

Environment Annual Report

2017/2018

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Executive Summary

This is the first annual progress report for the Environment Action Plans (2017-2020). The plans are based on the internationally recognised concept of living within the resources of one planet, a vision of a sustainable world where people lead healthy, happy lives within their fair share of the earth's resources.

There are a total of 84 targets included within the two plans, of which 39 are city wide targets and 45 relate specifically to the Council itself. The progress of these targets, detailed in the following report, predominantly cover the period up to the end of December 2018 unless more recent information was available. Of these targets, 65 have a status of 'green' which means that they have been achieved, 12 are 'amber' which indicates that they have been partially achieved and 2 are 'red' which means they have not been achieved by the end of 2020. There are 5 targets where the data is unavailable.

This report provides a detailed breakdown against each of the targets included within the plan. It also, on a theme by theme basis, provides details of other initiatives that have taken place in the city which support the corresponding theme.

Overachieving targets

- **Land Use and Wildlife:** Increase the number of local sites in positive management to 82% and maintain going forwards. Status: 83% with 91 out of 110 sites currently considered to be in positive management.
- **Zero Waste:** Queensgate will increase its recycling/reuse rate to 95%. Status: 99%.
- **Zero Waste:** Skanska will divert 95% of waste from landfill and will work with their supply chain to minimise waste. Status: 98.2%.
- **Equity & the local economy:** Peterborough Environment City Trust will engage with 1,000 organisations to make eco improvements and encourage 200 volunteers to get involved with their work. Status: engaged with over 2,000 local organisations to date.
- **Equity & the local economy:** Seek to promote the uptake of apprenticeships. Status: 31 apprenticeships, exceeding target uptake of 12.

Underachieving targets

- **Sustainable Materials:** In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 31% of total aggregate sales will be comprised of secondary and recycled aggregates. Status: 10%.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** Increase the proportion of physically active adults in Peterborough to match the rest of England. Status: disparity between Peterborough and England increased from 4.1 to 4.9 percentage points.

Zero Carbon Energy

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary																							
Reduce per capita CO ₂ emissions to 4.5 tonnes	Green	Data published by the Department for Energy and Climate Change in 2018 shows that per capita CO ₂ emissions in Peterborough are 5.1 tonnes per capita. Whilst this is higher than the East of England average (4.9), England (4.6) and National (4.7) it still reflects a positive downward trend. Each year when this data is published historic data is also reviewed. This can lead to alterations in historic data and therefore one reporting year cannot directly be compared to preceding years. As such this target is on track to be achieved by 2020																							
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Peterborough Environment City Trust will provide energy advice support to 2,000 households	Green	Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) are on track to achieve this target by 2020. To date they have engaged with 1,657 households' across the city, providing support and expertise to help people reduce energy consumption within the home.																							
100% of schools in the area will be offered specialist support to embed sustainability via PECT	Green	PECT are on track to achieve this target by 2020 with a 97% engagement rate across Peterborough schools, offering support to embed sustainability into their organisations.																							
Seek to take advantage of grant funding to increase energy efficiency and the uptake of renewable energy	Green	Efforts are made to continue to seek opportunities but no funding is currently available.																							
Queensgate will reduce its energy use by a further 5%	Green	Significant progress has been made by Queensgate in relation to this target. Most recently the shopping centre has fully fitted their mall interior with energy efficient LED lighting.																							

Council wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Establish a CO ₂ baseline relevant to Fletton Quays and set a target for	Green	The Council moved into its new offices at Fletton Quays during the summer of 2018. Now that the offices are occupied data is being gathered in order to establish the baseline level of energy consumption. When a full baseline has been established this will then be reviewed and a reduction target established.

reduction relative to the city's growth aspirations		
Maintain our 'Green' rating with Investors in the Environment	Green	The Council has been awarded the highest Investors in the Environment recognition, Green level award, for the 5th year in succession.
Fletton Quays office to meet BREEAM 'very good' standard	Green	The Fletton Quays office has been awarded BREEAM very good standard, for demonstrating advanced good practice and sits within the top 25% of UK new non-domestic buildings.
Take advantage of funding streams and the Honeywell Framework to increase energy efficiency/ renewable energy	Amber	A Council wide review of corporate projects is currently underway and this will inform further action that is undertaken.
Upgrade 17,000 street lights to energy efficient LEDs	Green	This project is on track to deliver with the majority of work anticipated to be complete by the end of March 2019. Data is in the process of being collated in order to ascertain how this has impacted the overall level of energy consumption across the Council.

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- The council's Home Service Delivery Team has teamed up with eight other authorities and consortium partner AgilityEco to secure more than £6.5 million of funding from the Warm Homes Fund alongside other sources. This will enable almost 1,500 households to get a new free first time central heating system, in homes that are currently heated by inefficient electric storage heaters, room heaters or open fires.
- CityFibre has committed to invest at least £30 million in an infrastructure project which will extend its fibre network to nearly every home and business in the city. When applied to Peterborough, this city- wide fibre roll-out could unlock huge economic growth exceeding £700 million in Gross Value Added (GVA) over the next 15 years.
- Cambridgeshire County Council have submitted a planning application to create a solar farm in Stanground and Woodston. If approved this will be the first operation of its type, with the larger site at Stanground able to generate electricity equivalent to that used by around 650 homes.
- Small and medium sized businesses across the region have taken steps to improve their energy efficiency and cut costs, with help from the Business Energy Efficiency (BEE) programme. Since the programme's BEE has already supported 36 SMEs to help cut their carbon and identified over £200,000 in savings. Using funding secured from the European Regional Development Fund, BEE offers a free service to help organisations identify energy saving opportunities. Businesses can also invest in capital projects that implement energy efficiency measures, with grants available up to a maximum of £20,000.

Sustainable Water

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
New homes to be of the highest water efficiency standard	Green	The emerging Local Plan introduces the optional national standard relating to water efficiency measures in new houses. This standard seeks to minimise impact on the water environment. By introducing this optional standard the aim is to reduce the average occupier's use of water down from 125 to 110 litres per day.
Nenescape will deliver a programme of activity to protect and promote the nature and heritage of the Nene Valley	Green	The delivery of this programme is well underway with the substructure for the boardwalk completed in November 2018. This boardwalk feature is on schedule to open to the public in Spring 2019.
Deliver physical and behaviour change activities within the Werrington Brook catchment to improve water quality	Green	Substantial progress has been made with two stretches of river improvements completed in May 2018. These and former achievements have led to the project being short listed for Big Biodiversity and Project Excellence Awards, and receiving an Environmental Award from Werrington Neighbourhood Council.
Anglian Water aim to reduce household water consumption to 125 litres per person per day and increase the number of Peterborough households on metered supply to 86%	No data available	Unfortunately we have been unable to obtain this information from Anglian Water.

Council wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Establish a baseline for the council's water consumption relevant to Fletton Quays and set a target for reduction	Green	The Council moved into its new offices at Fletton Quays during the summer of 2018. Now that the offices are occupied data is being gathered in order to establish the baseline level of water consumption. When a full baseline has been established this will then be reviewed and a reduction target established.
Seek to include SuDS in all appropriate public realm and highways design schemes across the city	Green	Opportunities to undertake this work are continually identified. A recent example is Fletton Quays where SuDS were successfully incorporated into the public realm and highways design schemes.
Skanska will establish a baseline for water consumption and set a target to reduce potable water	Green	A baseline has now been established and a target for reduction set. To date there has been a 2% reduction in water consumption which is primarily attributable to the installation of a rainwater harvesting system.
Design the new offices at Fletton Quays to minimise	Green	This target has been achieved, with design features such as low flow taps and showers with timed operation

water consumption e.g. low flow taps		incorporated into the water consumption aspects of the office space.
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Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- The Werrington Brook Improvements Project is now in its 5th year of a seven year programme, looking at ways of holistically improving a sub-catchment of the River Welland. It involves physical works to the river, tackling a wide range of pollutants at source, and working towards behavioural change for communities and businesses. Most recently, significant work has been carried out on the Werrington Brook with the aim of improving the water quality, biodiversity and natural habitat of the urban watercourse adjacent to Aubretia Avenue. This involved a successful redesign of a previously straight section of brook, which, as well as providing a more natural meandering look, has improved the way that the brook naturally functions, restoring it to how nature intended. The new natural river features will help to clean the water, create new habitats, allow extra space for water during times of flood and provide a more pleasant space for all to enjoy. One of the new features installed is an offline wetland pond. This is the first of a potential three wetlands to be installed, subject to their success and approval by the local residents given the close proximity to their properties. The wetland is designed to intercept the surface water runoff from the highway, car parks and other hard surfaces that is discharged via the Anglian water outlet. This water is then redirected, via the new wetland pond, into the Werrington Brook. The pond is soon to be planted with reeds and marginal plants. The planting of specific plants/vegetation within the wetland helps to strip the pollutants and hydrocarbons from the surface water. Additionally, when silt is deposited into the wetland it can be easily removed from a designated spot, rather than being carried along the Brook by the flow of water. Overall, the new wetland is helping to improve the water quality in Werrington Brook and Cuckoo's Hollow, but also further downstream.
- The Council's drainage team has been awarded a prestigious recognition at the Susdrain SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) Awards for effective surface water management after designing and installing an innovative permeable paving system, which is helping to prevent flooding in Fleetwood Crescent, in the city's Eastfield area.
- The Environment Agency and the Council's Sustainable Drainage Team were nominated for the 'National ICE Peoples' Choice Award' and were shortlisted for the British Construction Industry Award's 'Infrastructure Maintenance Project of the Year'.
- The Council's Sustainable Drainage Team began a Yellow Fish Campaign, which helps to spread the message of "Only Rain Down the Drain". The project involved installing drain markers and painting yellow fish symbols next to road drains in the Gunthorpe and Werrington areas. Drain art was also installed on footpaths outside the Norwood and Werrington primary schools, following a design competition with the school's children. The objective was to help passers-by understand that any water (and pollution) that goes down the drain will end up in the local rivers, streams and brooks. The campaign hopes to prevent the polluting and blockage of drains, helping to improve our rivers and ensuring the environment can be enjoyed by everyone, including the its natural inhabitants.
- The Nenescape Landscape Partnership, which aims to celebrate, protect and conserve the natural and built heritage of the landscape, celebrated its first year in December 2018. Since inception it has ecologically restored 1.5km of rivers, completed a biodiversity study and built 200m of boardwalk substructure at Nene Park.

Land Use and Wildlife

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Increase the number of local sites in positive management to 82% and maintain going forwards	Green	This target is currently being exceeded at 83% with 91 out of 110 sites are currently considered to be in positive management.
Plant 24,000 trees in specific parts of the city to increase canopy cover as part of the Forest for Peterborough project	Green	The work carried out by PECT has seen 108,115 trees planted to date. For this approximately 3,142 volunteers have provided their time, and these trees are estimated to have saved 1,200 tonnes of carbon.
Seek funding to develop a natural capital budget for the city	Green	Efforts are made to continue to seek opportunities but no funding is currently available.
Subject to funding designate two new local nature reserves	Amber	A site management plan is currently being developed for a potential local nature reserve with the intention that this will be progressed in 2019, subject to securing adequate funding.
Champion net biodiversity gain in new developments	Green	The Councils Wildlife Officer promotes net gain in all relevant planning applications which is supported by the strengthened wording in the new National Planning Policy Framework and will be reflected in Peterborough's new Local Plan. Natural Cambridgeshire has recently launched its Developing with Nature Toolkit which the Council will seek to promote.

Council wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Increase the number of sites in positive management to 82% and maintain going forwards	Green	This target is currently being exceeded at 83% with 91 out of 110 sites are currently considered to be in positive management.
Develop a biodiversity area at the Fletton Quays site	Amber	A management plan is currently being drafted for this site. In the meantime a sand martin nest feature has been installed and a new otter holt and bat roost will follow.
Skanska are seeking to increase overall biodiversity levels across all of their highway schemes	Green	Work is underway to trial a new 'No Net Loss' Biodiversity Tool across specific projects in the area.
Subject to funding designate two new local nature reserves	Amber	A site management plan is currently being developed for a potential local nature reserve with the intention that this will be progressed in 2019, subject to securing adequate funding.

Support Nene Park Trust to develop their city centre offer	Amber	The council continues to consider options to work with Nene Park Trust to extend their offer into the City Centre. This is currently focussing on the open spaces in the Can-Do area as part of a £7.5 million regeneration programme.
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Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- For the Growing Communities project, PECT and the local community group Community First, have worked alongside hundreds of volunteers to enhance and maintain communal green spaces in the Gladstone area. To date they have successfully transformed 20 green spaces. This has brought together volunteers from local schools, community groups and businesses in the area to learn about horticulture, gain knowledge and appreciation of nature and to give them something positive to do within their neighbourhood. The project has also helped increase awareness of litter and anti-social behaviour in the area. As part of the project legacy, a new group has formed to target the litter issues, holding regular litter picks and raising awareness.
- The Council, in conjunction with Gladstone Connect and the local community, have successfully applied for a WREN grant of just over £97,000 to establish a new park. WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund. The new urban park has been created in a green space between Gladstone Street and Bourges Boulevard, and provides an adventure trail, playground, and table tennis facilities to its city centre community.
- Central Park in Peterborough has been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as one of the very best in the country. The park is among a record-breaking 1,883 UK parks and green spaces to receive a prestigious Green Flag Award – the mark of a quality park or green space. It is the 16th consecutive year that the park, which is maintained by Amey on behalf of the council, has won the award. This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.
- The Council's Biodiversity Strategy was approved by full council on 12 December 2018 and adopted as part of the Council's major policy framework. Its vision is to create an ecological network across Peterborough that is rich in wildlife, providing connectivity of valuable habitats between areas of high quality natural green spaces, delivering multiple benefits to both people and wildlife, whilst enabling the city to grow sustainably and providing a high quality of life for all.
- The Nenescape Landscape Partnership, which aims to celebrate, protect and conserve the natural and built heritage of the landscape, celebrated its first year in December 2018. Since inception it has created 430 square metres of new scrape habitat, completed a biodiversity study of the Greenway in Rushden, provided meadow ecology training to fifteen individuals.

Sustainable Materials

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Support Peterborough's ambition to become a circular city through active collaboration, partnership and shared insight	Green	Work, delivered in partnership by the Council and Opportunity Peterborough, continues in order to create a truly circular city in Peterborough. Highlights include: the publication of a roadmap detailing how progress can be made and measured towards the city's circular goals; a national conference with over 100 attendees; and, a number of workshops with local stakeholders on topics including food, drink and agriculture.
In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 31% of total aggregate sales will be comprised of secondary and recycled aggregates	Red	Secondary and recycled aggregate sales as a percentage of total aggregate sales stands at 10% for 2017. However it should be noted in reality this will be a much higher figure than that which is recorded. This is due to the fact that construction, demolition and excavation wastes are often sorted, recycled and then re-used onsite during construction projects, and are therefore not being recorded as sales.
80% of Skanska's procurement will be from the Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough LEP area	Amber	During the 2018/19 year the procurement undertaken within the LEP area fell just short of the target at 76%. There were a number of factors involved in this including the relocation of some key suppliers. Work is underway to review this target and identify the most suitable geographic boundary.

Council wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Support the city to develop circular economy approaches and ascertain the feasibility of becoming the UK's first circular city	Green	Work, delivered in partnership by the Council and Opportunity Peterborough, continues in order to create a truly circular city in Peterborough. Highlights include: the publication of a roadmap detailing how progress can be made and measured towards the city's circular goals; a national conference with over 100 attendees; and, a number of workshops with local stakeholders on topics including food, drink and agriculture.
80% of Skanska's procurement will be from the Greater Cambridgeshire Greater Peterborough LEP area	Amber	During the 2018/19 year the procurement undertaken within the LEP area fell just short of the target at 76%. There were a number of factors involved in this including the relocation of some key suppliers. Work is underway to review this target and identify the most suitable geographic boundary.
Develop a sustainable procurement policy and seek to increase opportunities for local SME's in our supply chain	Green	The 'Peterborough Contractors Framework' was developed and launched in early 2017. The aim of this framework was to provide SME contractors with a local base or operation the opportunity to secure construction related work with the Council. There are nine local

		organisations participating in the framework and since launch up to 10 contracts have been awarded.
Seek to minimise the environmental impact of new ICT	Green	There is continued commitment to minimising the environmental impact of new ICT with within the council, with the policy of recycling 100% of defunct ICT equipment and the use of efficient materials wherever possible.

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- Anglian Water becomes the first water company to announce a radical commitment to rid the East of England of plastic waste by 2030. This ambitious pledge outlines how the water company will lead the way in bringing together a task force of big business, manufacturers, retailers and suppliers from across the region to tackle problem plastics across their whole life-cycle; from manufacture to disposal. Research conducted by Anglian Water showed its customers were greatly concerned about the impact microplastics are having on the environment and revealed overwhelming support for developing a better understanding of the types of microplastics that end up in rivers and seas.
- The Circular Peterborough programme was included in the World Economic Forum's report on Circular Economy in Cities. The programme's collaborative approach, engaging with a wide range of stakeholders across sectors, was highlighted as an example of best practice internationally. This collaborative approach remains at the heart of the programme, with the Future Peterborough team running a series of workshops to co-create demonstration projects to be included in Peterborough's Circular City Roadmap. This Roadmap will provide a short term action plan to direct the city's progress to ensuring that by 2050 Peterborough is operating as a truly circular city: maximising the full potential of its resources and reconnecting people, places, businesses, organisations and communities.
- The Share Peterborough platform was given special recognition in the environmental services category at the Local Government Chronicles Awards. From among eight shortlisted candidates, Share Peterborough, was given special recognition in the environmental services category. The free sharing platform allows local businesses to share and find resources across the city, from finding a new home for old office furniture, sharing skills, right through to sourcing meeting spaces.

Local and Sustainable Food

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Achieve Fairtrade city status	Green	Fairtrade Peterborough continues to work within the city to promote Fairtrade with information and events. Now well established in the city, the application for Fairtrade City Status is in its final stages, with the expectation being to formally apply in early 2019.
Seek funding to introduce a scheme to identify and promote restaurants and food outlets offering local and sustainable food	Green	Efforts are made to continue to seek opportunities but no funding is currently available.
Actively promote the conservation and wise use of productive land	Green	The emerging Local Plan includes a policy which requires that proposals should “protect the best and most versatile agricultural land so as to protect opportunities for food production and the continuance of the agricultural economy”. In practice this means that the impacts of ongoing agricultural operations have been minimised through use of appropriate design solutions; and where feasible, once any development which is permitted has ceased its useful life, the land will be restored to its former use, and will be of at least equal quality to that which existed prior to the development taking place.

Council wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Seek funding to introduce a scheme to identify and promote restaurants and food outlets offering local and sustainable food	Green	Efforts are made to continue to seek opportunities but no funding is currently available.
100% of the food purchased by Skanska will be Fairtrade and/or locally sourced	Green	Skanska ensures all coffee and tea is procured from Fairtrade brands as standard. Any catering for meetings are also sourced from local caterers.
Skanska will introduce food growing areas for staff	Green	Progress for implementation of this target is on track with Skanska’s nominated Green Champion staff members leading on introducing food growing areas.
Promote local and sustainable food to employees through the annual 'Boost your Wellbeing' campaign	Green	Recent 'Boost' events have included the promotion of local and sustainable food. Future wellbeing interventions are being reviewed to ensure their continued effectiveness.

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- The innovative local food waste project, CommUNITY Meet & Eat, has been shortlisted as a finalist in The Green Gown Awards. Hosted by Peterborough City College, these events build community through offering shared three course meals made from produce that would have otherwise gone to waste. The Green Gown Awards seek to recognise exceptional sustainability initiatives that are being undertaken by universities, colleges across the UK.
- FoodCycle, a national charity that combines volunteers, surplus food and spare kitchen spaces to create tasty, nutritious meals for people at risk of food poverty and social isolation, has been successfully running a hub in Peterborough since 2016. Over this time they have contributed to the 1 million meals FoodCycle has provided nationwide.
- The first vegan fair has been held in Peterborough. Thrive, a not-for-profit organisation, ran a successful event in Christmas 2018, offering sustainable produce and items. Visitor numbers were thought to be in the thousands with many items selling out early on.
- Fairtrade Peterborough, a council supported volunteer group, continue to progress Peterborough towards Fairtrade City Status, an internationally recognised award for areas that demonstrate exceptional commitment to the promotion of Fairtrade. Thanks to the efforts of this group, as of December 2018, there are 23 retail outlets and 15 catering outlets within the city providing a range of Fairtrade products, as well as 20 churches who have declared a commitment to promote and use Fairtrade within their places of worship. These and other successes mean that the group is shortly to formally apply for Fairtrade City Status, with an expectation that this will be awarded within 2019.

Zero Waste

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Build a new household recycling centre	Green	This target has been achieved with the opening of a brand new centre at Fengate. At more than twice the size of the former centre, the site will initially take a wider range of materials including mobile phones, spectacles, ink cartridges, books, CDs and DVDs. The recycling of these less often recovered items will be regularly reviewed to include further materials as they become viable.
Seek funding to develop an action plan to reduce landfill of non-municipal waste (i.e. non-domestic)	Green	Efforts are made to continue to seek opportunities but no funding is currently available.
Seek to achieve zero waste to landfill.	Amber	Although currently there is a reduction in waste to landfill since this plan's inception from 2.7% down to 2.2%, this is still at a lower rate than would be ideal to achieve zero waste by 2020.
Queensgate will increase its recycling/reuse rate to 95%	Green	This target is being exceeded, with Queensgate achieving an exceptional rate of 99% waste recycling / reuse within its operation.

Council wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Skanska will divert 95% of waste from landfill and will work with their supply chain to minimise waste	Green	Skanska have exceeded this target and are currently delivering an excellent rate of 98.2% diversion of waste from landfill.
Baseline the council's waste relevant to Fletton Quays and develop a target for reduction	Green	The Council moved into its new offices at Fletton Quays during the summer of 2018. Now that the offices are occupied data is being gathered in order to establish the baseline level of waste production. When a full baseline has been established this will then be reviewed and a reduction target established.
Run an annual zero waste week for staff	Green	During the latest Zero Waste Week, which took place between 3 rd and 9 th September 2018, the council ran a staff wide campaign. This involved daily communications on aspects of recycling, zero waste challenged and pledges from key members of the council.
Continue to offer used battery collection at key council offices	Green	The council continues its commitment to offering staff a battery collection service, and has added collection points to key areas within its new offices at Sand Martin House.

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- PECT have launched Project Refill in Peterborough. The campaign aims to reduce plastic waste and single-use plastic bottles by encouraging local venues, businesses and establishments to sign up to the scheme and offer passers by the chance to refill their reusable water bottles with free tap water. Over 40 local businesses and several national chains are supporting the campaign and offering free refills within their establishments.
- Peterborough Highway Services have been nominated for a number of awards following its innovation and commitment to the use of sustainable materials and in reducing carbon. This included a Green Apple award for using low temperature asphalt and a Green Apple award for using recycled tyres as a sub-base in road construction.
- The Council took part in Zero Waste Week 2018, an annual campaign that takes place in the first week of September every year. The goal is to get people, businesses and local authorities to think about the environmental impact of waste and empower them to reduce it. Ultimately, waste is a global issue that requires all individuals, organisations and governments to reduce the amount of waste they create further than beyond just this week. Everyone can do their part and even the smallest of things make a difference.
- The eco achievements of local and regional businesses have been brought into the spotlight with the East region Investors in the Environment (iiE) Awards, which were held at the Bull Hotel in Peterborough's city centre. iiE is a national environmental accreditation scheme that is designed to help businesses save money, reduce their impact on the environment, and promote positive corporate social responsibility (CSR). The iiE Awards is an annual opportunity for both members and non-members of the iiE scheme to come together to celebrate their environmental achievements over the past year and get inspired to go even further. By achieving an accolade such as the Green Award, it reflects their level of commitment to the environment and to local communities.

Sustainable Transport

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Increase the number of active business travel plans to 97 and school travel plans to 43	Green	There are 65 business Travel Plans on file. Although 31 need to be updated to be classed as active. This process should now be easier as the Council has rolled out a new Travel Plan Toolkit and template to the businesses. There are 39 school Travel Plans on record - of which 16 need further review and updates with latest travel mode data. The Council are also currently working with 6 schools to develop their Travel Plan (this is part of the planning process). The additional 6 plans should be completed by March 2019.
Increase the number of people who walk and who cycle at least three times per week by 1% annually	No data available	Unfortunately the National Travel Survey, which informs this target, has yet to be published.
Increase the percentage of people satisfied with cycle routes and facilities in the city from 58% to 62%	Green	There has been a slight decrease in the percentage of people satisfied (57%), however overall this target is still expected to be achieved within timeframe.
Seek to improve sustainable transport connections across the Greater Peterborough area	Green	This target is on track, with highway improvement work underway to improve sustainable travel options.

Council wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Continue to seek funding to support citywide sustainable transport initiatives	Green	Work continues to secure extra funding where such opportunities exist. An example of this includes a successful application to install electric charging points for taxi and private hire cars.
Undertake an annual staff travel survey	Green	The latest staff survey was completed in November 2018 after the Council relocated to Fletton Quays. This ensured travel routes and methods to these new offices was captured.
Decrease the number of employees traveling to work in single occupancy cars by 5% from a baseline of 64%	Green	Since the move to Fletton Quays there has been a drop in car trips. The latest survey details that 45.7% of staff travel to the office by car (driver), a reduction from 65.2% in April 2018.
Skanska will reduce the number of work-related single occupancy car	Green	Work is underway to develop a mechanism to monitor this measure.

journeys by 70% over the life of their contract		
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Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- Four new electric licensed vehicle charging points are set to be installed in Peterborough following a successful funding bid. The Council will receive £90,000 from the Department for Transport as part of the Government's 'Road to Zero' initiative to equip towns and cities for more electric vehicles.
- A newly built community car park next to Lime Academy Abbotsmede, Eastfield has been designed to help pupils get to class safely. Footprints have been painted on the pavement leading from the car park to the school so that parents who are unable to walk, cycle or scoot to school the car park will act as a 'Park and Stride' site, providing a safe and secure drop off location. The car park has also been designed using a sustainable urban drainage system (SUDS) which effectively drains rain water away, helping to prevent flooding and the pavements have been made using an innovative new product made from recycled car tyres.
- The council's Travelchoice team are collaborating on a scheme which aims to implement user centric solutions that will enable blind and partially sighted people to safely and independently access goods and services within the city centre. The Connecting Peterborough scheme will make practical use of newly emerging digital technology to provide real time, two-way, journey information directly to visually impaired users, allowing them easier access around Peterborough City Centre. In addition it will provide staff and visitors to the new RNIB head office in the city centre safe, accessible routes from the main transport hubs (Rail and Bus Stations). This will improve accessibility for up to 425 people per week and act as a flagship project enabling the RNIB to showcase and generate an interest in this technology to enable widespread nationwide deployment.
- The council has committed to retain Rhubarb Bridge with a range of works which hope to extend its life for a further decade. The project, which will see structural repairs made to the bridge, is being carried out by Skanska on behalf of the Council and will run until winter 2019. As well as the bridge repairs, a signalised pedestrian crossing and ground-level footpath across the roundabout will be installed. Upgrades to street lighting and traffic signals at the junction will also be carried out.
- The council has been ranked as the top highway and transport authority in eastern region for the second year in a row. The authority scored highly in the 2018 National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey which asked residents across the country for their views on highway and transport services. The NHT conducts the survey each year to determine public satisfaction on service delivered by local authorities. Peterborough was ranked as the best highways authority in the east and nationally scored an above average satisfaction rating.

Culture and Heritage

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Seek to celebrate heritage in all public realm and highway design schemes across the city	Green	Peterborough continues its commitment to celebrate heritage across the city. In 2017 the final work for the £2.1 million Lower Bridge Street project saw four pieces of public art installed to celebrate the life of Henry Penn, an important historic local figure who had a foundry at this site near the river over 300 years ago.
Environmental charity PECT will give support to 10 community groups and engage 30,000 people a year on environmental issues	Green	Unfortunately we have been unable to obtain information for this target.
Through the Culture Strategy raise the profile of culture, increase participation and visitor numbers	No data available	Unfortunately we have been unable to obtain information for this target.

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Refurbish two listed rail buildings and develop the mill as a new hub for culture and the arts at Fletton Quays	Amber	There is partial delivery on this target as some initial plans have altered. Funding to develop the Mill is no longer available, and therefore the building will now be sold to recoup the council's purchase costs. However, the old engine shed has been successfully renovated and now houses council staff.
Continue to work with local stakeholders to be able to offer discounts to local events, venues and companies for Peterborough City Council staff	Green	Opportunities for staff continue to be promoted on the Council's Intranet. In addition a small tuck shop has been established at Sand Martin House with all profit donated to local charities.
We will promote environmental initiatives as appropriate	Green	The Environment Capital eNewsletter is published regularly, promoting environmental news from across the city.

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- Nene Park continues to run a full and varied programme of events designed to engage young and old alike. Details of all of their events can be found at: <https://www.nenepark.org.uk/visit-us/things-to-do>
- The successful restoration of the historic engine sheds has created an innovative business location for council staff and visitors. The former railway station site, Fletton Quays, presented a number of planning challenges that have prevented development over the years. However, carefully selected materials have been used on the building facades and aesthetic touches have been added in the public realm, including incorporating railway tracks in the paved areas and retaining a train turntable effect in a landscaped area. The whole scheme delivers 21st century standards while retaining a listed building. The public realm embodies both the aspirations of the Fletton Quays redevelopment and the site's unique history. The Nenescape Landscape Partnership, which aims to celebrate, protect and conserve the natural and built heritage of the landscape, celebrated its first year in December 2018. Since inception it has created a Heritage Audit of Nene Park, distributed £11,343 to six local heritage organisations for small projects to tell the story of the Nene Valley, and received 233 contributions to the '900 Voices of the Nene' online archive.
- Tudor history was showcased at the 2019 Katharine of Aragon Festival to mark the date in January 1536 when King Henry VIII's first wife was buried at Peterborough Abbey, having died in exile at Kimbolton Castle. She rests at the Cathedral to this day. The Festival programme included a talk by the bestselling historian and author Tracy Borman at the John Clare Theatre, Tudor history tours of the city and cathedral, drop-in living history days for families at Vivacity Peterborough Museum and a candlelit 'Merrie Tudor Evening' with hog roast and period musicians at the cathedral. Since Vivacity brought Luke Jerram's The Museum of the Moon to Peterborough Cathedral, it has fascinated and enthralled visitors, attracting a staggering 40,000 over the course of its 10 day showing. Vivacity, who presented the Museum of the Moon with support from Without Walls, staged a number of free performances during the exhibition week, including a spectacular dance show by Humanhood and Akademi at the opening event, Kindred Drama and Peterborough Opera, and Anna Mudeka. Seeing the Moon in the beautiful surroundings of the Cathedral has proved a tremendous draw, with a number of people visiting more than once. Tim Peake was the guest of honour at a special launch night for the installation of Tim Peake's Spacecraft, presented by Samsung and the Science Museum Group, at Peterborough Cathedral on Friday evening (10th August). He was joined at the event by 380 invited guests, including Dame Mary Archer, Chairman of the Science Museum Group, Ian Blatchford, Director of the Science Museum Group, and the Dean of Peterborough, the Very Reverend Chris Dalliston. Following the speeches, guests were invited to view the Soyuz spacecraft, as-well as its 25m parachute displayed directly above the spacecraft and Tim Peake's own Sokol spacesuit. They also enjoyed a unique virtual reality experience – Space Descent VR, presented by the Science Museum Group and supported by Samsung. This traces Tim Peake's 250-mile journey back to earth inside the Soyuz capsule. Tim Peake's Spacecraft was on a national tour to eight cities around the UK. In March, Peterborough Cathedral won an open competition to be being the sixth venue on the tour.

- Peterborough has been awarded over £1m from government to fund services that continue to bring communities of all backgrounds together. The national scheme seeks to boost opportunities for young people, improve opportunities for work and continue to develop community cohesion. Peterborough was approached due to the strength of our community partnerships and the work that has been carried out in recent years to bring people together and make our city truly cohesive. Our city's population is diverse and people from across the UK and the world have brought rich cultural backgrounds and skills to Peterborough. This has helped to make Peterborough a city of opportunity where everyone, regardless of their background, can prosper. Having a rapidly increasing population also creates challenges. Demand for council services and housing has dramatically increased in recent years whilst funding from central government has been severely cut, forcing the authority to make efficiency savings whilst protecting vital services. Since the announcement was made, the council has been working with partners to develop new services under three main themes - economic opportunity, bringing communities together and young people. Activities will include increased support for people wanting to take part in volunteering opportunities, a new civil society alliance called 'Peterborough Citizens', integrated community grants, strengthening the work of Peterborough's youth council, developing a youth interfaith council, and careers and job fairs in community spaces.

Equity and Local Economy

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Seek opportunities to commercialise Share Peterborough in order to sustain and grow the B2B platform	Amber	Provisional work has been carried out to refine the online platform, to make user experience easier and more accessible. Efforts are being made to continue to seek opportunities for commercialisation.
PECT will engage with 1,000 organisations to make eco improvements and encourage 200 volunteers to get involved with their work	Green	PECT are exceeding this target, as they have engaged with over 2,000 local organisations to date. With continued commitment to this project, the final figure is expected to be much higher.
Development proposals of 15 or more dwellings should provide a minimum of 30% affordable housing	Amber	This target is addressed in the House Needs Policy, which forms part of the emerging Local Plan. However, if there are proven viability issues associated with delivering a site, a reduced percentage of affordable housing provision on site may be negotiated or a commuted sum payment agreed. This can particularly occur with larger strategic sites that have high infrastructure costs.
Peterborough will have an awarding university	Green	The new University of Peterborough remains on track to open in 2022, and become fully independent in 2025.

Council wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Seek to promote the uptake of apprenticeships	Green	This target is currently being exceeded, with an uptake of 31 apprenticeships, well over the target of 12 positions. A continued focus on awareness and marketing of apprenticeships has resulted in a significantly improved uptake
Support work placements and work experience opportunities, as appropriate, across the organisation	Amber	The main focus on the recruitment of Apprenticeships has impacted the ability to take on work placements. Agile working means that staff are working off site which makes it more difficult to support a student in the office.
Continue to pay the Peterborough Living Wage	Green	Council salaries have increased above the previously agreed Peterborough Living Wage, and therefore this target can be considered successfully completed.
Maintain the Disability Confident accreditation	Green	The council is fully signed up to this scheme and is now working on incorporating it into its processes.
Seek to actively participate in Share Peterborough	Green	The council's move to agile working has facilitated the need to reduce equipment and storage. Share Peterborough has allowed obsolete items to be utilised by local schools and charities, avoiding contribution to landfill.

Produce an Environment Action Plan for residents	Green	A provisional action plan has been drafted, and ideas formed from it are to first be communicated to residents via social media.
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Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- In 2018 PECT marks 25 years of environmental action. PECT was originally set up as ‘Peterborough Environment City Trust’ after Peterborough’s designation in 1992 as one of four UK Environment Cities, along with Leeds, Leicester and Middlesbrough. 2018 marks the year when PECT turns 25! The green achievements of students across the city were celebrated at this year’s Eco Awards, which were held at Hampton Gardens School on Tuesday 22nd May 2018. The Awards, sponsored by Skanska and run by the charity PECT, showcased the excellent Eco Education work which has taken place across the city’s schools over the last year. In the run-up to the awards, students developed projects which demonstrated their commitment to the environment. These projects were grouped into themes, which comprised of categories such as health and happiness, land use and wildlife, and local and sustainable food. Their hard work and inspiration was displayed and presented to a panel of judges and was an opportunity for schools to share best practice and celebrate their green improvements.
- The Skills Service, run by Opportunity Peterborough, has achieved a Bronze level national accreditation for the quality of work experience they provide young people across the city. The accreditation comes from Fair Train, a national body dedicated to promoting increased availability and uptake of all forms of high quality Work-Based Learning in all sectors throughout the UK, with a particular focus on the Voluntary and Community Sector. Fair Train’s Work Experience Quality Standard is a widely and highly respected accreditation that supports organisations to achieve high quality in traditional school work experience; study programme/T-Level placements; traineeships; internships; volunteering; and apprenticeships. The Work Experience team within the Skills Service organises over 1,000 work placement opportunities for young people in Peterborough each academic year.
- Over 200 staff from Caterpillar in Peterborough have received special recognition from The Skills Service for their voluntary support of vital careers and enterprise events in local schools. In 2018 alone the Caterpillar team contributed over 200 hours of volunteering in schools with The Skills Service. A total of 235 volunteers from Caterpillar have taken part in events run by Skills Service over the last seven years. The events range from mock interviews and CV masterclasses to enterprise challenges and careers shows, and often are students’ first experiences of the world of work. Aimed at students in Years 7-13 the events showcase the huge variety of careers available, different routes into work and enhance young people’s employability.
- Business confidence in the local economy is up according to the findings of the 2018 Greater Peterborough Business Survey, produced by Rawlinsons in association with Opportunity Peterborough. Over half of the businesses responding to the annual survey reported increased performance over the last 12 months with 64% confident that the next 12 months will see further improvements – that is up 10 per cent on the previous year. This belief in the local economy is mirrored by the fact that almost 1800 new businesses started up in Peterborough during 2017 – up 11 per cent over the last

three years. Approximately 150 local businesses took part in the annual survey, designed to test the temperature of the economic water in Greater Peterborough.

Health and Wellbeing

City wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Increase the proportion of physically active adults in Peterborough to match the rest of England	Red	Between 2015/16 and 2016/17, Peterborough remained statistically significantly worse than England for this indicator. The disparity between Peterborough and England increased from 4.1 to 4.9 percentage points.
On a trend basis, seek to reduce the number of people declared homeless	No data available	Unfortunately we have been unable to obtain information for this target.
Nene Park Trust will increase the percentage of visitors expressing benefits to their health and wellbeing through visiting the park from a baseline of 90% in 2016	No data available	Technical issues have prevented this data being recorded, however these have now been resolved and target monitoring is expected to resume on the next quarter.
Reduce the proportion of people with an unhealthy weight	Green	Peterborough remains statistically similar to England for latest update, with disparity of 1.2 percentage points (Peterborough 62.5%, England 61.3%).

Council wide targets

Target	Status	Commentary
Lead implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016/19 and relevant metrics	Green	This target is set to be delivered, with regular performance monitoring being reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
Continue 'Healthy Peterborough' campaign	Green	Healthy Peterborough continues to be a successful campaign, providing citywide support and advice to help residents live healthier for longer.
Continue to deliver the annual 'Boost your Wellbeing' campaign to staff	Green	The Boost your Wellbeing campaign is well attended by council staff and continues to deliver a range of health related information at regular events.
Consider supporting staff who wish to volunteer for a Peterborough community project one day each year	Green	The council continue to consider supporting staff who wish to volunteer for a Peterborough community project one day each year. Over the next 12 months effort will be made to raise awareness amongst staff of this initiative to encourage further uptake as and where appropriate
Develop and roll out a programme of agile working	Green	This has now been completed with all relevant Council officers provided with the training and equipment necessary to work in an agile way.

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- Queensgate Shopping Centre officially launched the region's first purpose built sensory room to be available in a shopping centre. Created to provide the parents of

children with special needs and disabilities with a calm and peaceful sanctuary, the Little Miracles sensory room is free for shoppers to use seven days a week. The project, which started as a temporary pop-up last year, was proved so successful that it was agreed to make it an additional part of the shopping centre offering.

- Residents in Millfield will benefit from improved community facilities including a new park, play equipment and outdoor gym. The Council, in conjunction with Gladstone Connect and the local community, successfully applied for a WREN grant of just over £97,000 to establish a new park. The park will be created in a green space between Gladstone Street and Bourges Boulevard. An outdoor gym based in Gladstone recreation ground, which is the first of its kind in Peterborough, opened earlier this week. It features 12 fitness stations allowing 20 users at once to enjoy free exercise.
- Let's Get Healthy is a FREE club running in schools and community settings across Peterborough. The club operates over six weeks for children aged 4 to 7 and ten weeks for children aged 7 to 12. The club involves interactive and fun sessions and parents can attend the last 20 minutes of the sessions. Workshops include learning about sugary drinks and food swapping for healthier snacks, making smoothies, and blindfold fruit & veg taste testing, and also activities and games such as parachute games and shuttle races. More information can be found at www.healthypeterborough.org.uk
- The Healthy Peterborough campaign was developed by the Council with support from health partners in response to concerns raised by local stakeholders about which media messages and advice people should trust, in relation to maintaining healthy lifestyles and keeping well. The campaign now has an average reach of 16,000 impressions a month on Twitter and 21,400 on Facebook. The website has 194 pages covering 13 key themes with an average of 121,976 views per year.