

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 23 September 2020

Councillor Julie Thain-Smith: Cabinet Lead for Environment and Climate Change

Cllr Julie Thain-Smith was appointed in June to head up the Environment and Climate activity for the Council.

A fresh set of priorities will be incorporated into the Environment and Climate Strategy which will replace the current 'Energy Strategy' 2016-2020.

There have already been liaison meetings with Havant Climate Alliance to share ideas, and a (virtual) event is being planned and scoped to ensure the fresh strategy incorporates pragmatic and targeted priorities for the Havant area.

The emerging priorities are:

- Improved communications aimed at behaviour change
- *walking and cycling networks and promotion of active travel*
- *recycling rates and resource efficiency*
- *carbon emission reduction from Havant's own operations and its partners*
- *addressing domestic carbon emissions through retrofit measures, and higher performance new homes*
- Eliminating routine use of pesticides in maintaining council owned public green-space

1. Electric Vehicle charge-point Infrastructure EVCI

The aim of providing electric vehicle charge-points in Havant owned car-parks is to promote a switch away from petrol and diesel fuels for private and light commercial vehicles. There are three locations, the figures show the number of vehicles charging at each location:

| Summary | Count |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| South Street, Emsworth | 196 |
| Wellington Way, Waterlooville | 34 |
| Tidworth Rd, Leigh Park | 98 |
| | 328 |
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Emsworth and Leigh Park were commissioned in December 2018, Waterlooville in March 2019.

Future: Havant Railway station has no plans currently for installing chargers. However, the regeneration of the area offers an opportunity to incorporate EV chargers.

2. Domestic Retrofit ECO flex and ECO3.

We have several partners which approach residents with offers of retrofit measures. These are listed on the website

<https://www.havant.gov.uk/energy-efficiency>

Depending on criteria covered in our Statement of Intent, the resident qualifies for funding provided by the big energy companies under the Energy Company Obligation, in its 3rd phase (ECO3).

In the year to April 2020, we secured over £0.5 million for Havant residents to improve energy efficiency and lower costs and carbon emissions.

2019-2020

| | £ | Count | Rounded average £ |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Q1 | 95,328.29 | 52 | 1,840 |
| Q2 | 53,243.01 | 52 | 1,030 |
| Q3 | 90,005.59 | 73 | 1,240 |
| Q4 | 264,025.09 | 186 | 1,420 |
| TOTAL | 502,601.98 | 363 | 1,390 |

The activity continues in 2020-21, but note the fall in cases through the lock-down due to covid19. We anticipate this will continue, despite new funding likely from the green homes grant schemes being announced by central government.

2020-2021 (figures to end of August 2020)

| | £ | Count | Rounded average £ |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Q1 | 65,012.42 | 36 | 1,810 |
| Q2 | 40,254.90 | 17 | 2,370 |
| Q3 | - | - | |
| Q4 | - | - | |
| TOTAL | 105,267.32 | 53 | 1,990 |