partner Keep Herefordshire Warm as well as via the Greener Footprints initiative in a similar way to the promotion of domestic energy retrofit last year Make your home more energy efficient - Herefordshire Zero Carbon and Nature Rich</p>
8	<p>Ensures that council funding towards intervention on retrofit skills continues to be used for projects that are appropriate for and reaching all retrofit-</p>	Mon 24-	Sat 24-	Wed 28-	<p>Accept</p> <p>For any future council funded projects that support retrofit skills we will ensure that the projects are appropriate for and</p>

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	related companies in Herefordshire and focusing on existing people working in the industry as well as current students.	Mar-25	May-25	May-25	targeted at all retrofit-related companies in Herefordshire where possible within the terms and conditions of the funding source.
9	Considers promoting a summary of all the sources of advice, help, and finance more widely.	Mon 24-Mar-25	Sat 24-May-25	Wed 28-May-25	Accept The Herefordshire Council website acts as a single repository for all of the useful links residents need in respect of home energy. Home energy – Herefordshire Council This includes links to the Keep Herefordshire Warm advice service which acts as a one stop shop for residents who want to pick up the phone for advice or send an email asking for help. Keep Herefordshire Warm promotes its services via a marketing strategy that has resulted in all Herefordshire Households receiving a flyer in March 2025. Days such as Fuel Poverty Awareness day help to further promote the service.
10	Analyses what it would take to bring all private rented accommodation up to the EPC C standard and identify what the council would do to help as soon as the EPC C announcement is made.	Mon 24-Mar-25	Sat 24-May-25	Wed 28-May-25	Accept The private rented sector (PRS) accounts for 9,294 properties (approximately 11.1% of total). Currently 2,043 households have an EPC C or higher. The majority are in Band D (3,570) and Band E (2,192), Band F (711) and Band G (178). The government is reviewing the Private Rented Sector EPC band C by 2030. To bring these Herefordshire properties up to Band C the investment required is estimated at £367 million. This estimate has been calculated using the Parity Pathways tool.
11	Writes and further petitions the Government to demand that the EPC C standard is introduced for the private rented sector.	Mon 24-Mar-25	Sat 24-May-25	Wed 28-May-25	Decline The government has recently consulted on the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) reform and the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES). The government is consulting on proposals to further raise the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard for rented buildings to an EPC band rating of 'C' by 2027 and to a Band rating of B by 2030.
<b>Waste contract</b>					
<b>Rec. No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Recd Date</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	Commission a piece of work, exploring further options for improving current reuse and recycling	Mon 24-	Sat 24-	Wed 28-	No response received.

	rates across the county, in advance of any expansion of the waste collection streams to food and garden.	Mar-25	May-25	May-25	
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**Monday 12 May 2025****Road Safety**

Rec. No.	Recommendation	Date Sent	Due Date	Recd Date	Response
1	Herefordshire Council develops a road safety strategy that supports the priorities under People, Place and Growth in the Council Plan and complements the policy produced by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner.	Tue 13-May-25	Sun 13-Jul-25	Mon 14-Jul-25	<p>The current road safety strategy contained within the existing Local Transport Plan (LTP) produced in 2018 is currently being rewritten in preparation for the new LTP expected in (20??). It is vitally important this strategy encompasses those elements that address a Highway Authorities statutory duty, under various existing highway legislation such as the The Highways Act 1980, and Road Traffic Act 1988 amongst others.</p> <p>At present all elements contained within the existing strategy encompass all actions an authority can reasonably be expected to take, with regard road traffic collision data management, investigation / casualty reduction engineering, delivery of road safety educational initiatives, speed management &amp; general traffic management across the highway network. It is also important these strategies reflect the levels of service achievable within current resources allocated to this field in order to ensure a both realistic and sustainable approach for the future.</p> <p>At present there is a high level of collaboration between Herefordshire Council &amp; West Mercia Police across the principle areas mentioned above, which will underpin the new strategy moving forward.</p> <p>This will be reviewed during the various draft stages prior to being formally adopted.</p> <p>The currently consulted on LTP has a requirement to</p>

					<p>support improved Road Safety with the following policy</p> <p>LTP Policy TN7: Road Safety To reduce the number of people being injured on our transport network we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor collision data to identify priority locations for improving road safety.</li> <li>• Take targeted action to further reduce fatalities and injuries on our network.</li> <li>• Support safer speeds to improve perceived and actual road safety.</li> <li>• Deliver education programmes and infrastructure to improve safety for vulnerable road users,</li> </ul> <p>Investment will be prioritised in those areas with the highest numbers of vulnerable road users and/or collision history.</p> <p>Once adopted officers will be required to work on imbedding the policy</p>
2	The executive should seek opportunities to improve the road network environs in the five market towns to make them safer and to feel safer for all road users.	Tue 13- May- 25	Sun 13- Jul- 25	Mon 14- Jul- 25	<p>The upcoming revision of the current LTP will also contain a section relating directly to the Market Towns. Previous assessments of all market towns undertaken by BBLP as part of the Levelling Up Fund already exist however current progress is unclear and will require a review against existing priorities following completion of the new LTP.</p> <p>The interpretation of feeling safe is subjective therefore it would be impossible to properly monitor and target this recommendation. It should also be a drive for the Council to ensure all roads are safe as this is a legal obligation for all roads. - rephrase – road safety important, feelings of safety delivered across a whole range i.e. maintenance, LTP policy, As per the response to Recommendation 1 the LTP has a road safety policy requirement</p>
3	Herefordshire Council to work with West Mercia Police to unlock behavioural, perception of safety, and geographic data about near miss and	Tue 13-	Sun 13-	Mon 14-	<p>This is difficult to address as while we will investigate and where appropriate act on concerns raised, we have no formal way of collating reports that we receive and any</p>

	dangerous driving reporting, to better inform decision-making about engineering, education and speed limit zone solutions.	May-25	Jul-25	Jul-25	<p>response or action we take into a single source of information. Concerns and reports can come to us through a number of different channels such as phone calls to our Operational Call Centre, Operation Snap submissions, the contact us page on our website, Neighbourhood Matters, e-mails to our generic Road Safety Team inbox, direct contact with Safer Neighbourhood Teams and direct contact with Traffic Management Advisors. As there is no single point of contact it would be a significant undertaking to co-ordinate these and to report formally.</p> <p>Operation Snap is probably the easiest to quantify, but again, the resource needed to do this could have an impact on the overall number of submittals we then act on.</p> <p>The validity of using these reports as a basis for action could be questioned as they can sometimes give a disproportionate picture of what is happening on the network. We have had instances, particularly with Operation Snap, where a co-ordinated plan of action by an individual and/or a small number of residents in a particular area shows a high number of reported incidents and suggests a major problem with one type of incident at a particular location.</p> <p>While useful, reporting of this nature does not necessarily give an accurate reflection of concerns held by the wider public or the number of incidents happening across the network as it relies on people actually reporting them rather than “suffering in silence”. An individual’s perception of risk and danger differs from one person to another, so it does not give the degree of quantifiable, fact based evidence that injury RTC reports do.</p> <p>Information on collisions where there has been a personal injury is collected by the Police, passed to Herefordshire Council, and more detailed collision investigation done by</p>
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					<p>the Accident Investigation &amp; Safety Manager. Where appropriate any remedial works at collision cluster sites/routes is then channelled into the future maintenance programmes etc. Herefordshire Council, BBLP and West Mercia Police's Traffic Management Advisor have a long standing, close working relationship on this and all highway matters.</p> <p>Collision data is also assessed by the Police and targeted enforcement is conducted on areas where there is a particular issue such as "high harm" motorcycle routes. Link to LTP</p>
4	For the council to undertake an evidence-based increase of the road safety education budget, or to transfer funding from schemes for children to older adults.	Tue 13- May- 25	Sun 13- Jul- 25	Mon 14- Jul- 25	<p>It would not be appropriate to remove funding from children road safety education to that for older adults as these are vulnerable road users. The Council does offer older adult driver training and additional funding would allow for the scope of the offer to be increased.</p> <p>There would be scope to work with the emergency services to delivery joint educational training opportunities; for example, both West Mercia Police and Shropshire Council funded young adult road safety education videos one of which focuses on Herefordshire; this model shows how we can collaborative on initiatives.</p> <p>Retain work with children, we do offer older training, when budgets are set me will consider opportunities to increase funding to increase the offer.</p>
5	West Mercia Police to consider the balance of factors that contribute to road danger when undertaking road safety enforcement.	Tue 13- May- 25	Sun 13- Jul- 25	Mon 14- Jul- 25	<p>West Mercia Police are committed to enforcing all road traffic legislation, and while speed enforcement may appear to have the highest public profile, our the police Operational Policing Units undertake all forms of enforcement year round in conjunction with NPCC campaigns such as summer &amp; Christmas drink/drug drive, tyre safe, mobile phone use and driving without seatbelts. In addition, our speed enforcement officers are now able to provide evidence of additional offences such as drivers using mobile phones, not wearing seat belts, driving whilst not in proper</p>

					<p>control etc so while speed enforcement is the priority for them the activity contributes to the wider enforcement picture.</p> <p>This recommendation cannot be accepted as Herefordshire Council do not have the ability to direct police resources.</p>
6	The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) eligibility criteria should be made more transparent.	Tue 13- May- 25	Sun 13- Jul- 25	Mon 14- Jul- 25	<p>There is currently no one specific eligibility criteria for the provision of Traffic Regulation Orders. These are assessed on an individual case by case basis by trained Traffic Engineers, and depend upon a multitude of factors that are determined upon investigation. It is vitally important these are evidence based / data led and follow both national and local best practice guidance / regulations, in order to ensure consistency of application.</p> <p>The Traffic Management Team have reviewed TRO information which is available online and have found it to be no longer fit for purpose. What happens now? Some changes have already been made to provide more transparent information with some more slight amendments and updates to be progressed imminently. The Team are to also upload a copy of the prioritised waiting list so current applications can be seen online. The stages of the application process to also be amended to ensure clarity.</p>