

PROGRESS WITH OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AS AT 17 MAY, 2023

	Item Title	Date of Meeting	Action Agreed	Responsible Service	Progress to Date
1.	Resources and Circular Economy Commitment Update	21 09 22	Officers to provide information on progress made in relation to the involvement of the third sector.	Environment and Infrastructure Services	A presentation on the outcomes of the Reuse Feasibility Study which is now complete will take place at the Member Workshop on the afternoon of the 17 May 2023.
2.	Scotland's Councils' Approach to Addressing Climate Change - Audit Scotland Report	31 11 22	Officers to give an update to Members on the 2 other audits/investigations underway.	Environment and Infrastructure Services	The Environmental Standards Scotland report has not yet been published. Audit Scotland published their report – ‘How the Scottish Government is set up to deliver climate change goals’ on the 20 April 2022. Link: https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2023/nr_230420_climate_change.pdf
3.	Aberdeenshire Council Route Map To 2030 And Beyond Progress Update	23 02 23	Head of Environment and Sustainability shall scope and arrange a workshop prior to summer recess which shall facilitate the Committee's awareness and understanding of the programme of activity which underpins the Route Map to 2030.	Environment and Infrastructure Services	This workshop is to be held on the afternoon of 17 May 2023 with presentations from Property and Facilities, Fleet and Waste.

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4.	Road Verge Management	23 02 23	Officers to bring back the additional information on the difference between the costs for cutting the verges and removing the cut material and leaving it on the verge.	Environment and Infrastructure Services	<p>We've had some initial dialogue around how we could equate this alternative working method. We have carried out cut/collect in 30mph areas and examples in parks after getting new equipment funded by Nature Restoration Fund over the last two years. We're having to be careful however as SEPA haven't confirmed consent with disposal on-site. The alternative is costly transport and disposal off-site initially. That said, if we can cover cut/collect over a 3-4 year period, possibly less, then the remaining grass is much more slender, lower and easier to deal with. Also better establishment of wildflower and other types, such as yellow rattle where trials locally have been effective. Rural verges would be a different ball game altogether as the scale is significant. So still a fair bit of work to do around this one, in terms of attaining a comparison on costs and will provide a further update when available.</p>
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