

Environment & Assets Committee

Report Title:	Green Living Plan Update
Meeting Date:	3 September 2024
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update the Committee on action taken against Thame's Green Living Plan since last report to Environment & Assets Committee on 2nd July 2024 and the plans for the next quarter.
- 1.2 To present the proposed Terms of Reference for the Green Living Plan Working Group for approval.

2. Green Living Plan Working Group

- 2.1. Following the last committee meeting, 11 Councillors expressed an interest in being part of the Green Living Plan Working Group. The first meeting of the group took place on 29 July 2024 with 8 Cllrs able to attend. The Environmental Project Officer (EPO) is also arranging to meet with the 3 Cllrs unable to attend this meeting.
- 2.2. Cllrs were brought up to date on the approach being taken to deliver the 193 actions of the Green Living Plan, which other groups are playing an active role, and what opportunities there are for Cllrs to play a role.
- 2.3. New Terms of Reference were proposed, and Cllrs took these away to review and send forward comments. No comments were received so these Terms of Reference are presented here for approval.
- 2.4. The Green Living Plan Working Group will meet 5 times a year (2 meetings between each E&A committee except over summer period when there would be 1). The next meeting will be in October.
- 2.5. In order to complete the 193 actions of the GLP before the end of the life of the plan (2030), the EPO will aim to present 7 actions for ratification as 'complete' at each GLPWG meeting. The EPO will ensure that any partners involved in the delivery of these actions agree they are completed prior to presenting them at this meeting. Cllrs will vote to approve that they are in fact complete, or propose additional action needed if not. A decision about whether the action needs to be carried forward to future versions of the Green Living Plan will also be made.
- 2.6. The EPO will also present 7 actions that will be the focus of attention until the next meeting of the GLPWG and Cllrs will take away action to help achieve this target.
- 2.7. Time will also be devoted to discussion about a selection of actions not yet started, for ideas about ways to move forward – action to be taken away by EPO or Cllrs.

3. Monitoring progress against the Green Living Plan

- 3.1 Within the GLP 193 actions have been identified. The table below shows progress against these as a whole, compared to last report.
- 3.2 Future editions of this report will identify the action deemed to be complete since the last report. The details about how each action has been completed will be shared through the Thame Green Living Website, which the EPO is now administering in partnership with TGL. This will allow members of the public to see what action has been taken, and who by.

	Last meeting	Current status
Not started	104	95
In progress	81	89
Completed	8	8

4. Action required:

- i) To note the report.*
- ii) To approve the Terms of Reference for the newly formed Green Living Plan Working Group.*