

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY (INTERNAL) COMMITTEE – Updated for 26th July 2022

Action List

Minute No. / Date	Action	Person responsible for Action	Most recent Update	Action Status
176	Circulate breakdown of people in temporary accommodation	Janet Williams	<p>Chased 25.05.22, 10.06.22 & 06.07.22.</p> <p>Email response from Helen Page 13.07.22 –</p> <p>As of 13 July we have 70 households placed into temporary accommodation. 49 are in spot purchased placements, which primarily means holiday let accommodation or B&B where they have to move frequently, and which is the most costly form of accommodation for the Council. This is an exceptionally high number for Torridge.</p> <p>We have 21 households in Council owned or managed accommodation. Currently, we have one private sector leased property having void works completed. Two hostel rooms are having void works completed, and one family in a hostel has been provided with two rooms because of the size of their household. We also have one hostel room that can only be used as an emergency crash pad because of its size.</p>	Complete

177	Circulate figures of people affected by Housing Benefit back log and investigate additional phone closure	Staci Dorey	<p>Update to be given at the meeting.</p> <p>Update from Staci on 27.06.2022 - no one is affected by the backlog as all claims are backdated from the date the application is received.</p> <p>Additional phone closure has been implemented</p>	Ongoing
188 – QBR 4 Q&A	Details of switchboard to be include in the Members Bulletin	Dem Services	Published in the 4 th July Members Bulletin	Complete
188 – QBR 4 Q&A	Details on the next steps for TDC on the Floating Offshore initiative	Sean Kearney	<p>Email sent 16.06.2022 advising him of this action.</p> <p>Answer received 4th July</p> <p>Specifically, we are concentrating on:</p> <p>Submitting the Appledore Clean Maritime Innovation Centre Levelling Up Fund bid</p> <p>Liaising with the prospective developer of the White Cross site</p> <p>Providing supply chain, community benefit and networking information</p> <p>Integration into the Celtic Sea Power network to raise the profile of our local offering</p> <p>Preplanning advice in relation to the landfall of cables and their route towards the grid connection</p> <p>Considering the opportunity presented in the preparation of the Shared Prosperity Fund Local Investment Plan</p>	Complete

<p>188 – QBR 4 Q&A</p>	<p>Where does recycled/used/collected electrical equipment get transported</p>	<p>Richard Haste</p>	<p>Email sent 16.06.2022 advising him of this action.</p> <p>Response received 16.06.22</p> <p>Our waste electrical equipment (WEEE) was being collected free of charge by South West Computer Recycling Ltd based just outside Tiverton. They would grade the WEEE based on its type and then find suitable end markets. For WEEE with high value circuit boards the equipment would typically be broken down into component parts with the circuit boards sent onto a smelters where the precious metals can be recovered. The steel and aluminium portion of the waste would go to metals recyclers after being bulked up and the plastic waste left over would be sorted by type and sent off to appropriate end markets.</p> <p>South West Computer Recycling Ltd were purchased by a larger Devon based waste management company earlier in the year and our free collection arrangement ended. A discussion with Teignbridge District Council highlighted another company that is able to provide free collections of WEEE; ERP Recycling. European Recycling Platform (ERP) are a Europe wide recycling operation that works in partnership with a range of UK based recycling companies. They have provided free pallets for domestic battery recycling and the batteries our crews collect at the kerbside are taken to a plant in the West Midlands. We are still waiting for our first WEEE skip to be delivered but the electrical waste we provide them with will be handled in much the same way as before.</p> <p>Most of the metal waste from the WEEE we collect will be reprocessed in the UK. The plastics do sometimes travel as far afield as Europe; the polymers used to make electrical equipment are very different to those used in the manufacture of food and drink packaging and are sometimes engineered to fulfil certain structural roles and to be flame retardant. This means they require more careful sorting and grading. Inevitably some of the plastic will be graded as mixed plastic jazz (an industry description) and used as filler material in things like plastic furniture and plastic toys.</p> <p>Once ERP start making regular WEEE collections from us I will be able to get a full run down of where any material they collect from us ends up.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
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