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ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 20 April 2022

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the Environment Committee of Buckingham Town Council which will be held on Monday 25th April 2022 in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e and 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. The Council is trialling the use of video conferencing to enable the public and guests to address Council meetings virtually. If you would like to address the meeting in this way, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

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Mr P. Hodson
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive and accept apologies from members.

2. Declarations of interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Minutes

To receive and agree as a correct record the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 28th February 2022 and received by Full Council on the 28th March 2022.

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4. Action Report

To receive the report and note the updated information.

[Appendix A](#)



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Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't. All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk send you a copy of any minutes, reports or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

5. Motion: proposed by Cllr. Whyte

To ask Buckinghamshire Council what measures it has in place to measure air pollution and particulates in and around Buckingham (including the town centre and the A421), and what steps it is taking to deal with any unsafe levels of pollution.

6. Budgets

To receive the latest figures.

[Appendix B](#)

7. Bridges in Bourton Park

To receive and discuss a verbal report from the the Town Clerk.

8. Access awareness

9. Climate Action Plan

To receive an updated version of the Climate Action Plan.

[Appendix C](#)

10. Buckingham Community Wildlife Project

11. News releases

12. Chair's announcements

13. Date of next meeting: Monday 20th June 2022.

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of Public and Press

RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

14. Tingewick Road Green Spaces

To receive and discuss a written report from the Town Clerk

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15. Community Centre structural survey

To receive and discuss a written report from the Estates Manager

16. Make A Difference awards

To receive and discuss correspondence

[Appendix H](#)

To:

Cllr. R. Ahmed
Cllr. F. Davies
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley Town Mayor
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. S. Hetherington
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. A. Osibogun

Cllr. A. Ralph
Cllr. A. Schaefer
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. W. Whyte
Cllr. R. Willett

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Committee	Minute No.	Action	Action Required	Action Owner	Update	Deadline
Environment	92/15; 904/15;640 /16; 309.4/17- 463; 206/18; 126/19	Sports Pitch Provision	Historical correspondence and agreements to be reviewed by the Town Clerk.	Town Clerk	To be reviewed following the new SPD introduction	Ongoing
Environment	884/18	Compliments and Complaints	Members AGREED the report be brought back to Environment Committee in six months time in the same format.	Committee Clerk		Jun-22
Environment	314/20;107 8/20	New Cemetery	Full Council Min 1160/20 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue and unanimously AGREED that the Town Council proceed with the immediate purchase of the allotment and cemetery land outlined from money held with the Council's general reserve for a total cost of £87,000. The Council's solicitor has been instructed accordingly.	Town Clerk	Town Clerk to provide verbal update	Agenda
Environment	319/20	Lace Hill Doors	AGREED for a report regarding an additional external fire exit door is brought back to the next committee meeting.	Estates Manager	Estates Manager awaiting designs.	Apr-22
Environment	771/20	Tingewick Road Greenspaces	Members AGREED for the Town Council to take on the green spaces and play areas, provided that Barratts agree a suitable initial payment, and that the development of the green spaces are completed satisfactorily, in line with the agreed plans.	Town Clerk		Ongoing

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Environment	897/20	Clarence Park Ramp	<p>To receive a report on the action taken by Taylor Wimpy to resolve the footpath's access issue. Our Communications Clerk has been chasing Taylor Wimpey on a regular basis and on the 25th May we received the following reply:</p> <p>The specialist consultant has finally been to the development (we struggled to get them to do a site visit due to Covid) and they are now drafting their proposal to resolve the access issues. Due to the nature of the issue and the area to be worked on they have not been able to confirm a timescale for their proposal</p>	Town Clerk	Buckinghamshire council have now met with Taylor Wimpy and confirmed what adjustments to the original proposal they want. This has been fed back to the consultants who did the original design and once we have the amended design we will be able to instruct the contractors.	Ongoing
Environment	123/21	'Buckingham Community Flood Response Plan'	<p>Proposed by Cllr. Whyte, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue and unanimously AGREED to note the draft Buckingham Community Flood Response Plan and recommend to establish a Working Group after the publication of Buckinghamshire Council's Section 19 report. The Working Group would include representatives from all local stakeholders and their remit would be to review the Section 19 report and reflect any changes within the draft Buckingham Community Flood Response Plan</p>	Town Clerk		On-going

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Environment	1073/20	Holocaust Memorial Stone	The Town Clerk said initial plans were to use one of the large blocks of sandstone from the Brackley Road cemetery and to add a plaque with the standard Holocaust memorial emblem and wording, as used in similar structures across the country. Members unanimously AGREED to progress with the plans to obtain a memorial stone and install this in a suitable location in Bourton Park.	Estates Manager	Installation of stone to be completed by early December and Stone Mason lined up to begin work as soon as the stone is in place - hopefully by mid December.	Completed
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Environment	323/21	Ford	to RECOMMEND to form a working party to formulate recommendations for a future meeting of the Environment Working Group and to launch a public consultation in liaison with the Buckingham Society.	Town Clerk	Onsite meeting with EA and confirmation that they would not agree to having the Ford reinstated. Favoured options are desilting and sowing native wildflowers in the surrounding riverbank. EA are not opposed to the incorporation of an information board but did not feel a bench would be utilised as Ford Street is frequently full of parked cars. Prices are being sought for desilting the site, and Community Board bid being drafted.	Apr-22
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Environment	397/21	Community Centre Survey	Members AGREED to add the survey of the	Town Clerk	Quotes are currently being sought and a written report to be provided to the February meeting	Agenda
Environment	398/21	Play Area Replacement	Play Areas Replacement – Members AGREED for the town Clerk to revisit agreements with the unitary Council regarding Section 106 funding the replacement of play area equipment	Town Clerk	Estates Administrator to carry forward in the New Year	Ongoing
Environment	399/21	Community Gardening Proposal	Members received a written report from the Town Clerk and AGREED the Community Gardening Scheme to be promoted on the Town Council's social media pages and website, with the addition of encouraging residents to create 'Bee Friendly' gardens drawing attention to the Bucks Buzzing recommendations.	Town Clerk	Press release issued	Ongoing
Environment	398/21	Rights Of Way	Cllr. Whyte suggested routes to connect Mor	Deputy Town Clerk	Work underway	Apr-22
Environment	545/21	BCWP	Members received a verbal updated from the Estates Administrator and Members AGREED for the Town Mayor to write a letter of thanks to the Coordinators of the Railway Walk Conservation Group who were retiring after many years of hard work.		A new volunteer coordinator is required.	Agenda

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Environment	543	Castle Hill Information Board	It is recommended that Members agree to allow the proposed board to be installed on the Church Green, conditional on the exact location and final design being agreed by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Environment Committee.		Buckingham Society are progressing	Ongoing
Environment	536/21	Quick Litter Pick	AGREED to fund the installation of an additional Quick Litter Pick Station in Chandos Park from budget code 251/4601 (Chandos Park Repairs and Maintenance). Members were in agreement that if the scheme continued to be successful then it could be promoted to Buckinghamshire Council for consideration in the Heartlands Park.		Ongoing; may link to the litter lotto	May-22
Environment	679/21	Community Centre Survey	Agreed that 397/21 Community Centre Survey be presented as a confidential report alongside the lease.	Town Clerk		
Environment	682/21	Thefts from the cemetery	Agreed continued monitoring and use of social media to continue to raise public awareness regarding the threat of thefts from the cemetery.	Estates Manager/ Communications Clerk		
Environment	684/21	70 trees for 70 years	Agreed that the public could be encouraged to nominate trees or woodlands in a social media post. □	Estates Manager/ Communications Clerk		

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Environment	689	Climate Action Plan	Wildflower seeds: It was agreed that there is no budget for this currently but the Town Clerk proposed that it could be promoted this year, through social media, and a press release and a budget for next year can be considered. It will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.	Committee Clerk/ Communications Clerk	To be reviewed at the next meeting following the Spring Green Gair	Jun-22
Environment	690	Railway Walk Conservation Group	It was agreed that the Town Council works with relevant organisations to support training for a new coordinator, or possibly a shared role for two coordinators. Cllr. Hetherington will pass on relevant information and contacts to the Town Clerk who will talk to the group and to relevant partners and put it on a future agenda if necessary.	Town Clerk		

PAGE No	CODE	COST CENTRE	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION
2	4033	205	-£2,907.00	overspend due to additional requirements and introduction of recycling
2	4035	205	-£1,047.00	overspend
2	4063	205	-£547.00	overspend
2	4709	249	-£350.00	overspend due to flooding damage
3	4159	250	-£1,819.00	overspend due to increase in costs and delayed solar panels installation
3	4161	250	-£742.00	overspend
3	4602	251	-£220.00	overspend due to increase in electricity costs
3	4265	253	-£2,885.00	overspend to fund new garden of rest
4	4034	258	-£630.00	overspend due to wrong transcription

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<u>EARMARKED RESERVES</u>						
901 Ear-marked reserves						
9001 Youth Council	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
9002 Cemetery development	71,073	97,886	26,813		26,813	72.6%
9004 Solar panels at Lace Hill	22,047	28,076	6,029		6,029	78.5%
9006 Speedwatch	0	598	598		598	0.0%
9010 Flood relief fund	0	826	826		826	0.0%
9013 Youth projects	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%
9015 Charter fairs	0	4,136	4,136		4,136	0.0%
9025 Play area replacement	(15,752)	45,121	60,873	15,852	45,021	0.2%
9027 Green Buckingham	0	226	226		226	0.0%
9029 Circular Walk	0	5,399	5,399		5,399	0.0%
9030 Tourism leaflets	0	2,404	2,404		2,404	0.0%
9033 Economic Development Group	0	(2,685)	(2,685)		(2,685)	0.0%
9035 Parks Development	0	1,405	1,405		1,405	0.0%
9036 Election costs	5,594	5,594	0		0	100.0%
9040 Park run	0	89	89		89	0.0%
9045 Access for All	0	251	251		251	0.0%
9048 Buckingham Action Group	1,302	1,283	(19)		(19)	101.5%
9049 Neighbourhood Plan	0	20,000	20,000		20,000	0.0%
9050 Bridge Repairs	20,509	60,959	40,450	40,450	(0)	100.0%
9051 Office development / furniture	5,828	12,000	6,172	4,225	1,947	83.8%
9052 Depot equipment	0	15,000	15,000		15,000	0.0%
9053 AEDs	0	420	420		420	0.0%
9054 Lace Hil repairs & Maintenance	0	25,000	25,000		25,000	0.0%
9055 River rinse	0	250	250		250	0.0%
9057 Cemetery Lodge repairs	0	10,000	10,000	4,820	5,180	48.2%
9058 Bowls Club Pavillion repairs	0	8,000	8,000	7,230	770	90.4%
9059 Making good / boundary repairs	0	45,000	45,000		45,000	0.0%
9060 River Wardens	1,575	1,575	0		0	100.0%
9061 Covid bounce back events	7,774	8,680	906		906	89.6%
9062 Grants	0	280	280		280	0.0%
9063 Twinning	1,639	2,000	361		361	81.9%
9064 Holocaust memorial	1,000	1,000	0		0	100.0%
9065 Purchase cemetery & allotment	0	87,000	87,000		87,000	0.0%
9066 Swan Sculpture Project	(1,474)	0	1,474		1,474	0.0%
Ear-marked reserves :- Indirect Expenditure	121,114	491,773	370,659	72,577	298,082	39.4%
Net Expenditure	(121,114)	(491,773)	(370,659)			
EARMARKED RESERVES :- Income	0	0	0			0.0%
Expenditure	121,114	491,773	370,659	72,577	298,082	39.4%
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(121,114)					

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
Grand Totals:- Income	0	0	0			0.0%
Expenditure	121,114	491,773	370,659	72,577	298,082	39.4%
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(121,114)</u>	<u>(491,773)</u>	<u>(370,659)</u>			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(121,114)</u>					

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<u>ENVIRONMENT</u>						
<u>201 Environment</u>						
3995 NI Environment	16,956	15,766	(1,190)		(1,190)	107.5%
3996 Pensions ERS Environment	49,786	45,000	(4,786)		(4,786)	110.6%
4004 Salaries environment	203,890	197,000	(6,890)		(6,890)	103.5%
4068 Community Service	0	6,769	6,769	4,000	2,769	59.1%
4112 Environment Equipment	5,116	7,000	1,884	1,688	196	97.2%
4168 Defibrillators	405	500	95		95	81.0%
Environment :- Indirect Expenditure	276,152	272,035	(4,117)	5,688	(9,805)	103.6%
Net Expenditure	(276,152)	(272,035)	4,117			
<u>202 Roundabouts</u>						
1051 Roundabout no. 1	2,219	2,211	(8)			100.4%
1052 Roundabout no. 2	0	1,178	1,178			0.0%
1053 Roundabout no. 3	0	1,934	1,934			0.0%
1054 Roundabout no. 4	2,530	2,465	(65)			102.6%
1056 Roundabout no. 5	2,694	2,626	(68)			102.6%
1057 Roundabout no. 6	1,374	1,339	(35)			102.6%
Roundabouts :- Income	8,817	11,753	2,936			75.0%
4108 Roundabout	0	1,320	1,320		1,320	0.0%
Roundabouts :- Indirect Expenditure	0	1,320	1,320	0	1,320	0.0%
Net Income over Expenditure	8,817	10,433	1,616			
<u>203 Maintenance</u>						
4082 Allotments	2,030	2,030	0		0	100.0%
Maintenance :- Indirect Expenditure	2,030	2,030	0	0	0	100.0%
Net Expenditure	(2,030)	(2,030)	0			
<u>204 Devolved services expenses</u>						
1017 Devolved services income	20,381	20,353	(28)			100.1%
Devolved services expenses :- Income	20,381	20,353	(28)			100.1%
4124 Devolved services	4,010	8,500	4,490		4,490	47.2%
Devolved services expenses :- Indirect Expenditure	4,010	8,500	4,490	0	4,490	47.2%
Net Income over Expenditure	16,370	11,853	(4,517)			

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<u>205 Grounds maintenance</u>						
4033 Waste disposal	4,734	1,827	(2,907)		(2,907)	259.1%
4035 Machinery	3,047	2,000	(1,047)		(1,047)	152.3%
4036 Fuel (Mower)	860	1,035	175		175	83.1%
4037 Sundries	2,022	2,518	496		496	80.3%
4063 Vehicle hire and running costs	10,366	13,703	3,337	3,884	(547)	104.0%
Grounds maintenance :- Indirect Expenditure	21,028	21,083	55	3,884	(3,829)	118.2%
Net Expenditure	(21,028)	(21,083)	(55)			
<u>248 Depot</u>						
4013 Equipment purchase	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	100.0%
4055 Alarm	497	416	(81)		(81)	119.5%
4225 Rates	4,142	4,263	121		121	97.2%
4601 Repairs & maintenance fund	581	812	231		231	71.6%
4602 Electricity	842	1,400	559		559	60.1%
4603 Water	398	750	352		352	53.1%
Depot :- Indirect Expenditure	6,460	9,641	3,181	2,000	1,181	87.8%
Net Expenditure	(6,460)	(9,641)	(3,181)			
<u>249 C Meadow toilets & Shopmobilit</u>						
1085 Shopmobility income	0	102	102			0.0%
C Meadow toilets & Shopmobilit :- Income	0	102	102			0.0%
4602 Electricity	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4603 Water	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4608 Shopmobility	561	1,041	480		480	53.9%
4612 Contractor charge	9,579	10,883	1,304		1,304	88.0%
4709 MAINTENANCE	871	521	(350)		(350)	167.1%
C Meadow toilets & Shopmobilit :- Indirect Expenditure	11,011	13,445	2,434	0	2,434	81.9%
Net Income over Expenditure	(11,011)	(13,343)	(2,332)			
<u>250 Lace Hill</u>						
1026 Lace Hill Community Centre	38,097	44,376	6,279			85.9%
1027 Solar income	0	260	260			0.0%
Lace Hill :- Income	38,097	44,636	6,539			85.4%
4050 Lace Hill playing fields	2,999	3,500	501		501	85.7%
4118 Solar panels	0	350	350		350	0.0%

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4158 Lace Hill gas	3,287	4,060	773		773	81.0%
4159 Lace Hill electricity	3,808	1,989	(1,819)		(1,819)	191.4%
4160 Lace Hill water	340	750	410		410	45.3%
4161 Lace Hill repairs & Maintenanc	4,295	3,553	(742)		(742)	120.9%
4162 Lace Hill contractor charge	3,392	3,806	414		414	89.1%
4163 Lace Hill alarm	495	521	26		26	95.0%
4164 Lace Hill equipment	2,528	3,628	1,100	1,090	10	99.7%
4225 Rates	9,731	9,998	268		268	97.3%
Lace Hill :- Indirect Expenditure	30,875	32,155	1,280	1,090	190	99.4%
Net Income over Expenditure	7,222	12,481	5,259			
<u>251 Chandos Park</u>						
1030 Bowls income	572	572	0			100.0%
1035 TENNIS COURT RENT	651	651	0			100.0%
Chandos Park :- Income	1,223	1,223	0			100.0%
4601 Repairs & maintenance fund	965	3,201	2,236	350	1,886	41.1%
4602 Electricity	741	521	(220)		(220)	142.2%
4603 Water	1,180	1,300	120		120	90.8%
Chandos Park :- Indirect Expenditure	2,887	5,022	2,136	350	1,785	64.4%
Net Income over Expenditure	(1,664)	(3,799)	(2,136)			
<u>252 Bourton Park</u>						
4601 Repairs & maintenance fund	6,755	6,910	155	339	(184)	102.7%
Bourton Park :- Indirect Expenditure	6,755	6,910	155	339	(184)	102.7%
Net Expenditure	(6,755)	(6,910)	(155)			
<u>253 Cemeteries</u>						
1041 Burial fees	24,334	18,270	(6,064)			133.2%
Cemeteries :- Income	24,334	18,270	(6,064)			133.2%
4225 Rates	469	406	(63)		(63)	115.4%
4265 New cemetery maintenance	7,885	5,000	(2,885)		(2,885)	157.7%
4601 Repairs & maintenance fund	3,028	4,319	1,291	935	356	91.7%
4602 Electricity	148	457	309		309	32.3%
4617 Memorial testing	0	2,083	2,083		2,083	0.0%
4619 New cemetery repayments	0	36,680	36,680	20,683	15,997	56.4%
4620 Expenses for burial duties	4,626	5,000	374		374	92.5%
Cemeteries :- Indirect Expenditure	16,155	53,945	37,790	21,618	16,172	70.0%
Net Income over Expenditure	8,179	(35,675)	(43,854)			

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<u>254 Chandos Park toilets</u>						
4612 Contractor charge	9,579	10,373	794		794	92.3%
4709 MAINTENANCE	1,166	1,041	(125)		(125)	112.0%
Chandos Park toilets :- Indirect Expenditure	10,745	11,414	669	0	669	94.1%
Net Expenditure	(10,745)	(11,414)	(669)			
<u>255 Railway Walk & Castle Hill</u>						
4120 Friends of Groups	402	1,041	639		639	38.6%
4709 MAINTENANCE	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
Railway Walk & Castle Hill :- Indirect Expenditure	402	2,041	1,639	0	1,639	19.7%
Net Expenditure	(402)	(2,041)	(1,639)			
<u>256 Storage Premises</u>						
4066 Grenville garage rent	599	677	78		78	88.4%
Storage Premises :- Indirect Expenditure	599	677	78	0	78	88.4%
Net Expenditure	(599)	(677)	(78)			
<u>258 Cemetery Lodge</u>						
1061 Cemetery Lodge rental income	9,976	10,966	990			91.0%
Cemetery Lodge :- Income	9,976	10,966	990			91.0%
4034 PWLB repayments inc. interest	4,702	4,072	(630)		(630)	115.5%
4609 Cemetery Lodge maintenance	200	3,000	2,800		2,800	6.7%
Cemetery Lodge :- Indirect Expenditure	4,902	7,072	2,170	0	2,170	69.3%
Net Income over Expenditure	5,074	3,894	(1,180)			
<u>260 CCTV</u>						
4100 CCTV maintenance	1,748	1,667	(81)		(81)	104.9%
CCTV :- Indirect Expenditure	1,748	1,667	(81)	0	(81)	104.9%
Net Expenditure	(1,748)	(1,667)	81			
<u>261 Community Centre</u>						
4085 Structural repairs	0	2,030	2,030		2,030	0.0%
4091 Chamber	698	1,015	317		317	68.8%
Community Centre :- Indirect Expenditure	698	3,045	2,347	0	2,347	22.9%
Net Expenditure	(698)	(3,045)	(2,347)			

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/03/2022

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<u>262 Parks General</u>						
4101 Seats and bins	163	1,041	878	406	472	54.7%
4102 Dog bins	0	4,350	4,350		4,350	0.0%
4106 Play area maintenance	1,705	5,088	3,383		3,383	33.5%
4122 Tree works	5,430	13,203	7,773	4,000	3,773	71.4%
4270 Bridges	1,000	2,015	1,015	1,015	0	100.0%
4275 Play area replacement fund	0	1,015	1,015		1,015	0.0%
4276 Tree wardens	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
Parks General :- Indirect Expenditure	8,298	27,712	19,414	5,421	13,993	49.5%
Net Expenditure	(8,298)	(27,712)	(19,414)			
ENVIRONMENT :- Income	102,827	107,303	4,476			95.8%
Expenditure	404,755	479,714	74,959	40,390	34,569	92.8%
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(301,928)					
Grand Totals:- Income	102,827	107,303	4,476			95.8%
Expenditure	404,755	479,714	74,959	40,390	34,569	92.8%
Net Income over Expenditure	(301,928)	(372,411)	(70,483)			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(301,928)					

Buckingham Town Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan April 2022

Community Engagement - to engage local people in accelerating their own responses and building resilience to ongoing climate impacts.				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Update
3.	Encourage practical action by local people through proactive communication campaigns.	Number of visitors per year to webpage	TC&E and Environment Committee	The Climate Emergency Webpage is the 2 nd most popular page on our website. Environmental social media campaigns are planned during the office's regular content planning meetings. The office has engaged with local schools to discuss our Action Plan and how they can get involved in community climate action. Both local senior schools contributed idea toward March's public meeting and online consultation. Youth engagement was one of the objectives of the Town Council's public meeting on 24 th March 2022. The event was attended and a feedback report will be presented



				to Full Council on the 9 th May.
5.	Encourage the formation of Local Climate Action Groups.	One formed	Climate Champions	To be discussed within the feedback report, to be presented to Full Council in May 2022.
Energy - reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Updates
8.	Change BTC energy provider to renewable/ green tariffs	Moved to green tariffs by 2022/23	Environment Committee	Solar Panels installed October 2021 at Lace Hill.
9.	Offset carbon emissions by planting more trees (whenever possible)	One tree planting project per year	Environment Committee	Tree planting sessions took place on the 12 th March and 7 th November 2020. This year's event took place on the 16 th Jan 2022 to coincide with arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee/Commonwealth Canopy Project. There were 250 trees planted, including 12 x Black Poplars. An additional tree planting was



				undertaken by the Greenspaces Team at Lace Hill sport pitches on 17/02/2022 including 7 x Silver birch, 3 x Ginkgo and expansion of the hedge line with 125 hornbeam whips.
10.	Investigate options for carbon offsetting Town Council event e.g. Bonfire & Fireworks	Publication of carbon offsetting certification for each relevant event	Town Centre & Event Committee	To be in place by May 2022
Economy, Housing & Waste – to support the local economy to ensure existing and new homes are climate resilient whilst reducing, re using and recycling materials and ongoing resources e.g. water				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Update
13.	Provide recycling facilities at all Town Council Events and within Town Council owned buildings.	One mixed recycling bin per event	TC&E /Environment	Recycling bins are now being provided at all Town Council events. In particular, noting the success of recycling Biffa bins at Music in the Market & Bandjam. Recycling in all BTC offices (including Lace Hill Centre's public areas) now implemented.
15.	Promote the installation of the water bottle refill station in Chandos Park and the national refill initiative	Number of interactions	Environment Committee and	COMPLETE



		through Social Media	Resources Committee	<u>Water bottle refill</u> station installed and positively received.
Transport – to promote walking, cycling and public transport. Accelerating the move to Council owned electric vehicles.				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Updates
23.	Replace BTC owned vehicles and green spaces equipment with suitable electric models when existing petrol, and diesel vehicles come to the end of their usable life, resulting in full replacement with electric vehicles by 2030.	Replace each vehicle at the appropriate point in its lifecycle.	Environment Committee	Electric vans (total - two Renault Kangoo) leased in Winter 2019 and Summer 2020. Aim for full replacement of all vehicles with electric alternatives by 2030. Once the new cemetery is up and running there are plan to purchase other electric powered machinery, such as ride-on mowers.
24.	Refurbish and promote the town's benches to assist walkers to take short rests. Advertise Buckingham as a 'pedestrian friendly town' on the Council's <u>'Walks and Maps'</u> section of the website.	Replace each bench at the appropriate point in its lifecycle.	Environment Committee	Walking trails regularly promoted via <u>Buxplore</u> along with healthy outdoor activities. Greenspaces team have refurbished or repaired a number of park benches throughout the town and funding has been approved for another 8 benches/picnic tables via



the Buckingham & Villages Community Board.

Food & Land - to promote sustainable land management, including tree planting to help absorb carbon & water.

	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Updates
27.	Finalise Flood Plans with local partners	Number of contacts established	Environment & Resources Committee	Additional properties have been added to the list of vulnerable addresses. A number of volunteers have come forward and investigation is underway to determine the appropriate policies, procedures, insurance and training for volunteer flood wardens.
28.	Advise residents on steps to increase resilience	Increased number of residents signed up to the Flood Warden Scheme	Environment & Resources Committee	Initial meetings have been held between Buckinghamshire Council and the Town Council to discuss how to ensure a coordinated response to future flood plans. Flooding advice has been added to the town council website. All properties at risk will be written to each year with details of the Council's
29.	Promote the community flood warden scheme	Increased number of residents signed up to the Flood Warden Scheme	Environment & Resources Committee	Initial meetings have been held between Buckinghamshire Council and the Town Council to discuss how to ensure a coordinated response to future flood plans. Flooding advice has been added to the town council website. All properties at risk will be written to each year with details of the Council's



				plan and sources of support.
30.	Protect and enhance native species and habitats. Promoting and supporting opportunities for environmental enhancement and regeneration	One environmental campaign per year	Environment Committee	Installation of <u>wildflower boards</u> in Bourton Park to promote the planting of native wildflower species (April 2021). Thousands of native <u>Woodland bulbs</u> were planted around Bourton Park in September 2020. For 2022 the popular wild flower, meadow in Bourton Park will be reseeded with native flowering wildflowers. Within the Autumn 2022, additional bulb planting will be planned for sections of Lace Hill, the Holocaust Memorial and Otters Brook Play Area. Three new bird boxes are installed in Bourton Park by volunteer, Michael hunt. Providing nesting sites for small birds.
34.	Review of grass verges and hedges to identify areas to be trimmed less and later in the year to support more wildflowers and insects	To be considered within Greenspaces Strategy and Management Plan for Parks	Environment Committee	The grass cutting plan is reviewed annually by Environment Committee in March. The paddocks and sections of the bypass are cut later in the



				year to support and promote biodiversity. There will be three large sections of the Bypass planted with wildflower seed, the rotavated sections are now visible along the bypass.
35.	Each year allocate a section of land to be planted with wildflowers.	One per year	Environment Committee	A new section of <u>wildflowers was planted</u> in 2020 in Bourton Park, on the car park side of the river. Wildflowers to be distributed at Spring Green Fair – April 2022
36.	Plan a new eco-friendlier cemetery to include planting more trees and wildflowers.	Measure and publish plans and low carbon emission certification	Environment Committee	Proceeding with the tender process for the first phase of the planning and design of the new cemetery. To enable this a sustainable design approach is to be taken in all aspects of the new cemetery. In particular; to reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat as well as recycling materials and



				ongoing resources e.g. water.
37.	Work with the Tree Wardens, in promotion of the Tree Charter.	5 new Tree Wardens signed up per year.	Environment Committee	Tree Wardens are regularly contact by the Planning Clerk for input into Tree Applications and several Wardens took part in January's tree planting event in Heartlands Park.