Infrastructure and Environment Quarter 1 Council Plan Performance Report 2021-22

Progress on Council Plan deliverables and key measures

A prosperous and green Derbyshire

Prepared a countywide response to the Integrated Rail Plan in relation to HS2, minimising any potential disruption and taking full advantage of the economic growth opportunities linked to the proposals

Rating: Review Expected completion date: 30 Sep 2021

The Integrated Rail Plan is yet to be published. This is now not expected to be released until September 2021. In the meantime lobbying by the HS2 East group continues with stakeholders to support the completion of the project including the eastern leg. The alternative proposal study was completed in June 2021 and proposed that if the whole project is not completed HS2 services should use Erewash Valley and Barrowhill lines to provide services in Derbyshire.

Completed the viability assessment to progress the Chesterfield to Staveley Regeneration Route, which will create new homes and jobs for the area

Rating: Good Expected completion date: 31 Dec 2021

An updated value for money assessment of the scheme was carried out in Quarter 1. This enables discussion with external funders over the grant request to be included in the Outline Business Case.

Developed the Natural Capital Strategy, identifying areas where the natural environment can be further enhanced in order to support healthy thriving communities, a vibrant economy and a healthy environment

Rating: Good Expected completion date: 30 Apr 2022

We have tendered for the strategy with 15 good responses. The tenders are to be shortlisted and a consultant will be appointed at the end of July 2021. The work will be delivered over a 9 month period, due to commence in September 2021.

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APPENDIX 2

Developed and secured funding to implement Wi-Fi infrastructure in 27 town centres to better understand how town centres are being used, to help shape future economic renewal programmes

Rating: Good Expected completion date: 31 Mar 2022

The Community Renewal Fund within the market town programme strand will enable Wifi in 6 town centres. This is a key strand of activity (subject to government approval of funding)

Implemented the gigabit top up voucher scheme and increased take-up of fibre enabled broadband across Derbyshire, particularly in rural areas, to improve access, speed and reliability for homes and businesses

Rating: Review Expected completion date: 31 Dec 2021

Openreach have commenced work to deliver Full Fibre connectivity to an additional 300 premises under contract 2. The change request to support this additional work is still going through the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) assurance process. It is anticipated that this work will be completed be the end of Quarter 2. We will then enter into the contract closure process for the Superfast Programme. DCMS experienced delays with the launch of the new Gigabit Voucher scheme and there has been a period of three months where suppliers were unable to register new voucher applications for community fibre projects in Derbyshire. We are advised that registration will commence 12 July 2021. As a result of this delay there is no Top Up Voucher activity to report for Quarter 1.

Key

	Deliverables	Measures
*	Strong – performing strongly	Strong – more than 5% better than target (2% better than target if the target is greater than 95%).
4	Good – performing well	Good
•	Review – will be kept under review to ensure performance is brought back on track	Review – more than 2% worse than target.
P	Action – additional action will be/is being taken to bring performance is brought back on track	Action – more than 10% worse than target.
	No commentary has been received	Data not available/Target not set.