

**CABINET PANEL ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
7 JULY 2020**

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**REFERRAL FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 16 JUNE 2020 = 4TH QUARTER MONITORING REPORT ON KEY PROJECTS FOR 2019-20**

The Controls, Risk and Performance Manager presented the report entitled 4th Quarter Monitoring Report on Key Projects for 2019/20 together with the following appendices:

- Appendix A – 4th Quarter Monitoring against Key Projects for 2019/2020;
- Appendix B – Waste Missed Bins data for 2019-2020.

She drew attention to the following:

Paragraphs 8.3 and 8.4

- Due to the return of the Waste Manager and the effects of Covid-19 it was not possible to get detailed data for this quarter. However the missed bins data was included.

Paragraph 8.6

- The North Herts Community Facility and District Museum was now completed and had been removed from future monitoring reports.

Development of a Crematorium in North Hertfordshire

- A date had been set for 13 May 2020 for the Planning appeal regarding the crematorium however this was cancelled due to Covid-19. A new date was awaited from the Planning Inspectorate.

Investigating a range of options to improve use of Council assets

- The Main company had been set up although the property company had not.
- Officer would keep this under review.

Submission of a Local Plan for North Herts

- The hearing related to the Local Plan had been cancelled due to Covid-19. New dates were awaited from the Planning Inspectorate.

Designating air quality management areas in Hitchin to address the improvement of the air quality

- Following recruitment of a new staff member this action plan may be amended.

Missed Bins Data

- Missed Bins will be a Performance Indicator for 2020/21.

The following Members took part in the debate:

- Councillor David Levett.
- Councillor Sam Collins.

In response to questions Councillor Martin Stears-Handscorn advised that there was a pilot in Oxfordshire on taking their Local Plan forward and the results are awaited.

The Service Director- Legal and Community advised that the Policy Manager was instructing consultants to update the Council's carbon footprint and benchmarking.

Members asked that the Cabinet Panel on the Environment be requested to consider air quality in the District, in particular the effect that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on areas of poor air quality.

**RESOLVED:** That delivery against the key projects for 19/20 be noted.

**RECOMMENDED TO THE CABINET PANEL ON THE ENVIRONMENT:** That the Cabinet Panel on the Environment be requested to consider air quality in the District, in particular the effect that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on areas of poor air quality.