Bristol City Council Growth and Regeneration Scrutiny Commission Action Tracker 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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6. Public Forum	Officers agreed to provide the figure for the total number of new homes that had been competed in 2022/23 and of which how many are classed as affordable, and how many of those are for social rent?	Felicity Williamson, Strategic Intelligence and Performance Advisor	The total number of new homes that had been competed in 2022/23 is 1,599. Of those, 309 of the properties were affordable housing (AH) for 2022-23. Of those 309 homes, 120 were for Social Rent.
9. Quarter 4 Performance Report	BPPM375 & BPPM374a Officers to provide further information on the current number of empty Council properties and average length relet times.	Felicity Williamson, Strategic Intelligence and Performance Advisor	<ul> <li>For 2022-23 Q4 the figure was 351 empty council properties.</li> <li>The number of empty properties is not a 2023-24 Business Plan metric.</li> <li>2023-24 BPPM377c Reduce average re-let times (all properties) Target 70 days Q1 105 days.</li> <li>This information will also be sent to the Communities Scrutiny Commission.</li> </ul>
9. Quarter 4 Performance Report	Officers to clarify if the Council has a policy on under occupation of council properties and if it provides any incentives for people to down-size.	Felicity Williamson, Strategic Intelligence and Performance Advisor	Tenants wishing to down-size are prioritised in the Home Choice Allocation Scheme. Incentives are the opportunity for tenants to access lower costs homes in terms of rent and energy. In addition, when developing local lettings policies for new build, consideration is given to prioritising existing residents to downsize if that meets a local need. <i>This information will also be sent to the Communities Scrutiny Commission.</i>
9. Quarter 4 Performance Report	Actions P-HC1.2: Support the delivery of 1,000 low and zero carbon, affordable homes by 2024 by	Felicity Williamson, Strategic Intelligence and Performance	The £12m referred to is part of the £19.8m grant the Council has secured from the WECA Development Infrastructure Fund (DIF). As per the report approved by Cabinet in October 2023, the funding is to deliver enabling

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	investing £12m this year. Officers agreed to provide further information about how much of £12m funding had already been invested.	Advisor	infrastructure to accelerate delivery of the new housing development on Council-owned land at Hengrove Park. The Hengrove Park development, which is being delivered by Goram Homes, includes c. 1400 new homes (50% of which will be Affordable Housing), a c. 22 hectare new public park and community, sports and employment facilities. The WECA DIF funding will be used to deliver key enabling infrastructure including 3 upgraded highways junctions (currently on site), new highways and public realm at the centre of the development on Hengrove Boulevard (also currently on site), and roads, utilities, drainage and landscaping for the first phases of housing and the new public park. So far c. £950k of the funding has been drawn down and spent, a further £900k is forecast to be spent by the end of this financial year (2023/24), with the remainder of the funding profiled to be spent in 2024/25 and 2025/26 based on the current delivery programme.
9. Quarter 4 Performance Report	BPOM476 (QoL) Members requested any available data on the number of people travelling actively to work by walking and cycling.	Alex Hearn, Interim Director: Economy of Place Adam Crowther, Head of City Transport Felicity Williamson, Strategic Intelligence and Performance Advisor	<ul> <li>From the QoL Dashboard the % drop in active travel is due to a rise in bus travel (+3%), driving to work (+2%) as well as e-scooters (+2%). Please note the numbers below have been rounded.</li> <li>People travelling actively to work by walking and cycling fell 7% points from 39% (2021-22) to 32% (2022-23) <ul> <li>Walk to work: Fell 3% (from 20.5 to 17.5%)</li> <li>Cycle to work: Fell 4% (from 18 to 14%)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Bus: Rose 3% (from 11 to 14%)</li> <li>E-scooter: Rose 2% (from 0 to 1.6% - first time this option was included)</li> <li>Drive to work: rose 2%</li> <li>As driver rose 2.2% (36.6 to 38.8%)</li> <li>As passenger getting lift fell 0.4% (from 2.7 to 2.3%)</li> </ul>

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9. Quarter 4 Performance Report	BPPM477 Officers agreed to provide a further up-date on the number of public electric vehicle charging points that have been delivered.	Alex Hearn, Interim Director: Economy of Place Felicity Williamson, Strategic Intelligence and Performance Advisor	The focus for 2022-23 of EV charge point installation was centred around the lamppost charging project. This project was paused whilst a review was undertaken on the project's viability. As part of the council's collaboration with WECA on the Green Recovery Fund project, work is to be re-started with a focus on new charge points on lampposts and at community venues and destination points for 2024-25. There was also a delay in 2022-23 in the installation of the rapid charging point at the council's Fleet Services depot. This has now been rectified and is part of the Bristol City Leap EV charge point pipeline. Two charging bays were installed at the Bottle Yard Studio in 2022-23. For 2023-24, the current plan, in partnership with Bristol City Leap, is to deliver 12 fast chargers across the city serving 24 charging bays for delivery in Q4.
9. Quarter 4 Performance Report	Action P-TC4.3; replacing existing streetlights with LED lighting, showing as 'On Track'. Will it be possible to request lower lighting in some areas? Where will decisions be made and by whom? Officers to look into this and provide further information after the meeting.	Patsy Mellor, Director: Management of Place & Shaun Taylor, Head of Highways	The system being installed does allow us to reduce or increase lighting levels as required. We will be able to do this at an individual light, street, ward or city level. At present the project is delivering lighting levels to recommended British standard design levels for the location i.e. a junction has higher lighting levels than a straight residential street. This is clearly for road safety reasons and people often cross at junctions. Also spacing between columns often influence lighting levels. The further apart the high lighting levels needed to spread the light. The intention is to roll the project out citywide to it suitable design criteria. Once the project is delivered in March 25 we will be able to offer a solution about adjusting lighting levels and the criteria for this will be established at this time. In the meantime, any enquiries from residents we are dealing with on an individual basis. The reality is until people get adapted to the new lighting

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			we appear to be getting conflicting views from residents in the same streets.
12. Temple Quarter Regeneration Programme Update	Ref biodiversity net loss: Officers agreed to report back and confirm which parks and/or greenspaces have been decided upon to create the 10% biodiversity net gain.	John Smith, Interim Executive Director Growth and Regeneration & Clem Teagle, Communications and Engagement Manager, Temple Quarter	Officers will provide this information as soon as possible.