

STRATEGIC PLAN Priority 2 - Protecting the environment

Key Indicators

Outcome	Indicator	National	Target	Latest	Previous	Good is
2.1	Number of visitors to Country Parks (Rufford and Sherwood) (Q4)	N/A	820,000	765,819	612,816	High
2.2	Percentage of household waste reused, recycled or composted (Q3)	N/A	44.0%	43.40%	43.00%	High
2.2	Percentage of Local Authority Municipal Waste Land filled (Q3)	N/A	15.00%	11.00%	15.00%	Low
2.2	Number of volunteer hours for natural and historic environment projects (Annual)	N/A	2,605	5,608	2,364	High
2.3	Change in weather corrected carbon emissions from energy use in Council buildings (Annual 2015/16)	N/A	67,457	Data available July	64,195	Low

Summary

Work has continued to protect our environment through improved utilisation of energy recovery facilities and the promotion of bus quality partnerships. Public engagement events have been held by the RSPB to show local people initial designs and sketch plans for the new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre.

Key Actions and Milestones

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2.1	Deliver the agreed operating model for Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre. Progress A series of public engagement events has been held by the RSPB to show their initial architect designs and sketch plans to local people and these events were held on the 19th March and 22nd March 2016. The RSPB will soon begin formal consultation as part of the planning application that they plan to submit in May.
2.1	Develop proposals for programmes and projects at a landscape scale to benefit biodiversity, heritage, local people and the economy, working closely with the Local Nature Partnership and colleagues in Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Progress Development of the Stage 2 application for Miner2Major, the Sherwood Landscape Partnership Scheme is now well underway, with a view to submission in February 2017 and project start in early 2018. The scheme will deliver benefits for biodiversity, heritage and people. The Local Nature Partnership (LNP) has made significant progress in establishing its natural capital baseline and developing its strategy, including a green infrastructure strategy. Once complete, this work will help to inform future landscape scale project development across the LNP area. Work is also underway with colleagues in DCC to develop a project that will further enhance the baseline data for both counties and ensure consistency of approach.
2.2	Utilise Eastcroft Energy and Sheffield Energy Recovery Facility to reduce reliance on landfill Progress The Council has made significant progress on the utilisation of the Eastcroft Energy site as a result of the improved availability and there has also been an increase in deliveries to the Sheffield Energy Recovery facility. The strategic performance indicators related to the landfill diversion are on course to be comfortably met in 2015/16 despite recycling levels being static. Actions are now agreed to improve recycling performance at District Council level in 2016/17.
2.5	Support bus quality partnerships including the Mansfield and Beeston Statutory Quality Bus Partnership, and introduce Voluntary Quality Bus Partnerships (VQBP) for Worksop. Progress We continue to promote public transport through the Greater Nottingham Bus Quality Partnership (GNBQP), North Notts Bus Quality Partnership (NNBQP) and the Public Transport Integration Board. The developed schemes (Mansfield and Beeston Statutory Quality Partnerships and Worksop Voluntary Quality Partnership) continue to be monitored and reviewed. The GNBQP and NNBQP are the over arching partnerships within which these specific schemes sit.

Pressures / Challenges

Key challenges

The greatest identified risk to the Local Nature Partnership Scheme remains the ability to secure match funding when the resources of traditional match funding partners are increasingly constrained. This includes landfill tax and local authority funding.

The Bus Services Bill, announced in the Queen's speech, will provide elected mayors and local transport authorities with new powers to set required standards of service with bus providers, including branding ticketing, information and the frequencies of services. Changes in funding for local bus services and public transport infrastructure may impact on commercial services and in turn on the Quality Bus Partnership commitments.