

| Alert Symbol Key |                                    |
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| Blue             | Moved                              |
| Green            | On Target / Completed              |
| Amber            | Some Issues / Currently off target |
| Red              | Unlikely to be achieved            |
| Grey             | Not yet due to start / scoping     |

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| <b>Priority: Make Mendip a Fairer Place</b> |  |                              |   |   |   |   |  |                       |  |               |                |                |   |   |
| <b>Housing</b>                              |  |                              |   |   |   |   |  |                       |  |               |                |                |   |   |
| F1  | Strengthen the Local Plan and support developers to meet social and affordable housing objectives.   | Planning and Growth Services | D | I |   | P | 1.Affordable and Social Housing Initiatives<br>2.Renew and Strengthen Local Plan | n/a                   | All housing schemes are policy compliant for affordable housing  | 2022/23       | Amber          | Green          | The Council continues to wait for the outcomes of the planning reform white paper and the Local Plan Part II decision to enable delivery of this priority action.<br>The RAG status is currently Amber rather than Red as although we are waiting for a decision and the Paper, once received this action will be progressed in line with Government guidelines.  | The Council has received the Inspector's Report into the examination of the Mendip Local Plan Part II: Sites and Policies. This brings the examination stage to a close and no further major revisions can be made. A report is being presented to Cabinet on 4th October 2021 to accept the conclusions of the Inspector. Once approved by Full Council the Council will update its Policies Map.<br><br>This priority action will continue to be delivered through business as usual operations.  |
| <b>Economy and Enterprise</b>               |  |                              |   |   |   |   |  |                       |  |               |                |                |   |   |
| F2  | Support the availability and accessibility of broadband across the district.   | Planning and Growth Services |   | I |   | P | n/a  | n/a                   | Coverage in rural areas improves   | 2022/23       | Amber          | Amber          | Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) gave a presentation to Scrutiny Board on 17th May 2021. The presentation provided information about CDS, programme objectives, investments, funding, and phase 1 and 2 contracts.<br><br>This priority action has progressed significantly, and quarterly CDS Board meetings are being held. The Council is awaiting the project plan from Truespeed in relation to the rollout of full fibre broadband in Mendip, hence the Amber status.  | This priority action has been delayed and the Council continue to await the project plan from Truespeed. The next Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) meeting to discuss the Plan is in October 2021.<br><br>This priority action will continue to be delivered through business as usual operations as it is a countywide project.   |
| F3  | To support and work with local councils, businesses and the wider community in being more resilient against major changes, to improve investment and growth, across all sectors, (including tourism, agricultural and manufacturing sectors), create a fairer environment for trading and to ensure our City, Town and village centres remain the multi-purpose economic and social heart of our communities, where people access most services. | Planning and Growth Services | D | I | L | P | Saxonvale (indirectly)   | n/a                   | Mitigate impact of Covid-19 and Brexit on businesses through providing as much support as possible<br>Support available for businesses<br>To work collaboratively to support the development of the district | 2022/23       | Green          | Green          | Priority actions F6 and E3 have merged with this priority action due to the similarities of deliverable outcomes. The overarching priority action title has been changed.<br><br>The Tourism Strategy was presented to Cabinet on 26th May 2021 to approve the adoption of the proposed operational model as laid out in the strategy.<br>The Creative Mendip Strategy, structure and action plan was endorsed by Cabinet on 7th June 2021.<br>My Mendip platform is launched to support businesses in promoting and selling their products.<br>Further action will be taken in September to launch the Business Revitalisation Grant, this has been delayed to reduce confusion with other Government and Local Grants.<br>The Glastonbury Town Deal bid was successful in receiving 23.6 million pounds. The Heads of Terms have been received and signed on 29th June 2021. The next steps are to develop business cases over the next 12 months and work with all stakeholders to develop these business cases and then implement this excellent funding opportunity.<br>The Council's role in supporting businesses through EU transition has been recognised through a national award, winning the 'Better Business for All' category at the Office for Product Safety and Standards Regulatory Excellence Awards. A Community Health Service officer produced an export guide, which formed part of the suite of award-winning materials | Business Revitalisation Grants were launched on 27th September 2021 for two weeks and promoted via various channels. The closing date is 11th October 2021.<br>Glastonbury Town Deal: The confirmation paperwork for all 12 projects outlined in Glastonbury's Town Investment Plan (TIP) has been formally submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The first in a series of community-focused open day events about the Glastonbury Town Deal projects are being held on 1st and 2nd October 2021.<br>Levelling Up Funds: The Council are awaiting detailed guidance from Government on the Levelling up Funds which are expected at the end of October 2021.<br>Tourism Grants: Mendip District Council has launched a new, one-off £50k fund to help boost visitor numbers, increase spending in the area and promote Mendip as a 'go-to destination' in Somerset. The grant is open until 1st November 2021.<br>Creative Mendip: Mendip District Council is supporting Take Art through a grant of £10k to deliver events in the rural parts of Mendip. This initiative gives occasions for people to attend events and provides opportunities within the creative sector. Each town has applied for £5k grants which are being processed.<br>The Mendip Business Hub launch will be in October 2021 - a service to provide one stop shop / single point of contact for businesses. The Council are working closely with all partners to support the current situation relating to recruitment shortages, economic recovery and related issues.<br>This action will continue as part of the new Corporate Delivery Plan priorities. Glastonbury Town Deal; Levelling Up Funds; Creative Mendip; and Tourism Grants. |
| F7  | Work towards a real living wage for all council employees and those of our contractors   | Corporate Finance            |   |   |   | P | n/a  | n/a                   | To achieve the Real Living Wage through our contractors<br>To achieve the Real Living Wage accreditation   | 2022/23       | Green          | Amber          | The Council has reviewed the contract list with procurement to establish which of our contractors are paying the Real Living Wage (RLW).<br><br>Next steps in Q2 2021/22 is to apply for accreditation committing to supporting negotiations, in providing the RLW, when the contracts are reviewed in the next 2/3 years.  | Accreditation with the Real Living Wage Foundation has been paused pending discussion with the five Somerset councils.<br><br>This priority action will be delivered through business as usual operations until vesting date.   |
| <b>Engagement</b>                           |  |                              |   |   |   |   |  |                       |  |               |                |                |   |   |
| F8  | Work to strengthen trust and relationships with our City, Town and Parish councils and in the wider community, to identify ways to work together to address local needs and aspirations.   | Corporate Services           | D | I |   | P | Development of Community and Parishes  | n/a                   | Stronger engagement with our City, Town and Parishes through a range of channels including a strengthened forum.   | 2022/23       | Amber          | Amber          | The Council's one-off Community and Climate and Ecological Grants were launched at the beginning of June 2021. The closing date for applications is 30th September 2021. Engagement and support from the marketing and media team is ongoing to promote the funds throughout this period.<br><br>The publication of the programme of dates to hold Parish Forums and other training and information events has been delayed due to resources being redeployed to support with the interim priorities. A programme of dates will be published in Q2 2021/22 and it is hoped to hold hybrid Parish Forums events from the Autumn.<br>A Parish Forum virtual training event on the new Planning system was held in May 2021, and other events are planned in Q2 2021/22.   | The Council's one-off Community and Climate and Ecological Grants closed at the end of Q2 2021/2022 with nearly 100 applications received. All applications will be assessed by the Grants Panel during Q3 2021/2022 prior to awarding any funding. The funding element of this priority action is being carried forward as part of the new Corporate Delivery Plan.<br><br>Virtual Parish Forums have been held on 22nd July and 14th September 2021. The next Forum will be on 12th October 2021 and includes training on the new planning consultee access system. Further Forum events have been advertised and scheduled until March 2022.<br><br>The development of the parish advisory group has been put on hold due to the local government reorganisation work.   |
| F11   | Review and develop our access channels, including the website and social media output, to provide services, advice and information in ways that best meet customer need.   | Corporate Services           |   | D |   |   | n/a  | n/a                   | The Council has an integrated digital strategy that facilitates customer access to services.   | 2020/21       | Red            | Red            | A decision regarding progressing the development and adoption of the Digital Strategy will be made following the Unitary decision by central government in July 2021.<br>Further improvements to our access channels will be undertaken operationally as part of business as usual.   | The development and adoption of a Digital Strategy is no longer being progressed for the Council. The strategic direction for digital will align with Unitary transition and those plans associated with transition.<br>Further improvements to our access channels will be undertaken operationally as part of business as usual.  |
| F12   | Undertake reviews of all our services, including those that are delivered by contractors, in order to ensure that they are the best solution for meeting customer needs and providing value for money.   | Head of Services             |   | D |   | P | Review outsourcing   | n/a                   | Service reviews completed  | 2022/23       | Amber          | Moved          | The Scrutiny Contracts Working Group met in Q1 2021/22 to discuss reviewing contracts. It was agreed regular meetings will take place and to invite the temporary procurement lead to the next working group for an overview on procurement.<br>The 5 Councils service reviews have been undertaken with the Exchequer Service being delivered in-house, since April 2021.<br><br>There have not been any significant changes impacting the way in which services are delivered, and service review and improvement is ongoing as part of business as usual.<br>Unitary arrangements are expected to be announced in Q2 2021/22, and as such, this priority action will then be reviewed for next steps.  | The Secretary of State announced the Unitary arrangements for Somerset in July 2021.<br>This priority action is closed as all services and contracts will be reviewed during transition phases.   |

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| F13              | Encourage the establishment of, and support for, Youth Councils in Mendip so that young people can influence their future in the district. | Law and Governance        | I           | L | P                               | n/a                   | n/a  | Implement a model for Youth Councils within Mendip.  | 2021/22        | Red            | Red                         | The status of this priority action remains red as it was not progressed in Q1 2021/22 due to a focus on other key priorities. It has been agreed with the Portfolio Holder that the priority action will be revisited and next steps agreed in Q2 2021/22.   | Following discussions to identify the best way forward it has been decided to make this a Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) project. Discussions will be held with colleagues in Somerset County Council, as well as the neighbouring Districts, to ensure the Youth of Mendip have a voice in the new Unitary from the outset.  |
| <b>Wellbeing</b> |  |                           |             |   |                                 |                       |  |  |                |                |                             |  |  |
| F14              | Champion approaches to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing within our communities and with our staff and councillors.           | Community Health Services | D           |   | P                               | Scrutiny Deprivation  | n/a  | Improve understanding of mental health amongst staff and councillors to enable them to support colleagues and residents. | 2021/22        | Green          | Green                       | The Council is awaiting formal agreement with multi agency partners on the hoarding toolkit but processes have been identified informally and communicated to relevant agencies.<br>The MHFA scheme has been reviewed and a Charter is being drawn up, next steps will be to obtain approval by CMT in Q2 2021/22. Once formal agreements and training are organised, the process and procedures around Mental Health First Aid will be embedded into MDC practices and will continue as business as usual with regular reviews and updates as and when required.<br>Due to ongoing Covid restrictions in June 2021, no activities were organised during Loneliness Awareness Week. Usual signposting and awareness took place instead.<br>Mental Health Champions continue to signpost and contribute to health and wellbeing information for Members and staff with plans on proactive work with residents later in the year, dependent on Government restrictions at the time.<br>The Wellbeing Hub for staff has been expanding and new content regularly created and updated. | A Mendip Health and Wellbeing Board Annual report was presented to Cabinet on 12th July 2021. This report provided detail on the future ambitious plans to gain agreement from Board members and clinical leads to use the Board as a vehicle to integrate community and clinical care within Mendip. Further discussions however are to be held in Q3 2021/2022 to understand how health and wellbeing will fit alongside the new Integrated Care System.   |
| F16              | Extend the roll out of 'Changing Places' in order to make Mendip more accessible for people with disabilities.                             | Corporate Services        | L           | I | P                               | n/a                   | 5 changing places this is an estimate until the strategy/funding is approved | Increase number of changing places facilities in the District  | 2022/23        | Amber          | Green                       | The Government announced a new £30 million fund to install more Changing Places toilets in existing buildings, which will benefit more than 250,000 people with disabilities throughout England.<br>Local Authorities await full details of how they can receive a proportion of the Changing Places funding to progress this priority action.   | The Government Changing Places Fund prospectus was published in July 2021 and the Council submitted an expression of interest for up to £90k in September 2021, following agreement at Cabinet on 6th September 2021 to deliver three new Changing Places Toilets (CPTs).<br>The suggested priority locations are:<br>Priority 1 is Glastonbury and Street, so there is one CPT in each Mendip town.<br>Priority 2 is explore other possible locations, both urban and rural in nature.<br>The Council anticipates receiving the grant offer during Q3 2021/ 2022.<br>This priority action will continued to be monitored through the New Corporate Delivery Plan. |

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| <b>Priority: Deliver on our Climate and Ecological Commitment</b> |   |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |                |                |  |  |
| <b>Housing</b>  |   |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |                |                |  |  |
| CC1   | Identify and use the potential of the Local Plan to contribute to meeting our climate and ecological commitment, including requiring developers on large-scale projects to install carbon-neutral equipment (solar panels, car charging points, access to cycle routes, etc).                           | Planning and Growth Services | D | I | L | P | 1. Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency<br>2. Renew and Strengthen Local Plan           | n/a   | Production of guidance to support our climate and ecological commitment.  | 2022/23       | Amber          | Amber          | The Council continues to have regular meetings with Portfolio Holders for Planning Policy and Strategic Policy and Climate Change whilst awaiting the decision from the Inspector for the Local Plan Part II, hence the Amber status<br>This priority action links with CC2 and the development of the Planning Policy Design Guide and working with Somerset Enabling Growth.   | The Planning Policy Team are working on a net zero toolkit to be endorsed as planning guidance by Q3 2021/2022 and then support its use in pre-application and planning applications.<br>A Draft SPD setting out measures/requirements against Development Policy 7, design and amenity of new development, is in preparation for consultation in Q4 2021/2022.<br><br>This priority action will be delivered via business as usual operations.  |
| CC2   | Work with other local authorities to call for increased powers to set higher sustainability standards for all new housing.  | Planning and Growth Services | D | I | L | P | 1. Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency<br>2. Affordable and Social Housing Initiatives | n/a   | Higher sustainability standards agreed by 2022<br>Improved standards for housing improves lives for residents   | 2022/23       | Green          | Amber          | The Council is working county-wide with the Somerset Enabling Growth project and the Planning and Growth Head of Service is the Chief Convener for this project.<br>The next stage is to hold a workshop with all Members during Q2 2021/22 in relation to Planning Policy Design Guide.<br>This priority action links closely with CC1.   | Joint working to be explored through the enabling growth project and with the Climate Change and Resilience Officer, discussions were held in Q2 2021/2022.<br>The workshop in relation to Planning Policy Design Guide, mentioned in the Q1 update, will be organised with Members in Q4 2021/2022, this is due to the delay in receiving the Local Plan Part II Inspectors report.<br><br>This priority action will be delivered via business as usual operations.   |
| <b>Engagement</b>   |   |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |                |                |  |  |
| CC3   | Work with local groups, Parish, City, Town Councils and other partners towards achieving a range of objectives including:<br>o Creating a network of local and walking and cycling routes<br>o Encouraging carbon sequestration through tree-planting schemes<br>o Encouraging people to buy local food | Community Health Services    | D | I | L | P | 1. Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency<br>2. Cycle and walking paths                   | n/a   | Complete actions identified within the integrated network of multi-user paths project<br>Develop a tree planting biodiversity (carbon management plan)<br>Develop a Local Food Strategy for Mendip (Somerset wide strategy) | 2022/23       | Amber          | Green          | As part of the Multi User Paths project the Council is working with Parish Councils to explore opportunities to support their ambitions to improve access.<br><br>Collaboration with the Somerset Wildlife Trust (SWT) has been placed on hold due to the financial resource required by the SWT, and following discussions with the Portfolio Holder for Community Health Service this was not deemed good value for money. The Somerset Wide multi-agency are meeting in July 2021 to discuss the importance of nature for our wellbeing, including bringing nature into our built environment.<br><br>It is anticipated that the Carbon Management Plan will be presented to Cabinet in Q2 2021/22, focussing attention on the best actions that the Council can take or influence, such as tree planting.  | The Carbon Management Plan was endorsed by Cabinet on 9th August 2021. It is a District-wide overarching strategy and set of actions to support the Council on its 2030 carbon neutral pledge. The document sets the scene of the District's journey to carbon neutrality.<br><br>Communications went out to all Members to request information about tree planting projects within each ward.<br><br>The role of the new Biodiversity & Landscape Officer was agreed and a job description completed for advertising in October 2021 once all grading reviews completed. This officer will support the current Climate Change and Resilience Officer to encourage biodiversity and landscaping within the district.   |
| CC4   | Develop and deliver a programme of communications and events to raise awareness, create links across communities and support and encourage local action to address Climate Change   | Community Health Services    | D | L | P | P | Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency  | n/a   | MDC raises awareness of Climate Change across our communities and supporting communities to take action   | 2022/23       | Green          | Green          | The recommended Future Emissions Pathway for Mendip, in addition to a series of measures that will enable the trajectory and associated annual emissions reduction targets to be achieved, was endorsed at Cabinet on 7th June 2021. The recommended Pathway option is considered to support District wide decarbonisation as far as possible towards meeting the Council's 2030 carbon neutral target; within the Council's existing powers.<br><br>The Scrutiny Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Group are developing a 3-point action plan.<br><br>A carbon audit toolkit for businesses has been created by Somerset County Council to support the assessment of energy use and energy reduction.<br><br>The next steps is to proactively work with Parishes via the Parish Forum in relation to climate change activities.  | A proposed strategy to mitigate emissions from Mendip's agricultural sector will be presented to Cabinet on 4th October 2021. This proposal will recommend working with core, external partners to develop a bespoke carbon accounting and mitigation programme for Mendip's agricultural sector.<br>Mendip District Council is continuing to work with Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) to ensure we act to help manage persistent flooding issues to protect our communities.<br>A new Climate Change and Resilience Officer was recruited and inducted in August 2021 and has already made many links with organisations that may be able to facilitate further tree planting within the district.<br>Statement of Licensing Principles was agreed by Full Council on 27th September 2021 with the addition of event organisers and businesses being encouraged to be conscious of the Council's Climate and Ecological Commitment and demonstrate they are taking steps to ensure sustainable event management. Additionally, the Statement of Licensing Policy now includes links to the 'Guide to running a sustainable festival'.  |
| <b>Environment</b>  |   |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |                |                |  |  |
| CC6   | Protect our local ecology and find ways to enhance biodiversity   | Neighbourhood Services       | D | I | L | P | Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency  | n/a   | Increase the overall biodiversity habitat on MDC owned or managed land.<br>Deliver on staff, member and parish tree give-away   | 2022/23       | Amber          | Amber          | The Groundcare 10-year Plan has been delayed due to delivering Covid-19 priorities in the short to medium term. Once the Groundcare Plan is endorsed by the Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder in Q2 2021/22 key deliverables will be agreed.   | The addition to the corporate priorities of "Cleaner and Greener Mendip", has seen a refocus of the work in this area.<br>The Neighbourhood Services group has refocused its efforts into those specific projects identified as part of the corporate priority of the council and as such, the 10 year ground care plan has been repurposed and built into the day to day deliverables of the service area.  |
| <b>Energy Efficiency</b>  |   |                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |                |                |  |  |
| CC7   | Encourage and support residents and landlords to make their homes more energy efficient.  | Housing Services             | D | I | L | P | Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency  | n/a   | Residents and landlords encouraged to make energy efficiency improvements through support and promotion.  | 2022/23       | Green          | Green          | A contractor has been procured, and is underway to deliver the Government Green Home Grant Local Authority delivery programme to improve the energy rating of park homes.<br>During Q1 2021/22 funding bids, in partnership with other District Councils and the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), have been submitted to deliver energy efficiency projects in Mendip.<br>By the end of 2020/21 the Council had provided 14 EPC grants, 31 Safer Home and Energy Grants, and 5 Empty Home Grants. This is an increase compared to 2019/20, whereby the Council provided 8 Safer Home/Energy Grants, and 2 Empty Home Grants.<br>During Q1 2021/22 the Council has delivered 4 EPC grants to landlords/residents to raise awareness of energy efficiency improvements, 2 Energy Grants to improve energy ratings of the properties and 9 Safer Home Grants (including roofs / windows).<br>The fuel poverty promotional project procurement is in progress and the Council are engaging with legal, officers and Portfolio Holders plus planning to meet with the selected organisation to present their proposal in Q2 2021/22.<br>In Q2 2021/22 the Council will hear whether a bid for funding to identify properties and landlords that may not be meeting energy efficiency standards has been successful. | The Government Green Home Grant Local Authority delivery programme to improve the energy rating of park homes in Somerset has been completed and 28 homes have been improved in Somerset. Some minor works are continuing to finish off homes in Mendip and utilising Council funding as well as Local Authority Delivery Scheme (LAD) funding.<br><br>Following a successful funding bid with the CSE, we have commenced a project aimed at identifying and targeting private rental properties that may not meet minimum requirements. This project started in Q2 2021/2022 and will continue into Q3 and Q4 and involve direct and indirect communication with landlords to raise awareness of the standards and promote energy efficiency improvements.<br><br>The housing Enforcement Policy was updated and this is being taken to Cabinet and Full Council in Q3 2021/2022 for approval, and includes details on how the team will enforce minimum energy efficiency standards.<br><br>During Q2 2021/22 the Council has delivered one EPC grant to landlords/residents to raise awareness of energy efficiency improvements, four Energy Grants to improve energy ratings of the properties and eight Safer Home Grants (including roofs / windows).<br><br>The fuel poverty promotional project procurement has been completed and legal/procurement are checking on documents which we hope to sign in Q3 2021/2022 to start delivering the project. |
| CC8   | Increase the availability of electric car charging points across the district.  | Neighbourhood Services       | D | I | L | P | Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency  | % (TBA) of identified need<br><br>% (TBA) increase in EV solutions<br><br>Subject to Contract Agreement | MDC has a clear understanding of the EV need across the District and delivers and supports solutions to meet this need.   | 2022/23       | Green          | Amber          | During Q1 2021/22 the Council completed the procurement exercise and proceeded to contract award with the selected supplier completing relevant case studies and survey works. The baseline figures will be agreed once the contract is awarded.<br><br>Work is due to begin during Q2 2021/22 on the installation programme by partners Franklin Energy as the Council takes important steps to meet its climate and ecological emergency objectives.<br><br>The installation of 24 charging points will be placed across seven council car parks in the district, providing 56 bays for electric vehicle charging.<br><br>The proposed locations are:<br><br>Cattle Market Car Park (8 bays), in Frome<br>St Johns Car Park (6 bays), in Glastonbury<br>Northside Car Park (10 bays) and Southside Car Park (6 bays), in Street<br>Union Street Car Park (8 bays), in Wells<br>Great Ostry Car Park (8 bays) and Cannards Grave Road (10 bays), in Shepton Mallet  | In early Q2 2021/2022, a breakdown of the procurement process within the preferred supplier was seen. As a result, through Q2, additional procurement measures were deployed and a new supplier sourced.<br>Engagement with this supplier is nearing completion, with a final outcome analysis expected in early Q3 2021/2022. Once received the Scrutiny Climate Ecological and Emergency Working Group is expected to be provided with an update of the current position of this project at its next meeting.  |

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| CC9  | Refit the Council's buildings where possible to improve energy efficiency and lower carbon footprint and, wherever possible, eliminate single-use plastics in Mendip's offices. | Neighbourhood Services | D | P | Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency | % of CO2 reduction from campus per annum and baseline of stability. Annual report to be provided by the Climate and Resilience Officer | To have an energy efficient campus, with a reduced CO2 footprint.           | 2021/22       | Green          | Green          | <p>Once in post the new Climate Change and Resilience Officer will review and report annually on the Shape Mendip Campus emissions as part of the Carbon Management Plan.</p> <p>The window installation phase 1 has been completed in Q1 2021/22. The next phase(s) of the window installation programme is to be scoped.</p> <p>Performance indicators to monitor the onsite waste and recyclables are being built into the amended core services contract.</p> | <p>Performance indicators to monitor onsite waste and recycling to be commenced from Q4 2021/2022.</p> <p>This priority action will continue to be delivered via business as usual operations</p>  |
| CC10 | Explore investments in renewable energy and infrastructure, including community run schemes.  | Corporate Finance      | D |   | Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency | n/a  | Investment in Energy Sector to diversify the Council's Investment portfolio | 2021/22       | Amber          | Red            | <p>The energy consultant contract has been signed and is in place.</p> <p>The energy investment strategy has been delayed in being presented to Scrutiny and Cabinet, due to CIPFA reviewing their Prudential Code. The Code is anticipated to be updated in December 2021.</p>   | <p>The revised Prudential Code has now been published and is currently being consulted upon. The main change is that local authorities cannot now borrow to fund investments which are primarily for yield. In light of this, and the need to review the extent of commercial investment across the five Somerset councils prior to unitary, the Council has now suspended its commercial investment programme. A project investing in renewable energy generation and EV charging is part of the Glastonbury Town Deal Investment Project portfolio. This project will be delivered in collaboration with Beckery Village businesses, community organisations and landowners.</p> |

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| <b>Priority: Protect and enhance our towns and rural communities</b> |  |  |   |   |   |   |                       |  |                 |                |                |   |   |
| <b>Housing</b>   |  |  |   |   |   |   |                       |  |                 |                |                |   |   |
| E1   | Support and facilitate City, Town and Parish Councils to develop and adopt Neighbourhood Plans and Village Design statements   | Planning and Growth Services                     | D | I | P | n/a   | n/a                   | Frameworks, Processes and Procedures all updated to support the Neighbourhood Plans and village design statements  | 2021/22         | Amber          | Green          | Progress with this priority action is slightly delayed as the Council is waiting for the outcome of Local Plan Part II Inspectors Report decision, hence the Amber status. A decision is anticipated by the end of July 2021.   | Mendip District Council have commissioned environmental and planning consultants LUC to develop through consultation a Masterplan for Shepton Mallet town centre. The Masterplan will form the basis for funding bids for future regeneration and environmental projects in the town.<br><br>The Local Plan Part II Inspectors Report has now been received and the implications for Norton St Phillip Neighbourhood Plan can now be assessed.<br><br>Further meetings have been held to support the Wells Neighbourhood Plan, due to be published in Q3 2021/2022.   |
| E2   | Promote innovative and quality building design.  | Planning and Growth Services                     | D | I | P | Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency - Planning Policy to work with Scrutiny Climate and Ecological Emergency Group | n/a                   | Incorporated into refreshed local plan   | 2022/23         | Green          | Green          | The approved Validation Guidance 2021 was presented at the agent and developer's forum during Q1 2021/22. A meeting was held with the Scrutiny Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Group in Q1 2021/22 in relation to promoting innovative and quality building standards, feedback from the group has been provided and will be considered. The next stage is to hold a workshop with all Members during Q2 2021/22 in relation to Planning Policy Design Guide, as per priority action ref CC2.                  | National Planning guidance with an increased emphasis on design was published in July 2021. The Planning Policy team has submitted a bid for design code funding and is piloting a template for Planning officers for assessing design quality in application responses.<br>Due to the delay with the Local Plan Part II Inspectors Report Member training on the Local Plan and Design Codes will now be held in Q3 2021/2022.   |
| <b>Environment</b>   |  |  |   |   |   |   |                       |  |                 |                |                |   |   |
| E5   | Actively recognise and protect the Mendip landscape and natural environment through the Planning framework. Encourage and facilitate the planting and protection of trees, hedgerows and green spaces, and net gain for biodiversity, including through planning conditions. | Planning and Growth Services                     | D | I | P | Response to Climate and Ecological Emergency  | n/a                   | Planning conditions updated and promotion throughout pre-application advice  | 2021/22         | Green          | Green          | A revised Validation Guidance has been adopted and implemented. The new pre-application service has also been adopted and implemented which will strengthen the advice the Council provide surrounding biodiversity / ecology. The Landscape Character Study was published during Q1 2021/22 on the Council's website.  | The Planning Policy Team is updating its mapping and open spaces evidence and completing the assessment of 'valued landscapes'. This work will support development of Green Infrastructure strategies and guidance to be developed in 2022. Continued to work closely with the Climate Change and Resilience Officer to focus on trees and landscape and with county council colleagues on biodiversity related matters.  |
| E7   | Work with communities and partners to help maintain and enhance valued local amenities and facilities.   | Neighbourhood Services                           | D | I | P | n/a   | n/a                   | Mendip continues the delivery Street Scene and Ground Care services, through a range of options, delivered in partnership with Town and Parish Councils to ensure local needs are met. | 2021/22 to 2026 | Amber          | Amber          | The Groundcare 10-year Plan has been delayed due to delivering Covid-19 priorities in the short to medium term. Once the Groundcare Plan is endorsed by the Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder in Q2 2021/22 key deliverables will be agreed.  | The new Corporate Delivery Plan priority of "Cleaner and Greener Mendip", has seen a refocus of the work in this area. The Neighbourhood Services group has refocused its efforts into those specific projects identified as part of the corporate priority of the Council and as such, the 10 year ground care plan has been repurposed and built into the day to day deliverables of the service area. Any engagement or consultation will be managed as part of the ongoing day to day business of the Neighbourhood Services Group.   |
| E8   | Strengthen our approach to enforcement to ensure a high quality built environment and to tackle environmental crime and fly-tipping.   | Planning and Growth and Community Health Service | D | I | P | n/a   | n/a                   | To enhance the environment for our communities within Mendip through collaborative working with our partners.  | 2022/23         | Green          | Green          | Enforcement activities (informal and warning notices) have increased during Q1 2021/22, as noted in the Community Health Service performance indicators, in Appendix A. Planning enforcement have recruited staff on a permanent basis during Q1 2021/22 to support delivery of this priority action. The Safer Waste Management Strategy aims to go to Cabinet in Q3 2021/22. The Council continues to deliver a fair effective proportionate and robust enforcement service to tackle issues affecting the community. | A revised housing enforcement Policy will be presented to Cabinet on 4th October 2021. The Policy has been updated and renewed to incorporate legislative changes and ensure a robust approach is maintained.<br><br>The Safer Waste Integrated Management Strategy was presented to Cabinet on 6th September 2021. The strategy approach is to encourage the responsible treatment and disposal of waste by residents, businesses, and others within the district.<br><br>The Street Trading Policy 2021 - 2026, endorsed by the Licensing Board, was also presented at Cabinet on 6th September 2021. This Policy gives guidance to all businesses making applications and those customers that may believe they are adversely affected by their activities.<br><br>The Council has voted to support a ban of vehicles from a fly-tipping hotspot near Frome. At a meeting of Full Council, Monday 27th September, Members agreed Berkley Lane and Dark Lane should be pedestrianised to prevent ongoing environmental crime in the area. It follows a recent consultation of local landowners, businesses and residents who overwhelmingly backed the idea of road closures to curb the fly-tipping. Next steps will be for Mendip Planning Authority to make the application for a pedestrianisation order to the Secretary of State for a final decision.<br><br>Planning Enforcement presented how the service operates to Scrutiny on 16th September 2021. |
| E10  | Review the role of our car parks in supporting our city, towns and villages and helping people access local services.  | Neighbourhood Services                           | D | I | P | Cycle and walking paths   | n/a                   | Understand travel within, in and out of the district, in order to apply the right solutions in the right places.   | 2022/23         | Amber          | Amber          | The draft Mendip Access and Parking Strategy (MAPS) has been developed in Q1 2021/22 with engagement with the MAPS group. It is anticipated that the strategy will be endorsed and delivered in Q3 2021/22.   | Consideration of the MAPS strategy is expected in early Q3 2021/2022, following which, a paper is to be provided to Cabinet.<br><br>In line with previous offerings, the Council has committed to free parking for the Christmas Period and Small Business Saturday in order to further support and sustain the local economy.  |

| Ref | Action | Lead Service Area | D<br>I<br>L | P | Related Major Priority Projects | Target (Quantitative) | Key Outcomes | Delivery date | Q1 2021/22 RAG | Q2 2021/22 RAG | Actions Taken in Q1 2021/22 | Actions Taken in Q2 2021/22 |
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Footnote:  
D= Do, I= influence, L- Lobby, P= Partners

Partners supporting delivery of the priority actions

| Partners                           | Contributing to                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Apprenticeship partners            | F5                                   |
| S CP                               | F11                                  |
| Broadband Partners                 | F2                                   |
| CAB                                | F3, F15                              |
| Capita                             | CC9                                  |
| CCG                                | E4                                   |
| CDS                                | F2                                   |
| Central Government                 | F3, F6, E3                           |
| Contractors with fleet (All)       | CC5                                  |
| Credit Union                       | F3, F15                              |
| CSE                                | CC7                                  |
| District Council Network           | F4                                   |
| Defra                              | CC5                                  |
| Design Agencies                    | F10                                  |
| IDverde                            | CC5,CC6,CC9, E9                      |
| LEP                                | F3, F6                               |
| LGA                                | F4                                   |
| Local and National Developers      | F1, E2, E5, E6                       |
| Local Businesses                   | CC3, E3                              |
| Mental Health and Wellbeing boards | F14                                  |
| NFU                                | CC3                                  |
| NHS                                | F3,F15, E4                           |
| Partners in Business and education | F5                                   |
| Police Service                     | E4                                   |
| Residents                          | F2                                   |
| Somerset County Council            | F3, F6,F14, F15,CC5,CC6              |
| Somerset County Parking            | CC8,E10                              |
| Somerset District Councils (All)   | F4, F13, CC7, CC8, CC11, E2, E7, E10 |
| Somerset Growth Board              | F3,F6                                |
| Somerset Highways                  | CC6, CC7, CC8, E10                   |
| Somerset Waste Partnership         | CC5, CC11, E9                        |
| Town and Parish Councils           | CC4, E1, E3, E4, E7, E9              |
| VCS                                | F13, F15                             |
| Voluntary Organisations            | F14, E4                              |
| YMCA                               | F3, F15                              |