

Environment Capital Annual Report (2015/2016)

Executive Summary:

This is an interim annual progress report for the Environment Capital Action Plan. In April 2014 the council adopted the Environment Capital Action Plan (ECAP) which provided, for the first time, a clear vision for Environment Capital. The plan is based on the internationally recognised concept of living within the resources of one planet, a vision of a sustainable world where people lead healthy, happy lives within their fair share of the earth's resources.

There are a total of 33 targets included within the Plan. The progress of these targets, detailed in the following report, predominantly cover the period up to the end of March 2016 unless more recent information was available. Of these targets, 24 have a status of 'green' which means that they are on track, 5 are 'amber' which indicates that they are struggling in some aspects and 4 are 'red' which means they are failing to achieve and this status is unlikely to change by the end of 2016.

This report provides a detailed breakdown against each of the targets included within the plan. It also, on a theme by theme basis, provides details of other initiatives that have taken place in the city which support the corresponding theme.

Overachieving targets:

- **Zero Carbon Energy:** Reduce per capita CO2 emissions to 5.8 tonnes. Status: Current level is 5.7 tonnes (2014 latest data).
- **Land Use and Wildlife:** Increase the number of trees planted as part of the Forest for Peterborough from 8,000 to 55,000. Status: 93,579 trees planted so far.
- **Zero Waste:** Increase materials recycled or recovered at the household recycling centre (HRC) from 80% to 90%. Status: 99.87% recovery rate.
- **Sustainable Transport:** Increase the number of pupils receiving Bikeability training from 951 to 1300 annually. Status: As of June 2015 1303 had received training.
- **Culture and Heritage:** Increase the number of people attending theatre performances by 10% over three years from a baseline of 50,000. Status - 64,171 (April 2015 to March 2016). Increase the number of people attending arts events from 40,000 to 60,000 by 2016. Status: 74,990 (April 2015 and March 2016).
- **Equity and Economy:** Reduce city wide unemployment by 1% annually. Status: This target is performing well, with 4,553 claimants in January 2014 down to 1,875 claimants at the end of March 2016.
- **Health and Wellbeing:** Increase the number of attendances in sport and physical activities provided by Vivacity from 1,056 to 1,415,817 per annum. Status: Total attendances now stands at 1,559,480 per annum (end March 2016).

Underachieving targets:

- **Zero Carbon:** Increase the number of businesses registered with Investors in the Environment from 78 to 124. Status: The charity Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) has been restructuring its project team and iiE is re-launching in summer 2016 with a new website, new resources for members and a new team to continue to drive regional membership forward.
- **Land Use and Wildlife:** Secure funding to increase the number of Green Flags to 6. Status: Unfortunately Nene Park Trust decided not to reapply for a Green Flag at Ferry Meadows in order to focus on similar accreditation schemes more suitable for country parks. Applications were submitted for Bretton Park and Bishop Road Gardens in 2015 both of which were unsuccessful. As part of this year's budget

(2016/17) officers have inputted £40K to further enhance the existing Green Flag parks and are currently not looking to expand our provision but retain the status of the parks that already have Green Flag accreditation.

- **Sustainable Materials:** The council will achieve level 5 in the government procurement framework. Status: Due to the way the framework has been developed it will be impossible to achieve level 5 by the end of 2016, due to the need to demonstrate continuous improvement.
- **Zero Waste:** Build a new household recycling centre. Status: The council budget for 2015/16 excludes provision of capital funding to build a new household recycling centre. This project has therefore been moved forward to the 2017/18 financial year.

Themes:

Environment Capital Theme: Zero Carbon Energy

| Target | Status | Commentary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reduce city council CO ₂ emissions by 35% | Amber | CO ₂ emissions have reduced by 20% from the 2008/09 baseline. If the average trend over the last 6 years is followed, CO ₂ emissions will be reduced by 22%, missing the target by 13%. However, the energy efficiency measures in place will have the highest impact during the 2015/16 financial year and data for this will not be available until Autumn 2016. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Increase the number of businesses registered with Investors in the Environment from 78 to 124 | Red | The current figure for the total number of Investors in the Environment members registered in the Peterborough area is 51, which indicates that this target may not be achieved. The charity Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) has been restructuring its project team and iE is re-launching in summer 2016 with a new website, new resources for members and a new team to continue to drive regional membership forward. The scheme continues to grow nationally, and is now being implemented by over 250 businesses across the UK. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reduce per capita CO ₂ emissions to 5.8 tonnes | Green | Data published by the Department for Energy and Climate Change in 2016 shows that per capita CO ₂ emissions in Peterborough are 5.7 tonnes per capita. This is lower than the East of England average (6.0), England (6.0) and National (6.3). Each year when this data is published historic data is also reviewed. This can lead to alterations in historic data and therefore one reporting year cannot directly be compared to preceding years. The latest data available between 2005 and 2014 is: <table border="1" data-bbox="683 1310 1449 1361"> <thead> <tr> <th>2005</th> <th>2006</th> <th>2007</th> <th>2008</th> <th>2009</th> <th>2010</th> <th>2011</th> <th>2012</th> <th>2013</th> <th>2014</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>8.3</td> <td>8.1</td> <td>8.0</td> <td>7.8</td> <td>7.0</td> <td>7.1</td> <td>6.5</td> <td>6.7</td> <td>6.5</td> <td>5.7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 5.7 |
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| All approved developments greater than 10 homes or 1000sqm floor area shall achieve an emissions ratio at least 10% better than building regulation standards. | Green | This target has been achieved for all developments where the target is applicable, which equates to an average of 39%. The applications that fall outside of this requirement generally relate to reserve matter applications (so the requirement cannot be applied). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- Empower Peterborough offers home owners in Peterborough the chance to have solar panels installed on their properties for free. As well as homeowners receiving direct financial benefits from this scheme the wider Peterborough community also benefits as a percentage of the money generated will be shared equally between a Local Community Fund and the council. This scheme was due to close at the end of 2015, due

- to government changes significantly reducing the Feed-in Tariff rates for solar PV installations, but has since reopened and is being offered to all areas of the city.
- In January 2015 the council entered into a partnership with OVO Energy to establish dual and single fuel (electricity only) energy tariffs that are exclusive to Peterborough residents. The new tariffs are jointly branded between OVO Energy and the council, as Peterborough Energy, and offer a competitive, local alternative to the Big Six energy providers. To date, the average saving for dual fuel customers who pay monthly stands at £285. Peterborough Energy has recently welcomed its 3,000th customer, bringing the combined saving to over £800,000.
 - Honeywell have been undertaking work to reduce energy consumption and associated carbon emissions across the council's estate. One of the highlights of this programme relates to a new Combined Heat and Power (CHP) facility installed at the Regional pool which has reduced gas consumption by 52% and electricity by 12%.
 - The local authority area of Peterborough ranks 130 out of 348 for renewable energy capacity with a total capacity of 33.8 MW according to the Green Alliance's Renewable Energy Calculator. It ranks 148 out of 348 for renewable energy generation with a total Generation of 61,906 MWh.
 - The Council, Blue Sky Peterborough, Vivacity's Regional Fitness & Swimming Centre and Jack Hunt Pool & Gym, all achieved the level 'Green' award in the 2015 Investors in the Environment awards.
 - The independent charity Peterborough Environment City Trust's (PECT) energy advice projects – Warm Homes Peterborough and Healthy Homes – continue to help residents in Peterborough enjoy affordable warmth, saving residents an average £243 on their fuel bills, whilst also lowering the carbon footprint of local communities and conserving limited natural resources. The services provide residents with energy-saving tips, and home improvements (where criteria is met). PECT is an independent environmental charity helping to create a more sustainable Peterborough and beyond. PECT works with a multitude of communities, schools, businesses and voluntary organisations to deliver projects of local, regional and national significance, enabling change for a sustainable future.
 - PECT's project Energy Matters ended in December 2015. As a result of the project 351 home visits were completed in the CAN-do area of the city, 92 Warm Home Discount applications made, and an average of three new energy-saving behaviours were adopted by local residents.
 - The Vista development (Carbon Challenge) is nearing completion. It is understood from developers that both private sales and transfers to Cross Keys Homes are going well. 270 of the 302 proposed developments have now been completed. Vista has been highly commended in the 'Best Low or Zero Carbon Initiative' category at the Housebuilder Awards in 2015. Judges celebrated the energy saving design of the zero carbon homes and achievements in combining contemporary architecture with emission reducing technology.
 - PECT's new Peterborough Eco Framework flag for schools, which has been inspired by designs from local pupils, has been unveiled. The flag will be flown at schools throughout the city to celebrate and mark students' environmental achievements. The independent charity PECT is leading the way nationally with its bespoke Eco Framework for Peterborough schools – embedding knowledge of sustainability issues into classes to inspire the next generation of forward-thinking students and create long-lasting behaviour change. 97% of schools in Peterborough currently deliver eco education activities, one of the highest achieving in the UK for levels of environmental education uptake.

Environment Capital Theme: Sustainable Water

| Target | Status | Commentary |
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| Baseline the council's water consumption and set a target for reduction | Green | The work to undertake this has been delayed and has been reprogrammed to take place between August to October 2016. |
| Promote the 'drop 20' litres of water campaign across the city | Green | Anglian Water continue to promote this campaign across the city. In particular, all residents who make an enquiry about having a meter installed also receive further advice to help them reduce consumption which often involves the installation of water saving devices. |
| Produce integrated environmental and recreational improvement plans for Peterborough's principal rivers | Green | A number of actions have been undertaken to ensure progress is made against this target. This includes: the Peterborough Flood Risk Management Strategy was adopted at Full Council in October 2015; the Nene Valley Catchment Partnership has now been formed and work is progressing with the development of the Medium Term Plan; delivery of an initial project to improve the habitat value of Nene banks with the installation of Coir rolls on a section of the riverbank in 2015; the Werrington Brook Improvements programme has delivered two stretches of physical river improvements and continues to attract external funding and contributions in kind. This project aims to holistically improve a sub-catchment of the River Welland during a 5-7 year partnership programme of community-focused works. |
| Anglian Water has decreased pipe blockages across Peterborough by 70% since 2010. This significant reduction will be maintained | Green | Anglian Water's pipe blockage programme focusses on two key areas of the city - Stanground and Central Peterborough. Currently in these areas, which represent approximately 11,000 properties, the sewer pipe blockage reduction rate is 82%. |

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- This year the Werrington and Marholm Brook Improvements programme has seen significant public consultation carried out, through events and social media, and works delivered to re-naturalise features found in natural rivers in over 800m of Marholm Brook. Work also continues to draw in a wide range of funding and contributions-in-kind to support the programme. So far Anglian Water, Peterborough Environment City Trust, Cranfield University and Keep Britain Tidy's River Care have all signed up to supporting the aims of the Peterborough City Council and Environment Agency led programme. The programme aims to holistically improve a sub-catchment of the River Welland during a 5+ year partnership programme of community-focused works. Physical works to Marholm and Werrington Brooks and Cuckoos Hollow lake aim to make these water bodies more resilient to changing weather, environmental conditions and to the influx of pollutants. The programme also includes consideration of the interaction with Brook Drain and Paston Brook and will explore how the local community and businesses can

work together to reduce pollution entering any of the watercourses in this sub-catchment. The programme takes a holistic integrated approach to creating a healthy river environment that can benefit everyone living, working or visiting the areas around North Bretton, Walton and North and South Werrington.

- In 2012, the Government's Technology Strategy Board (now Innovate UK), launched a UK-wide future cities competition to demonstrate how cities could take a new approach to how they run. By developing and testing innovative ideas, cities were called upon to shape smarter and more sustainable places. With a bid developed with public, private and third sector partnership Peterborough was awarded £3m. The Peterborough DNA programme was born: to implement the ideas, innovations and new systems that were put forward. One of the projects delivered as part of this programme has seen 25 weather stations installed in schools across the city. The weather stations will give people in the city access to localised weather data and provide a unique opportunity for children across the city to interact with complex data to consider what interventions they could make to address local challenges.
- The Water Innovation Network, delivered in partnership between Allia, Anglian Water and Opportunity Peterborough, aims to drive innovation in the water industry. This is achieved by sharing the water company challenges and ensuring that all businesses and organisations understand how their innovations can help the water industry to be more efficient. Over the last 12 months 4 events have been hosted to help businesses meet the experts, with a total of 210 attendees; reviewed over 70 innovative solutions; released an approximate saving at Anglian Water of £325K and have continued to grow the network.
- Opportunity Peterborough and the Global Sustainability Institute at Anglia Ruskin University (GSI) are the UK partners on the Water Efficiency in European Urban Areas (WE@EU) FP7-funded project. The primary objective of the WE@EU project, which also involves 4 other European regions, is to create an open European platform for EU excellence in Water Efficiency and Urban Water Management. In order to achieve this, Opportunity Peterborough and the GSI have co-launched The Water Cluster. This free website and network provides a platform for members to identify synergies in one another's work, enter into a dialogue, form partnerships, and collaborate on projects.

Environment Capital Theme: Land Use and Wildlife

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| Increase the number of sites in positive management from 79% to 81% | Green | Current progress indicates that 80% of County Wildlife Sites are now in positive management. Work is ongoing to schedule this year's site visits with those targeted where there is a high probability that they may fall out of positive management |
| Increase the number of trees planted as part of the Forest for Peterborough from 8,000 to 55,000 | Green | This target has been significantly exceeded with 93,579 trees planted so far, with the help of PECT's fantastic volunteers. |
| Secure funding to increase the number of Green Flags to 6 | Red | There are now 5 Green Flags across Peterborough: Central Park, Itter Park, Manor Farm Park, the Crematorium and Victoria Gardens. |

| | | <p>Unfortunately Nene Park Trust decided not to reapply for a Green Flag at Ferry Meadows in order to focus on similar accreditation schemes more suitable for country parks. Applications were submitted for Bretton Park and Bishop Road Gardens in 2015 both of which were unsuccessful. As part of this year's budget (2016/17) officers have inputted £40K to further enhance the existing Green Flag parks and are currently not looking to expand our provision but retain the status of the parks that already have Green Flag accreditation.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Nene Park Trust will continue to raise the quality of its facilities and improve the participation and engagement of visitors</p> | <p>Green</p> | <p>This indicator relates to two separate targets reported at Nene Park Trust:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="724 667 1299 837"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Target</th> <th>Actual</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Number of visitors to the Park</td> <td>306,046</td> <td>355,808</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of visitors rating experience as very good or excellent</td> <td>78%</td> <td>n/a</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2016 targets take negative impact of parking charges into effect. Unable to provide any information on satisfaction score until later in 2016 due to change in gathering this information. However, satisfaction percentage for rest of reporting year has exceeded the targets.</p> | Description | Target | Actual | Number of visitors to the Park | 306,046 | 355,808 | % of visitors rating experience as very good or excellent | 78% | n/a |
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Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- A successful Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership funding bid will see £2.8 million invested to enhance the Nene Valley. Through a series of projects, Nenescape aims to achieve a well-managed, understood and appreciated landscape that tells tales of times gone by; inspires a sense of adventure; is easy to explore; rich in wildlife, and resilient to the pressures of on-going population growth. Development funding of £208,300 has also been awarded to help the partnership progress their plans to apply for a full grant at a later date. River Nene Regional Park, based in Kettering, has led the partnership work that has secured the ear-marked grant. This success is the culmination of two years work by many partner organisations to put together a scheme of projects across the Valley that will build knowledge and understanding of the landscape and its history, improve the visitor experience through improved access and interpretation to heritage sites, and reduce the threats to and negative impacts on heritage.
- A Green Infrastructure working group has been established to develop a refreshed Peterborough Green Infrastructure & Biodiversity Plan to support the new Local Plan.
- The Boardwalks Local Nature Reserve (LNR) has reopened following replacement of flood-damaged bridges and walkways. The council has signed a 10-year Licence Agreement with conservation charity Froglife to take an active lead role in managing and promoting the use of the Boardwalks LNR which has included securing Heritage Lottery Funding to deliver their "Dragonfinder" project. Froglife has successfully secured additional funding to provide enhanced interpretation facilities at the Boardwalks LNR via its Hoppy Families crowd-funding appeal as well as £10,000 through the Tesco bags of Help scheme.

- The council has installed of over 500m of pre-vegetated ‘coir’ rolls along a section of the River Nene west of Town Bridge. By providing a “soft-edge” to the concrete wall it will provide a visually attractive feature as well as supporting fish populations and other wildlife.
- The council has surfaced new informal paths in Grimeshaw and Bretton Woods and installed new interpretation panels. Strong community involvement with management of the woods continues.
- Peterborough’s Buzzing is an exciting new Heritage Lottery Fund funded project led by Buglife in partnership with the council. A number of urban green spaces have been identified as suitable locations where existing amenity grass will be transformed into wild-flower meadows supporting a range of plants and insects. The funding will cover the initial establishment costs with longer term maintenance to be carried out by Amey at a lower cost than current management. At the end of 2015 the project was well underway, with wildflower areas at Nene Park looking stunning and volunteers recently planting over 4,800 plug plants as well as pollinator friendly shrubs around the park.
- The project Forest for Peterborough has completed its latest planting season, which took place October 2015 through to March 2016. The 2015/16 planting season enabled PECT to reach a project total of 93,579 trees – halfway to the total project target. The planting season will resume in October 2016, and in the summer months the project will be focusing on securing land, running maintenance days and events to engage people further with the project.
- Nene Park Trust have recently opened the new Badger Play Area in Ferry Meadows. Working with the existing trees and nearby wooded areas it includes a crawling tunnel, bridges, badger dens, a slide, climbing trees, swings and a wheelchair accessible trampoline, creating a play space that is both exciting and accessible. Local schools, a local guide group, Little Miracles (a charity which supports children with additional needs), volunteers and staff were all involved in the design process. This second playground improvement project follows the success of the Otter playground, which opened in Ferry Meadows in April 2014.

Environment Capital Theme: Sustainable Materials

| Target | Status | Commentary |
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| The council will achieve level 5 in the government procurement framework | Red | <p>An assessment has been undertaken to ascertain the work that is required to achieve this target. The Council currently meet some actions within the framework but currently do not have all of the criteria to meet level 1. The Council have provided guidance to the procurement team on an ethical procurement position statement being developed for the Council to ensure it complies with the flexible framework criteria.</p> <p>Work has been unable to progress further on this target due to capacity issues within the procurement team. It should be noted that due to the way the framework has been developed it will be impossible to achieve level 5 by the end of 2016, due to the need to demonstrate continuous improvement.</p> |

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| <p>Develop planning guidance to support the use of sustainable materials</p> | <p>Green</p> | <p>The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report was published in November 2015, followed by a full Sustainability Appraisal in January 2016, which tested all policy options in the Preliminary Draft Local Plan against the Plan Objectives, one of which is 'to minimise the consumption of non-renewable natural resources and maximise the re-use of materials'. Following consultation on the new Local Plan in Jan/Feb 2016, the Council will be publishing a Further Draft Local Plan in late December 2016.</p> |
| <p>Seek funding to develop a city wide local procurement framework</p> | <p>Green</p> | <p>The Environment, Transport and Future City team continue to seek suitable sources of external funding in order to deliver this target, however, the team have been unable to identify suitable sources at this stage.</p> <p>A number of related actions are taking place to support this target including: the development of a Smart Business Platform called Share Peterborough; the launch of Peterborough's Circular City vision; development of a Circular Economy master plan; and, development of several funding applications to support this work as part of the Peterborough DNA programme.</p> |
| <p>In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 25% of total aggregates sales will be comprised of secondary and recycled aggregates</p> | <p>Amber</p> | <p>This data comes from annual surveys sent out to minerals operators. The latest survey was coordinated by the British Geological Survey (BGS) and administered by the Minerals Planning Authorities (i.e. Peterborough City Council). Responses received were collated and sent back to the BGS in anonymised form at the end of August 2015.</p> <p>Due to a delay in the data coming back from the BGS, the annual Local Aggregate Assessment for 2015 was not produced. It was agreed between all East of England Minerals Planning Authorities that the 2016 LAA will cover data for the 2 preceding years. Permission was however granted in 2015 for 2 recycling facilities, processing a combined 275,000 tonnes of material per annum.</p> |

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- As part of the Peterborough DNA programme work has taken place over the last two years as part of the Smart Business strand in Fengate to make sure local businesses are sustainable in all senses of the word – resilient and with low environmental impact. This project has involved:
 - o Building a collaborative business partnership for companies to help each other. A core of companies including Skanska, Viridor and Amey alongside SME's are already working jointly to tackle common challenges.

- Offering 1-2-1 advice and specialist environmental audits to improve business efficiency.
- Developing a collaborative online platform that aims to connect businesses across the city by providing them with an opportunity to share their people, places and products which are not in use with others in need of such resources.
- Test-bedding – testing technologies in live business environments, generating new commercial opportunities for the tester and the host including a revolutionary wind turbine prototype.
- The first week of November 2015 saw Peterborough DNA, in collaboration with Forum for the Future and the Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN), launch Peterborough's vision to become the UK's first circular city. The circular economy is a concept used to redesign business processes away from the linear 'take, make, dispose' model to a virtuous cycle of manufacture and reuse. The first event in November saw city leaders, academics and experts working together to create a road map to deliver the circular vision. Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council outlined Peterborough's aspiration and delegates heard from two city organisations who already embrace the circular concept: Skanska and Peterborough Reuse. A second workshop took place at the Allia Future Business Centre in March 2016 where 60 representatives from the public sector, academia and industry came together to further progress Peterborough's journey to becoming a circular city. Delegates to the event helped co-create the 'Circular Peterborough' manifesto and designed a number of pilot projects in the areas of manufacturing, built environment, food and water and leadership and governance. Next steps will include the publishing of the manifesto and bringing the demonstrator projects to life.
- The circular economy concept was also explored as part of Peterborough DNA's Smart Supper programme. Smart Supper events are designed to inspire and enable young people to develop innovative approaches to solve city challenges. It's a simple concept, secondary school pupil's work in teams, using their imagination, to create new business ideas to solve city scale challenges. People from across the city are invited to buy a ticket to attend the event where they enjoy a light supper and spend the evening listening to the teams pitch their business ideas. But, it's a competitive evening. Everyone in the audience votes for their favourite pitch with the winning team receiving the profit from the night to invest in bringing their idea to life. At the Smart Supper event in November 2015, held at the University Centre Peterborough, the city's young people were represented by students from Arthur Mellows Village College and Thomas Deacon Academy who presented their ideas for a circular city. Three teams presented ideas ranging from reusing construction waste, creating bio-fuels from urban mining and manufacturing high end designer clothes from charity shop cast offs. 65 city professionals judged the presentations over supper, in a high energy, thought provoking evening. The winning team, Green Construction from Arthur Mellows Village College, was awarded £150 along with business support to help develop the ideas to work with housing developers, recycling waste building materials and re-using it to building green areas across the city. They were also offered dedicated mentoring from Skanska UK to take their ideas forward.
- Peterborough Reuse, an organisation that received kick-starter funding from Peterborough DNA, has gone from strength to strength since its inception in 2014. Over the last 18 months, they have diverted 33 tonnes of hessian sacks and 715kg of unwanted material from landfill by producing 6600 shopping bags. They, with their partners, were awarded £10k in funding from the Department of Work and Pension to deliver an outreach project to woman in deprived areas of the city. To date, they have trained 60 women, 20 of whom are now in part time employment with them.

Environment Capital Theme: Local and Sustainable Food

| Target | Status | Commentary |
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| Seek funding to carry out a feasibility study into local, sustainable food production | Green | A number of initiatives have taken place this quarter and whilst they've not fulfilled this target they do make a positive contribution. Activities include: Cross Keys Homes are developing a community cafe using unwanted food; we've met with the new food production centre at the college site to look at options; and one of the Peterborough DNA masters students will be focussing on food for her dissertation. |
| Achieve Fairtrade city status | Green | There are a number of factors that determine the success of this target with the majority performing well. Work on increasing products and engagement is ongoing. An increase in engagement with schools has seen a positive response, with an increase in Fairtrade School Awards and schools working on Fairtrade projects. The next stage will focus on submitting an application for Fairtrade city status. |
| Develop planning guidance to support local food | Green | Work has started on preparing a new Local Plan for Peterborough. As part of that a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report has been prepared. It is structured around the ten themes of Environment Capital. The 'Local and Sustainable Food' section is broken down into the topics of Productive Land, Farm Diversification, Allotments and Community Growing. The section concludes with the objective 'to promote the conservation and wise use of productive land'. Following consultation on the new Local Plan in Jan/Feb 2016, the Council will be publishing a Further Draft Local Plan late December 2016. |

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- A number of initiatives have taken place to support this theme including:
 - o As part of Peterborough's DNA programme a second MSc student is completing a comprehensive review of local food for their dissertation due in September 2016.
 - o FoodCycle, a national charity that combines volunteers, surplus food and spare kitchen spaces to create tasty, nutritious meals for people at risk of food poverty and social isolation, has launched in Peterborough with support from Cross Keys Homes. FoodCycle run over 24 projects across the UK, united by the simple idea that food waste and food poverty should not coexist. The impact of Peterborough's Hub so far with its 78 hub volunteers is 1145 kg of surplus food distributed and 306 meals cooked.
 - o The Green Backyard is working in partnership with Parsnips and Pears to offer fresh, locally grown veg boxes delivered direct to the door for homes in and around Peterborough. A percentage from the sale from each box goes directly to The Green Backyard to help support its work. Parsnips and Pears are a family

run farming business with farms in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. They are traditional farmers, growing, harvesting, baking, making and supplying traditional fresh food and produce to homes. All their baked goods are handmade every day, their eggs are laid by hens who are free to roam the fields, their meat has full provenance, grass reared and is all hand prepared. Their yogurts are made on the farm. Parsnips and Pears share the Green Backyard's passion for keeping the small and local in our food system, and as well as growing a lot of the veg they supply themselves, they also buy from small, local growers.

- Arts organisation Metal created a new cultural, weekend-long Harvest Festival in the city centre in September 2015. Working in partnership with international lead artists Lucy and Jorge Orta, they realised their ambition of delivering an outdoor meal for 500 people, the first event of its kind in the UK aiming to re-imagine the traditional Harvest Festival. The event brought 500 residents together for dinner; a Farmer's Market; an outdoor evening music concert and 1,000 more local people contributing through music, dance, craft, performance and ritual procession. It also focussed on ecological and social sustainability including localism, food production, food waste/sustainability, agricultural education and collective responses to the land. Projects for 2016 include: Lucy + Jorge Orta Exhibition; Resident – an exhibition including three of Metal artists in residence, Jessie Brennan, Matt Lewis and Marc Atkinson; The Art Lending Library - a project by Market Gallery and Walker and Bromwich, The Art Lending Library is an evolving social sculpture housing a diverse collection of artworks that could be enjoyed in your own home. Metal's annual/regular programme includes: Future Network - Metal's quarterly artists professional development network and Peterborough Presents - a training programme, offering training and professional development opportunities for artists, organisations and creative communities living or working in Peterborough. Metal also runs a website for Peterborough, Idea1.org.uk, an online resource for artists, creative individuals and audiences to access a wide range of arts information about the city.

Environment Capital Theme: Zero Waste

| Target | Status | Commentary |
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| Increase materials recycled or recovered at the household recycling centre from 80% to 90% | Green | The performance for the period from 01/04/2015 to 31/03/2016 is 63.96%. This target is impacted by a number of factors including the decision to delay the construction of a new household recycling centre and because the facility that the council sends material for transformation into fuel for the cement industry closed, removing this non-landfill route. The development of a new HRC has been postponed until 2017/18, anticipated to open in the Autumn of 2017. However, the ERF starting taking waste for recovery in August 2015 and the figures are starting to reflect the increased diversion from landfill, the standalone figure for quarter 3 shows a 75.2% recovery rate and 99.87% in quarter 4 now that the ERF is fully operational. |
| Build a new household recycling centre | Red | The council budget for 2015/16 excludes provision of capital funding to build a new household recycling centre. This project has therefore been |

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| | | moved forward to the 2017/18 financial year and as such no progress will occur until then. |
| Seek funding to develop an action plan to reduce landfill of non-municipal waste (i.e. non-domestic) | Green | The Council have been unable to identify suitable sources of funding that directly fulfil this target. However a number of complementary tasks have been undertaken that relate to the Circular City project that is being delivered as part of Peterborough DNA. This project aims to embrace the circular economy principle at a city level to ensure that Peterborough can make the most of its waste people, products and places. As part of this a number of funding streams are being progressed to access both UK and EU funding sources. |

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- A local government grant was awarded to the council to improve recycling rates across the city. As a result the council, in partnership with Amey, launched a rewards scheme, 'Love Peterborough: Love your Community,' to 35,000 households to encourage residents in Eye, Thorney, Stanground, Hampton, East, Walton, Paston and North Bretton to recycle more and minimise waste, and rewards green points for their efforts. Residents received a letter and leaflet before the scheme was launched in October 2015. A dedicated web platform hosts the scheme and residents are able to create accounts and monitor their community's performance on www.lovepeterborough.com. Every four months, the area with the most points receives £3,000 to donate to a community group or charity of their choice. Winners of the first round were announced in March 2016. Stanground were named the winning community with a total of 321,975 green points. The residents of Stanground voted for the Peterborough Foodbank to receive the £3,000 prize, which will be spent supporting the everyday running of the project and to help launch the new 'Eat Well Spend Less' programme. The communities in second and third place were Hampton and Eye and Thorney. They received £2,000 and £1,000 to donate to their chosen community group or charity, as voted by the residents signed up to the scheme. Helena Ridgeway was named 'Recycling Champion', winning the individual prize of £50 for her willingness to go above and beyond and continued passion towards recycling. Green points are gained by taking part in recycling based activities ranging from recycling food waste to buying from the WEEE Reuse and participating residents logging their recycling efforts online. The scheme has recently been shortlisted for the National Recycling Awards 2016 in the 'Communications' category, recognising those who have taken a fresh approach to promoting behaviour change. Since launching, the scheme has engaged residents in a range of positive behaviours from recycling garden waste, bulky waste and electronics to donating unwanted items to charity and switching to reusable nappies.
- The council have re-launched the food waste service and given all households free liners, a leaflet and a bin sticker encourage participation in the weekly food waste service. This has seen an increase in the food waste collected since providing free liners and launching the communications to encourage participation. The amount of food waste collected in March 2016 increased by 34% compared to March 2015.

- The 2015 Recycling of Used Plastics Limited (RECOUP) annual Conference took place in Peterborough. The event aimed to bring together organisations and individuals from the plastic, packaging and recycling chain to share knowledge, experience and insight. It focussed on the future of plastic both as a material and a sustainable, recyclable resource.
- The council have had over 20,000 subscriptions to the garden waste service in 2015 and have seen a positive impact from the clean and green campaign in increasing recycling as well as a reduction in fly tipping. A 12 week long city-wide spring clean programme took place in April 2016 providing additional targeted cleansing in all wards to tackle littering, fly-tipping and graffiti. Funding of £100,000 for each of the next five years, to cover the cost of the cleanup operation, was agreed in the 2016/17 budget.

Environment Capital Theme: Sustainable Transport

| Target | Status | Commentary |
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| Increase the number of businesses with travel plans from 30 in 2012/13 to 60 | Amber | In order to achieve this target by the end of 2016 an interim target of 54 was set to be achieved by the end of March 2016. The actual number at the end of March 2016 was 48. The first two quarters of the year were on target but the actual number has stayed the same since then. The Council has since updated its Business Travel Plan Guidance and is currently drafting an online Greenprinting certification for businesses. Using 10 areas of focus the certification provides an introduction to travel planning for businesses in an accessible format. The Council is also currently updating its own travel plan. |
| Increase the number of pupils receiving Bikeability training from 951 to 1300 annually | Green | Bikeability training is delivered in schools across the city. The number of pupils that have received training are: Up to the end of June 2015 – 1303 |
| To further develop a robust monitoring network to enable in depth transport modal data to be collected | Amber | The council currently use data produced by the Department for Transport to understand model shift across the city and to make comparisons at a national level. Advancements have been made using data obtained from TomTom to understand more about vehicle journey times and opportunities for innovative solutions to obtain further data on an ongoing basis will continue to be explored. The Council have recently developed a long term academic partnership with Cranfield University who will be undertaking research into the Sustainable Transport theme with a focus on developing ways to monitor transport modal data. |

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- The council was commended in the sustainability category at the annual Chartered Institute of Highways and Transport Awards in June 2015. The judges commended 'the

holistic approach taken to environmental issues which highways contractors have to deal with. It fits well with Peterborough's broader environmental ambitions, and gives an indication of how important it is for highway authorities to set the bar high when contracting highways services. The awards are a celebration of the highways and transportation industry and reward remarkable achievements of those working in the sector.

- The annual Cambridge and Peterborough Travel Plan Awards was held in February 2016. The awards recognise businesses for their commitment to encouraging sustainable ways of getting to and from work. The Peterborough Travel Plan winners were: Queensgate Shopping Centre (Gold); Atkins (Silver) and Allia Future Business Centre (Bronze). This year another category was added to recognise the initiatives that businesses are introducing to promote sustainable travel to their employees. The Gold Sustainable Travel Initiative Award in Peterborough went to IKEA Distribution, the Silver award went to Peterborough Regional College and Skanska scooped the Bronze award. Some of the initiatives that led to IKEA taking the Gold award include: Improved cycle shed facilities with increased capacity and solar lights to aid security; in-house cycle loans; personal travel plans (myPTP) for staff; electric pool cars for staff; promoting use of an electric vehicle taxi company 'Green Leaf Cars'; providing car share bays; and organising a sustainable travel week with free cycle maintenance, electric car promotion and IKEA staff taking part in a 1000 km sponsored cycle ride.
- Outspoken Training won the Best Behaviour change award at the National Cycle Planning awards for their work in transforming how Peterborough families get to and from school. The overall aim of the project was to help build a stronger cycling culture within five primary schools and to encourage children, parents and teachers to cycle more often. In just six weeks there was a 263% increase with more than 200 more children cycling to school each day across the five Peterborough schools - Heritage Park, Oakdale, Norwood, Newborough and Castor.
- Peterborough Highways Services, a partnership between Peterborough City Council and Skanska won a Silver Award at the national Green Apple Awards 2015. As one of the industry's leading green contractors, Skanska is using its Peterborough Highway Services partnership with the council as an exemplar of green technologies and sustainable techniques. In the first year alone, Skanska exceeded its target of diverting 95% of waste from landfill. In addition the organisation is working towards achieving a zero carbon economy with an annual reduction target of 5% of direct emissions. Skanska are also now using a GPS system in all of its fleet to encourage efficient fuel consumption and better green driving techniques.
- Travelchoice is Peterborough City Council's Sustainable Travel Team, promoting cycling, walking, public transport and car sharing in Peterborough. Peterborough recently won £500,000 as part of the Department for Transport's Local Sustainable Transport Fund 2016. The money will allow the council's Travelchoice team to continue working with schools, businesses and residents to encourage more people to reduce their reliance on cars and instead walk, cycle, use the bus and car share. In particular, the money will be used to improve people's access to jobs, skills, training and education. This will include offering personalised travel information for people who find that travelling to jobs is often a barrier to employment. The Travelchoice team will also work with more schools to further roll out the Bike-It scheme, which teaches children how to ride safely. Sustrans has already delivered the training to almost 15,000 children and adults across the city.
- In 2015/16 Travelchoice held and participated in a total of 20 public events attended by over 3000 people. Highlights include a cycle cinema in central park, a city centre bonanza with and crazy bikes at Ferry Meadows. In September 2015, Travel Choice ran

- the Travelchoice Challenge, where individuals and businesses across Peterborough were invited to compete to see who could travel most sustainably during the month. Participants could log their trips to earn points and win prizes. A total of 927 people registered and 5,823 kg of carbon emissions were saved totalling 15,000 car miles.
- Travelchoice also run a number of projects with schools as part of their School Travel Planning programme. For example, throughout December 2015 and January 2016 Travelchoice held a city-wide competition with Peterborough's primary schools. The aim was to design the 'Transport for the Future,' paying special consideration to the environmental impacts of transport. The winning design, chosen by the Mayor, was a solar powered scooter created by Jessica Parrish from Southfields Primary School. As a result, Southfields Primary received a custom built scooter storage pod for everyone to use and enjoy and the winning designs were displayed by Peterborough Museum.
 - Travelchoice also work with businesses to promote business travel planning. Travelchoice held and participated in a grand total of 29 business events in 2015/16. Personalised Travel Planning in businesses resulted in a 3.2% increase in car sharing, 10% increase in cycling, 21.1% increase in walking and a 42.2% increase in public transport use (bus & train). Travelchoice are now setting up a number of car sharing groups for various businesses within Peterborough, through the Faxis car sharing app. This is a 12 month pilot which will give an indication of how feasible the concept of car sharing is through an app such as Faxis. Faxis is based around a map showing your journey, regular destination and other group members. Icons represent other users which you can click on to see their journey requirements and then use the built-in messaging system to arrange your journey. Users can utilise the inbuilt functionality to calculate a fair contribution towards costs, then passengers simply pay drivers directly from the app.
 - Travelchoice have also been focusing on improving access for people with disabilities, recognising that travelling around the city sustainably can be more of a challenge for some citizens. They have been joining Inspire Peterborough for their 'Walk on Wednesdays' which has been a great way to engage with many people who face differing challenges associated with travel. Going forwards Travelchoice will also be working with the Regional College through various initiatives and focus groups to improve access to education for all students.

Environment Capital Theme: Culture and Heritage

| Target | Status | Commentary |
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| Increase the number of active library members by 3% annually from a baseline of 22,971 | Amber | <p>The baseline for this target was revised once monitoring of the plan began because it was felt that in order to get a true indication of active library members it was necessary to include computer users in the calculation. Therefore a revised baseline of 35,890 active users was agreed. In order to achieve this target by the end of 2016 an interim target of 36,966 was set for the end of March 2015.</p> <p>The targets were set before the implementation of the new library system Open+ which now sees all of Peterborough's libraries open for 50% more hours each week, however attendance figures have been reduced during the implementation of</p> |

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| | | the project, as the libraries had to close for the works to take place. The library service also closed for short periods of time during January, February and March 2016 to install free Wi-Fi in all of the city's libraries through a government grant. The actual number of users is 33,037. Open+ is expected to support this objective in the longer term, however this year's figures will be impacted due to the implementation of these two large projects which require the buildings to close for short periods of time. In addition, a full year of data is not available yet from open+ (until May 2017) and it cannot be compared to last year's figures as it was a different service. |
| Increase the number of people attending theatre performances by 10% over three years from a baseline of 50,000 | Green | This target has been exceeded with 64,171 people attending theatre performances between the 1 st of April 2015 and the 31 st March 2016. |
| Increase the number of people attending arts events from 40,000 to 60,000 by 2016 | Green | This target has been exceeded with 74,990 people attending arts events between the 1 st of April 2015 and the 31 st March 2016. |
| 24 Culture and heritage sessions via Greeniversity per quarter | Green | This target was exceeded throughout most of the year with an average of 29 sessions in a quarter. |

Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- Improvements to Long Causeway have revitalised and enhanced the public realm, complementing those successfully carried out in Bridge Street. A new central square depicting John Clare with curved seating and a focus on new public art capturing the city's environmental aspirations, including poems written by city children, takes centre stage.
- The Key Youth Theatre and UROCK were both invited to perform as part of the National Theatre Connections Festival at the Royal National Theatre in London in July 2015.
- The annual Green Festival, organised by Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT), in partnership with 38 partner organisations, continues to be successful with 10,000+ attendees in 2015. The 2016 Green Festival, organised by PECT, is moving to a new summertime date of Saturday 13th August 2016, with fringe events running through to 21st August 2016. The Festival has been awarded Arts Council funding for a three-year period, bringing a fantastic £73,500 funding into the city. This funding will be used to commission artists to create innovative artworks for the Festival – whether its street theatre, visual art or spoken word – to promote sustainable living and encourage people to take positive actions for their local and global environment. The 2016 Festival has been sponsored by Travelchoice, which will also allow sustainable transport to be highlighted in exciting and thought-provoking ways.
- The Green Backyard have, over the last 6 years, delivered hundreds of sessions on arts, crafts, gardening and confidence building to over 1,000 people from Peterborough and beyond. They are set to deliver more classes and workshops than ever in 2016 with their learning programme, Crafts & Conversations, funded through the Peterborough Community Learning Trust and supported by the City College. Highlights this year

- include a garden design masterclass with RHS Gold winning garden designer Jeni Cairns, willow weaving with GBY co-founder Renny Antonelli, poetry with the Peterborough Laureate, mosaics, painting mini canvases and vegan cookery.
- PECT's project Woodland Heritage in Action has formed a voluntary group, which is continuing to grow and thrive: Nene Coppicing & Crafts. Nene Coppicing & Crafts aims to connect people with the natural and cultural heritage of woods, and help to revive ancient skills. There are community participation and educational opportunities. In addition to this – and through using traditional woodland management and conservation techniques - the project will help encourage a greater diversity of flora and fauna in local woodlands.
 - Peterborough Heritage Festival is a unique chance to experience 3,500 years of history. Held in and around the stunning historic surroundings of the Cathedral precincts, this is the city's most popular event, attracting over 34,000 people last year. The 2016 festival takes place from Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd July where over 30 local history societies, community groups and historic attractions, put on displays to show off the best of our local heritage. There are free taster tours; special tours of the rooftop spaces, as well as a chance to meet Katharine of Aragon, Mary Queen of Scots, Edith Cavell and 'Old Scarlett'. There is also a 1960s mobile cinema on St John's Square. This beautifully restored and unique survival will be showing performances of Pathé news footage from Peterborough's past, highlighting life in the city from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Environment Capital Theme: Equity and Local Economy

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| Increase the number of jobs in the cleantech cluster by 10% | Green | Unable to obtain data – this is last years update - Over the reporting period Opportunity Peterborough have focussed on sectors and industries which are deemed to fall within the definition of cleantech. This includes digital, environmental and agri-tech companies. As a result there has been a significant increase in jobs in these sectors totalling 420. |
| Reduce city wide unemployment by 1% annually | Green | This target is performing well. When the target was set in January 2014 there were 4,553 claimants and at the end of March 2016 this has reduced to 1,875 claimants. |
| Undertake a housing stock survey to ascertain homes in fuel poverty and subsequently target resources with the aim of achieving the Government's target to eradicate fuel poverty by 2016 | Green | The draft Building Research Establishment (BRE) Private Sector Stock Modelling Report has been received. The report and database provides the council with dwelling level modelled data on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of dwellings with a Cat 1 Hazard for Excess Cold • % of households in fuel poverty • % of dwellings occupied by a low income household • The average Simple SAP rating <p>The report provides estimates on basic Green Deal variables for private sector stock (wall and loft insulation), energy efficiency variables and</p> |

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| | <p>potential energy/carbon savings through a series of “improvement scenarios”.</p> <p>Parts of the report were still under review as of February 2016 and a revised draft report is expected imminently. This data will inform PCC’s Renewals Policy and Affordable Warmth Strategy both of which will be refreshed this year (2016).</p> |
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Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- The council secured £3.9million from the Department for Energy and Climate Change’s Green Deal Communities Fund which delivered External Wall Insulation in the Operation Can Do area of the city. This area has a large percentage of pre 1919 solid walled properties, with a high proportion of privately rented dwellings. These, together with the privately owned properties are predominantly occupied by low income households likely to be in fuel poverty. The DECC funding equates to approximately £6,000 towards costs per property. The project ran through to September 2015 for new applicants with installation continuing until 31 July 2016. It is estimated that 369 homes will have had external wall installation installed across the city by the time the scheme formally closes on 31 July 2016.
- Allia Future Business Centre’s new technology facility called the ‘Innovation Laboratory’ is well on the way to going live at the Peterborough Football Stadium site before it is, in time, duplicated around the country. Thanks to assistance from European Regional Development Funding the facility will give innovators and existing businesses access to technologies and skills, aiding development of their future ventures. Soon Peterborough will be able to experience and develop the digital manufacturing world through 3D virtual environments, the latest design tools and high quality media facilities along with 3D printing and scanning machines.
- Peterborough’s future cities programme, delivered by the Peterborough DNA team, continues to drive the agenda, having been recognised as Smart City of the Year 2015 in November 2015 at the World Smart City Congress in Barcelona. Peterborough beat off stiff competition from cities such as Moscow and Dubai. Judges were impressed with Peterborough’s commitment to becoming the UK’s first circular city and its Environment Capital vision. Peterborough’s collaborative approach to citizen involvement, also convinced the awards jury that Peterborough should win the award.
- Through the Peterborough DNA programme £183,640 has been awarded to 11 companies across the city, in sectors as diverse as cyber security, waste, construction, food production, social inclusion and culture.
- As a result of the Peterborough Graduate Scheme 5 graduates were offered contract extensions. Of the 4 new MSc’s awarded, 3 of the graduates are now in full time employment in the city.
- A year since the launch of the Opportunity Peterborough Bondholder scheme over 200 businesses have signed up. The scheme aims to meet the need of businesses while further supporting business growth in the city.
- Peterborough is ranked as the 7th most innovative city in the UK based on the number of UK patents granted (Centre for Cities 2016).
- Peterborough is the 3rd fastest growing city in the UK, experiencing growth rates more than twice the national average in the decade between 2004 and 2014 (Centre for Cities 2016).
- The Skills Service is part of Opportunity Peterborough’s economic development portfolio, now funded by the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise

Partnership (LEP). Responding to local business needs to fill skills gaps and develop employability skills in young people, the Skills Service co-ordinate activities between businesses and schools, and other organisations with access to young people, including running the biggest careers show in the East of England. This year, the team were recently awarded the Matrix Standard for Information, Advice and Guidance, IPN Gold Global Best Award (Europe) 2016 for STEM.

- Ignite Peterborough is a programme for young entrepreneurs in Peterborough and the surrounding areas. They support start-up businesses and help them to grow by offering office space, mentoring, bespoke support and plenty of networking. As well as hosting over 60 Workshops and Mentoring days for members, including a citywide Business Development Day at the Town Hall in November 2015, this year has marked the commencement and delivery of the 'Fresh Start Up Project'. Funded by the Department of Work and Pensions, the 'Fresh Start Up Project' has been running since June 2015 and provides free support to anyone of any age claiming income support to run their own business. To date, 59 of the individuals enrolled in the Fresh Start Up project are no longer claiming benefits.
- Skanska's Peterborough Highway Services team ran their inaugural 'Living our Values' week in May 2016 where they volunteered 250 hours to help the local charity Railworld Wildlife Haven. Skanska UK's 'Living Our Values' week is a celebration of the company's values: Care for Life, Act Ethically & Transparently, Be Better – Together and Commit to Customers. During the week, the team gave up the equivalent of 40 days of their time and carried out work that included: footpath maintenance, sign cleaning and fence painting. Over the last 30 years the Railworld Wildlife Haven site has been transformed from a derelict waste land to a secluded wildlife haven and rail museum in the centre of Peterborough.
- Peterborough Skanska employees have also supported young people's skills by taking part in industry/careers events and providing mock interviews and employability skills training in local schools, contributing a total of 48 staff giving 117.5 hours in 2015/16.
- Peterborough City Council, working in partnership with Vivacity, is building on the success of its Open+ library technology by rolling out free Wi-Fi connectivity across the city's 11 libraries. Since April 2016 visitors have been able to connect to the internet via their own tablets, laptops and mobiles, making the libraries an ideal place for quiet work or study. The technology was funded via an Arts Council grant of £25,000, via the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. It builds on the success of Open+, the library access scheme which enables people to enter the buildings during unstaffed hours, saving public money and protecting an important service for local people. With Open+, which launched in May 2015, library card holders can sign up to use their cards to enter the building during specified hours.

Environment Capital Theme: Health and Wellbeing

| Target | Status | Commentary |
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| Increase the number of attendances in sport and physical activities provided by Vivacity from 1.056 to 1.3 million per annum | Green | <p>Following the opening of Hampton Library & Leisure Centre and Vivacity Premier Fitness this target was amended to: Increase the number of attendances in sport and physical activities provided by Vivacity from 1,056,000 to 1,415,817 per annum.</p> <p>This target has been exceeded ahead of schedule. The total attendances in sport and</p> |

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| | | physical activities provided by Vivacity now stands at 1,559,480 per annum (end March 2016). |
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Overview of citywide activity undertaken in relation to this theme:

- Peterborough’s Park Run has celebrated its 2nd birthday. Regular Saturday morning visitors to Ferry Meadows may have noticed the growing number of lycra clad women and men of all ages taking part in the Peterborough Park Run. Since starting in August 2013, more than 7,300 different people have run more than 275,710km.
- In September 2015 an assistive technology project that will create a new lifestyle for older residents in the city commenced. Working with the council Alcove will be using its Internet of Things technology to pioneer independent living and revolutionise care and support by providing a connected care ecosystem to Peterborough’s older and disabled residents. Packages of in-home sensors will alert concerned neighbours, family members or care workers to falls, deterioration in health or other problems. Smart wearables will be used to raise an alarm in an emergency, allow approved people to call and speak to the citizen, or send them all sorts of relevant notifications, ranging from medication or appointment reminders to local community events.
- A new campaign which will help residents prevent and tackle common health problems and live healthily for longer was launched at Peterborough City Hospital in February 2016. ‘Peterborough: Creating a Healthy City’ will see the city council offer residents medically proven information and advice on how to kick poor health into touch, by making simple lifestyle changes. Each month the campaign will focus on a different health issue, starting in March with heart health. The campaign is supported by Peterborough City Hospital, Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Pharmaceutical Committee and Public Health England. Examples of other health issues covered as part of Healthy Peterborough include mental illness, alcohol intake and smoking.
- Peterborough City Council’s Healthy Peterborough Campaign also organised a series of free morning and lunchtime runs from the Embankment Athletics Track, in Bishop's Road, every Wednesday for 10 weeks from May 4th 2016. The runs were open to all abilities and aim to target people who struggle to find the time to run in the evenings during the week, don't like running on their own, or just want to give running a go. All sessions were overseen by a fully qualified England Athletics Endurance Coach.
- Every year Peterborough City Council run two weeks of activity for staff dedicated to health and wellbeing related activities, called Boost Week. Boost is a popular and well-established campaign made possible with the council, its partners, local businesses and trade unions working together to showcase products and services to help staff reach personal health goals and aid wellbeing. On average around 150-200 council staff take part in the week.