

St Austell Town Council



Climate and Environment Committee

To: All Members of the Climate and Environment Committee
(Councillors: Clemo, Cohen, Guest, Hamilton, Lanxon, Preece, Stephens, Styles, Thompson and Young).

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a **Meeting** of the **Climate and Environment Committee** to be held at **The Stable Block, Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DP** on **Monday 1st July 2024 at 6pm.**


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AGENDA

- 1. Election of Chair**
- 2. Election of Vice-Chair**
- 3. Apologies for absence**
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
(Purpose: To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other non-registerable interests in respect of items on this agenda).
- 5. Dispensations**
(Purpose: To receive requests for dispensations under the Code of Conduct).

6. Public participation (15 minutes maximum)

The Chairman will invite members of the public to address the meeting in relation to the business to be carried out at the meeting.

15 minutes will be allocated for public participation (this can be extended at the Chairman's discretion). Each person addressing the Council will be allocated a maximum of two minutes.

7. Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd January 2024

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(Purpose: To agree that the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record). (Attached).

8. Matters to note

(Purpose: A verbal update from the Town Clerk on the actions taken since the last meeting).

Note: No decision may be made under this agenda item.

9. Climate and Environmental Policy

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(Purpose: To review the Climate and Environmental Policy). (Attached).

10. Biodiversity Net Gain – Briefing

(Purpose: To listen to a briefing on biodiversity net gain – 6.30pm to 7.00pm).

11. Climate Emergency Action Plan

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(Purpose: To receive an update on progress against the Climate Emergency Action Plan). (Action Plan attached).

12. Climate Action St Austell (CASA)

(Purpose: To receive an update on the work of CASA). (Verbal update).

13. Dates of Meetings

(Purpose: To note the date of the next meeting – 21st October 2024).

MINUTES of ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 22nd JANUARY 2024 at The Registrar's Office, Carlyon Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 4LD at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: Clemo, Cohen, Hamilton, Lanxon, Thompson and Young.

In attendance: David Pooley (Town Clerk), Steve Skinner (Operations Manager).

CE/23/17) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Double, Guest, Pearce and Styles.

CE/23/18) Declarations of Interest

None.

CE/23/19) Dispensations

The Clerk advised that no requests for dispensations had been received.

CE/23/20) Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

*** Councillor Lanxon arrived ***

CE/23/21) Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd July 2023

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CE/23/22) Matters to note

The Town Clerk advised that further to minute CE/23/09 details of Cornwall Council's highways grass cutting standards and retrofit schemes had been circulated previously. He explained that EV charging points had been fitted in Priory Car Park and were working but as yet did not appear on many of the apps which direct users to the chargers (Minute CE/23/11 refers). In response to a question the Clerk advised that there was no usage data as yet but he would talk to Cornwall Council about management information and reports.

The Clerk advised that further to minute CE/23/12 a useful update on Beryl Bikes had been received last week and the scheme was performing well and remained viable. In response to a question the Clerk advised that there was a reluctance to expand the coverage of the scheme greatly but the possibility of incorporating Mevagissey was being considered.

Further to minute CE/23/13 the Clerk advised that Andrew Richards was still working to get an acceptable water supply to the fountain outside the Holy Trinity Church.

CE/23/23) Ocean Housing

The Chair welcomed Liam Augarde and Shaun Tryner of Ocean Housing to the meeting. They provided a presentation on the measures and schemes undertaken and planned to bring all properties within their portfolio to at least EPC C energy standard by 2030. This meant improving approximately 1500 dwellings. Mr Augarde outlined the successful Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund bids made and described a £1.1 million project recently completed at St Dennis and another commenced to upgrade 270 homes in Newquay and St Austell by 2025. Further funding bids were planned as approximately 687 houses in St Austell and a 100 in Par were EPC D-F and required retrofit work.

Typically retrofit works would reduce tenants energy costs from £1,000 to £500-£600 per annum. An independent expert was used to design retrofit schemes which could be:

Light touch – heating systems, hot water systems, insulation and improved electricity tariffs.

Deeper retrofits – As per light touch plus alterations, removing old insulation, external insulation, new windows and doors.

Mr Tryner described Ocean's "fabric first" approach which sought to drive down heating costs to the benefit of tenants and the environment. He talked about the importance of sound ventilation arrangements to control damp, mould and air quality. They undertake follow up visits with householders after works to discuss energy/thermal issues and use technology to monitor humidity and carbon monoxide.

In response to a question the speakers advised that having fitted air source heat pumps in one scheme they were not thought to be good value for money and that Ocean were exploring other sources of heating.

The issues with retrofitting Cornish units were discussed. Mr Augarde advised that there was a need to sell some properties to help fund retrofit work but that Ocean Housing were committed to building two new properties for each property sold. New developments are generally a minimum of EPC B rating.

The Chair thanked Mr Augarde and Mr Tryner for their interesting and comprehensive presentation and welcomed the measures being taken.

CE/23/24) Geothermal Engineering Ltd

The Chair explained that CASA held a Climate Festival event in October which was attended by Jane Charman of Geothermal Engineering Ltd. He explained that Geothermal Engineering were developing a project at United Down Industrial Estate which would offer the smallest footprint of any land based energy source and generate electricity for the National Grid independent of weather and the time of the day. Drilling to a depth of 13,000 feet has taken place and electricity generation is planned before the end of the year.

It was **RESOLVED** to arrange a visit to the United Downs visitor centre to help Members better understand processes and the possible implications for the St Austell area.

CE/23/25) Climate Emergency Action Plan

Members reviewed the Climate Emergency Action Plan which the Clerk explained had been updated and was now an impressive list of achievements. The Clerk ran through the actions completed, under way and yet to start. In the ensuing discussion Members asked if thought could be given to the management information available relating to EV charging points and where this should be reported. It was also suggested that Biddicks Court would be a good location for a Beryl Bikes bay.

Members noted the report.

CE/23/26) Climate Action St Austell (CASA)

The Chair provided an update on the work of CASA. He explained that he and Councillor Gray attended monthly meetings. Mrs Earl was standing down as Chair of the group and a new chair would be elected shortly. CASA actively support climate events across Cornwall, provide talks, write articles for the Voice newspaper and undertake regular litter picks. CASA representatives attended the opening of the Mid-Cornwall Climate and Eco Hub in Truro, supported Cornwall Council's Local area Energy Plan workshop and visited the Incinerator at St Dennis which was a very informative visit. A major achievement of CASA was the first Garden/Climate Festival which they sponsored and organised in October. It is hoped to repeat this event next summer.

Members noted the update.

CE/23/27) Dates of Meetings

It was noted that the date of the next meeting of the Climate and Environment Committee is 1st July 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

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CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Adopted at Full Council on:

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Reviewed: 01.07.24 (Climate & Environment Committee)

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 St Austell Town Council recognises that a healthy environment is fundamental to the prosperity and wellbeing of our local community. The Council acknowledges that whilst some of our activities may have adverse effects on the environment, we can take steps to minimise those impacts.

1.2 The Council considers that the environment is important and complies with environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice where relevant.

1.3 The Council will continue to make a positive contribution to environmental growth by protecting and enhancing its assets where it can.

2. AIMS OF POLICY

2.1 The aims of the St Austell Town Council Climate & Environmental Policy are:

- To increase environmental growth across the Town Council's responsibilities and assets for the benefit of the local community.
- To promote the importance and value of a quality environment, and to support local people in their enjoyment of it.
- To carry out our work in an efficient way that minimises its adverse impact on our environment.
- To promote the development of a Circular Economy.

3. LIST OF POLICIES

Climate Change

The Town Council has declared a climate emergency and will work to be carbon neutral by 2030. We will set out plans for immediate and long-term actions to reach this goal which include:

- Encouraging staff to switch off electrical equipment and unnecessary lights when not in use.
- Encouraging staff to close windows and external doors when the heating is on.
- Encouraging staff to minimise the use of electric heaters and fans.
- Introducing phased replacement of existing lighting with LED bulbs in Council premises.
- Introducing phased replacement of electrical equipment used on Council premises with products of maximum energy efficiency rating.
- Switching to 100% renewable energy tariffs for electricity on Council premises.

- Resources permitting, the phased replacement of non-renewable heating sources (oil, gas fired systems) with renewables.
- Resources permitting, investing in electric car charging points.
- Resources permitting, retrofit buildings with energy saving measures (glazing, roof insulation).
- The continuance of natural climate change solutions (such as tree planting and rewilding) on Council assets.
- A carbon accounting audit to assess the Council's current emissions.
- The implementation of measures to track the Council's carbon footprint over time.

Nature and Wildlife

The Town Council is committed to increasing opportunities for nature to thrive on the assets it owns or manages. Environmental growth will be achieved by:

- Protecting and enhancing the quality and extent of the natural environment in the Town Council's area.
- Supporting the conservation of trees, hedgerows, ponds and streams in the Town Council's area.
- Managing the Town Council assets (including public rights of way, play areas, woodland, open spaces and verges) in a manner that protects and increases biodiversity.
- Introducing environmental growth opportunities and activities, as appropriate, on Town Council assets.
- Banning the release of balloons/sky lanterns from Town Council land and events.

[Parks and Open Spaces Strategy - Approved 22nd March 2021.pdf \(staustell-tc.gov.uk\)](#)

Grass Cutting Policy

[Tree Planting Policy.pdf \(staustell-tc.gov.uk\)](#)

[Green Spaces Audit and Management Plan - Approved 22nd March 2021compressed.pdf \(staustell-tc.gov.uk\)](#)

Pesticide Use

The Town Council is committed to phasing out the use of pesticides on assets we own or manage (with the exception of use for the control of Schedule 9 plants under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, such as Japanese Knotweed, or

where it is used to reduce material risks to asset integrity) and is exploring alternatives.

Sustainable Travel

The Town Council will:

- Encourage members and officers to car-share, where possible, when a car journey must be made on Council business.
- Promote and support the use of cycling, public footpaths and public transport.
- Ensure all Council vehicles are serviced and maintained to a high standard.
- Explore the use of electric powered vehicles where this is an affordable workable alternative.

Water Management

The Town Council is committed to responsible water management and conservation throughout its operations, which include:

- Encouraging staff, allotment holders and hirers to use water efficiently on Council premises.
- Installing water butts as a non-drinking water source where possible.
- Ensuring staff and users are aware of which materials can be disposed of in waste water.
- Promoting and supporting natural solutions to reduce/reuse surface water run-off in St Austell.

Waste and Re-cycling

The Town Council will:

- Keep waste to a minimum by preventing, reusing, recycling or recovering waste.
- Ensure waste is sorted, stored and disposed of appropriately.
- Minimise use of single-use plastics on Council premises and events.
- Recycle all recyclable waste (where practicable) generated at Council premises and events.
- Promote and encourage recycling across St Austell.
- Use recyclable, compostable and/or recycled products on Council premises.

- Reduce the production of non-recyclable resources such as laminated or plastic based publicity material.
- Minimise the amount of printing and minimise the amount of waste paper.
- Observe our duty of care conscientiously within our waste contracts.
- Utilise electronic communications; councillors to use an opt-in scheme for printing paper documents.
- Minimise and prevent pollution where possible (including light, noise, solids, liquids and chemicals).
- Use composting facilities where possible.

Development

The Town Council will:

- Favour planning applications where the applicant can demonstrate a biodiversity net gain.
- Favour planning applications where buildings are constructed with energy saving features and high levels of sustainability.

Responsible and Sustainable procurement

The Town Council will:

- Source materials and services locally so long as the requirements for value for money and quality are met.
- Ensure that timber, or similar products, used by the Council will be from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified sources.
- Ensure that the evaluation processes for the procurement of goods and services are weighted appropriately to encourage local suppliers thereby promoting the Circular Economy.

Awareness, Lobbying and Partnerships

The Town Council will:

- Promote awareness of, and information about, environmental issues within the community.
- Support, and act as a voice for, local environmental concerns within the community.

- Ensure that all individuals involved in the organisation (including contractors) are aware of their responsibilities in implementing this environmental policy.
- Work with partners, where appropriate, to increase environmental growth within St Austell.

Energy Use

The Town Council will:

- Undertake an audit of its existing energy use.
- Produce a plan on how the Council's energy use can be reduced.
- Procure energy from sustainable sources if economically sound to do so.
- Maximise the use of wind and solar energy on its premises if economically sound to do so.
- Promote use of renewable energy in St Austell.

Circular Economy

The Town Council will:

- Develop policies that encourage the development of a Circular Economy in St Austell.
- Promote and encourage the use of local suppliers in procurement policies.

Review

This policy and its application will be subject to bi-annual review to ensure that it continues to reflect the aims and objectives of St Austell Town Council and promotes continuous environmental improvement throughout the Council's operations.

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Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020 – 2024

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Implement new in-house waste management function.	Town Clerk Deputy Town Clerk Operations Manager Finance and General Purposes Committee	March 2020	New arrangements implemented utilising existing staff with reduced travel compared to previous contract. Will monitor impact of new domestic waste arrangements.	Yes.
Explore the potential to purchase energy from renewable sources for Priory Toilets, Poltair Park and town centre electric point.	Town Clerk Finance and General Purposes Committee	Sept 2025	Library and Poltair Park electrical supplies to be negotiated with renewable energy companies when the market stabilises.	Closely monitoring

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Develop a tree planting programme to complement the Forest for Cornwall	Operations Manager Council	Ongoing	637 trees planted since 2017. All trees planted are logged with Forest for Cornwall. Around 30 trees are being brought on at the Town Council's nursery.	Ongoing
Installation of a polytunnel to allow the re-cycling of plants and growing on of trees/shrubs and creation of a tree nursery.	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Polytunnel well used since 2022 for the growing on of plants and trees.	Fully operational.
Replacement of external lights at The Stable Block with low energy LED lights	Operations Manager Community Committee	February 2021		Complete
Replacement of internal lights in the Committee Room at the Stable Block with low energy LED lights	Operations Manager Community Committee	November 2021		Complete
Installation of rainwater harvesting facility at Alexandra Road allotments	Operations Manager Community Committee	February 2021		Complete

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Establish a small grants scheme for community climate change initiatives or amend existing scheme.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	February 2021	Existing grant criteria reviewed to encourage climate emergency projects.	Complete.
Review horticulture service/employ a horticultural apprentice dependent on workloads.	Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk/ Operations Manager Council	February 2021/ongoing	2 apprentices employed with effect from February 2021. Further apprentice being recruited.	New apprentice started April 2024
Trial of an organic foam based weed solution in the Town Council's parks and car park.	Operations Manager Community Committee	Spring 2021/ongoing	Method is not suitable for all areas across the town and is powered by diesel. Machinery and service proved unreliable.	Trial complete.
Engage with GI4G to maximise improvements in biodiversity through "making space for nature"	Town Clerk/Operations Manager Community Committee	March 2021/ongoing	The Meadows and Cemetery Park schemes were completed and the Town Council have taken on maintenance responsibility for both sites.	Complete and waiting for future opportunities

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Development of a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy	Town Clerk/Operations Manager Community Committee	March 2021/ongoing	Signed off by Council 22.03.21. Review due.	Complete
Develop Environmental Policy based on good practice identified by Cornwall Council.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	April 2021/ongoing	Reviewed and approved July 2022	Complete
Enter one or more parks in the South West in Bloom Pride in Parks competition to demonstrate environment initiatives.	Operations Manager/Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	May 2022/ongoing	Poltair Park entered into the 2023 Pride in Parks competition part of which is judged on sustainability. 3 Stars achieved. Truro Road Park will be entered in 2024.	Truro Road Park achieved a Silver Gilt award
Assist Community Groups to enter SWIB In Your Neighbourhoods	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	July 2022	Community Groups provided opportunity to enter IYN competition 2023. Library & Lostwood Gardens entered.	Ongoing
Install re-cycling bins	Operations Manager Finance & General Purposes Committee	May 2022/ongoing	Poltair Park café now under new management and open for business Tenant actively re-cycling and in contract with BIFFA.	

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Assist the St Austell BID with SWIB BID entry	Operations Manager Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	July 2022	BID have stopped entering due to resource issues.	
Lobby Government and Cornwall Council to introduce subsidised retrofit programmes for housing in deprived areas	Town Clerk Council	December 2021	Cornwall Council and housing associations have taken advantage of funding opportunities.	
Improve planting in Bethel Park.	Operations Manager Council	31 st October 2022	Major improvement scheme completed and further planting to be undertaken Spring 2024.	Wildflower area created at Bethel Park in Spring 2024.
Lobby for improvements to public transport and more flexible hopper/community bus service	Town Clerk Council	Ongoing	Revitalisation Partnership to consider as part of the revitalisation works.	
Procure re-cycled paper for St Austell Library and the office.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	Ongoing	Due to the costs involved, ecolabel paper rather than recycled paper is procured for most uses at the present time.	
Review management and ownership of Gover Woods	Town Clerk	-	Woods sold to a private individual.	

Action	Finance & General Purposes Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Explore ways to reduce paper production.	Town Clerk Council	March 2022/ongoing	A trial was undertaken with the previous administration where 10 Councillors agreed not to receive paper copies of agendas. Councillors to be surveyed soon.	
Street Lights. Explore energy saving measures for Town Council owned street lights.	Operations Manager Finance & General Purposes Committee	Ongoing	Town Council street lights being replaced with LED's on a phased basis. Comprehensive replacement cost prohibitive.	
Community Engagement	Operations Manager Climate & Environment Committee	Ongoing	TC worked closely with CASA. Garden festival and green festival supported. Rotary Club carrying out planting and litter picks across various sites	
Liaise with St Austell BID with regard to the efficiency of the Town Centre Christmas lights.	Deputy Town Clerk Finance and General Purposes Committee	December 2022/ongoing	All Christmas lights are LED and were replaced in 2023.	Complete

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Review composting arrangements and explore the potential to develop own compost.	Operations Manager Climate & Environment Committee	Spring 2022/ongoing	Orchard Car Park identified as a potential site to create formal composting bays. Town Council's future at the Stable Block uncertain due to re-development of the Penwinnick Road site. Awaiting contact from Treveeth.	
Explore carbon accounting for Town Council activities.	Town Clerk Climate & Environment Committee	December 2021/ongoing	Potential solution identified. Insufficient resource currently to complete project. Still to be progressed.	
Investigate and consider installing electric charging point(s) in Priory Car Park	Town Clerk Operations Manager Climate & Environment Committee	February 2022/ongoing	EV charging points installed and operational.	
Explore potential for a cycling facility at The Meadows	Operations Manager Community Committee	February 2022	Project deferred due to budget cuts, limited grant funding and lack of resource.	

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
In order to reduce the need for cash collection, explore the installation of a contactless payment system on at least one of the car park payment machines in Priory Car Park.	Town Clerk Finance & General Purposes Committee	April 2022/ongoing	Contactless payment systems installed February 2024.	
Consider suitable buildings for photovoltaic panels and explore viability	Town Clerk Finance and General Purposes Committee	May 2025	Priory Car Park Toilets identified. Suitability to be determined. Will review resource implications at next budget round.	
Consider how best to engage with the town's residents to raise awareness of climate change issues.	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	Ongoing	Climate Awareness afternoon held in Library. CASA actively promoting. Further library event being planned.	
Enhancement of current wildflower areas	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Wildflower areas maintained at: Penwinnick Road, Daniels Lane, The Meadows and Trenowah Road. The Meadows wildflower areas refreshed October 2023.	Areas have been reseeded in spring 2024

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Identify opportunities for green/climate emergency projects through the Town Revitalisation Partnership	Town Clerk Council	Ongoing	LCWIP completed. Improved planting schemes being designed and accessibility being improved. Rooftop Garden feasibility being thoroughly tested.	Awaiting update from CC
Follow a buy local policy to support local businesses and reduce miles travelled by goods.	All officers Council	Ongoing	Unless mitigating factors prevail, local suppliers and contractors are used.	
Improvement of Multi Use Trails	All officers Council	Ongoing	Signage improved by Sustrans and Rotary Club in partnership with Town Council. Trail at Tremena Gardens improved. LCWIP completed. eBikes introduced.	

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Provision for re-cycling	Deputy Town Clerk Council	Ongoing	Contract held with Biffa. Recycling of cardboard and plastics on a fortnightly basis for both the office and library. Shrubs and plants recycled where possible. Wood from Poltair pavilion and Lostwood Garden recycled.	
To keep grass cutting, wildflower and tree planting policies under review to support pollinators and carbon sequestration.	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Grass cutting policy reviewed in September 2022. Tree watering systems acquired to save water and watering.	
Provision of battery operated grounds maintenance equipment	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Battery operated blower acquired and being evaluated.	
Engagement with young people to encourage environmental issues	Deputy Town Clerk Community Committee	Ongoing	Litter picks in Poltair Park and new litter bin purchased for the park on the recommendation of Young People Cornwall. Youth forum and Library garden project being developed with YPC.	

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Environmental activities with regard to Town Council maintained public rights of way	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Maintenance work being absorbed by the Council workforce to reduce travel and carbon emissions.	
Creation of Truro Road Park – Friends Group	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Truro Road Friends Group resurrected and involved in improvement projects for the park. Recycling shrubs from Lostwood Garden to Truro Road.	Friends Group achieved a Silver Gilt award in the Pride in Parks competition in 2023
Landrew Road community garden	Operations Manager Community Committee	Ongoing	Growing group of volunteers at the garden. Compost toilet created, covered area erected utilising re-claimed wood and regular composting at the site	
Planning & Regeneration Committee to look favourably on planning applications where it can be demonstrated that consideration has been given to the impact the proposal has on the environment and mitigating actions put in place.	Town Clerk Planning & Regeneration Committee	Ongoing	National policy changes introduced regarding biodiversity. Committee has raised environmental concerns and issues for a number of planning applications.	

Action	Responsible Officer/Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Purchase re-cycled material where possible	Steve Skinner Operations Manager	Ongoing	All new benches, tables and safety surfacing in parks are now made from recycled materials.	
Explore efficient ways to provide assistance in terms of warmth, shelter and food for the disadvantaged.	Sara Gwilliams Deputy Town Clerk	Winter 2022/23	<p>St Austell Library engaged with NHS and Volunteer Cornwall to support the Safe Space and Warm Space initiatives.</p> <p>Small Grants Scheme terms and conditions reviewed to permit revenue expenditure such as energy costs to funded for voluntary groups.</p>	Complete

Action	Responsible Officer / Committee	Deadline	Progress	Complete
Repairing play equipment rather than buying new.	Steve Skinner Community Committee	Ongoing	Winter maintenance includes comprehensive repairs and servicing which should extend the life of play equipment. Local engineering company used to manufacture some parts.	
Creation of bat shelter in Poltair Park.	Steve Skinner Community Committee	February 2024	Work nearing completion.	
Identify a suitable space in Priory Car Park for electric bikes to be located.	Steve Skinner Community Committee	Spring 2023	Beryl Bikes rolled out in St Austell by Cornwall Council in April 2023. Space in Priory Car Park identified, and line removal/re-lining carried out to allow the bikes to be picked up/dropped off in that location.	Complete

