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Review Progress Summary				
 not on schedule	 on schedule	 undeliverable	 achieved	Total
1	2	5	5	13

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Timescale	RAG	Progress
A	That the Scrutiny Committee be informed of the outcome of the Fleet and Transportation Review and progress in regard to implementation	The outcome of the Fleet and Transportation review will be concluded in summer 2014. Annual updates will be provided to accompany the Policy Review Recommendations Performance Monitoring report*	Head of Streetscene	March 13		Review met its efficiency target of £2.56m by the end of 2013/14. Highlights on progress include the introduction of new fleet and fuel management systems, rationalisation of the operational fleet with 100 vehicles either not being replaced or taken off hire, replacement of refuse collection vehicles from Euro 2 to Euro 5 emission standards, and the introduction of a new stores management contract..
B	That the Council considers implementing appropriate targets for the replacement of its current fleet cars with electric counterparts based upon the findings and recommendation of Cenex with a view to revisiting the cost benefit analysis for larger vans as capital costs change	Fleet and Transportation Service review to establish target numbers for electric cars.	Head of Streetscene	December 2012		The Council has a limited number of cars on its fleet. Two conventional pool cars have been replaced with Nissan LEAF's, as has the one suitable car in the civic fleet. This exhausts the opportunities in relation to electric cars at present. Focus should now move to the assessment of car sized vans when the market provides a suitable range.
		Cost benefit analysis of larger vans to be carried out annually.	Head of Streetscene	March 2013		With affordable electric car-derived vans having come into the market place in 2013/14, the Council has been able to commit to having 1/3 of its vehicle fleet been electric by 2020, which has been





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						enshrined in the City Deal. The detailed implementation of this will be informed by the ongoing research project with the University of Sunderland which is monitoring the operational deployment of vehicles.
C	That the Council considers an electric car pool system for its staff and that the appropriateness of extending this to the wider community is investigated	Fleet and Transportation Service Review to carry out and conclude on business case for electric pool cars.	Head of Streetscene	December 2012		An Electric Car Pooling trial is being undertaken within Street Scene, utilising a Peugeot iOn through the Switch EV demonstrator project. The trial commenced February 2013 for staff based at Jack Crawford House. The trial was extended to include the Nissan LEAF based at the Civic Centre in March 2013. These cars are being tracked and monitored by Sunderland University to determine a detailed business case for a wider pool-car system to replace personal business mileage when an appropriate level of data is collected and analysed.
D	That the Council commissions a comprehensive training programme for drivers should electric vehicles be utilised within the fleet	Training requirements to be established dependant on the outcome of actions (b) and (c)	Head of Streetscene	TBC		Numbers of electric vehicles currently do not warrant a comprehensive training programme at present. The Civic drivers have undertaken an additional assessment in relation to electric cars. Advice is available for staff using the electric pool car system.
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E	That the impact of efforts made to establish the city as a 'Low-Carbon City' be continually monitored to ensure tangible benefits to the city.	Appropriate measures to be identified and included in monitoring for the Economic Masterplan and the Corporate Plan	Head of Strategy & Policy, Economy & Place	September 2012		Appropriate measures have been included in the EMP and Corporate Plan and these are monitored periodically.

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F	That the Council considers a range of innovative methods of reducing carbon emissions from all forms of transport and keeps a 'watching brief' on the developments of technology for low-carbon vehicles.	Annual updates will be provided to accompany the Policy Review Recommendations Performance Monitoring report.*	Head of Streetscene	December 2012		Refer to item B for explanation
G	That the Council explores ways in which to encourage partners to explore the use of low-carbon vehicles where appropriate.	Share the outcomes of the service review through regional networks including holding a regional conference on low carbon vehicles.	Head of Streetscene	October 2012		<p>Interest from regional partners for a conference was limited.</p> <p>This prompted the development of the research project with Sunderland University to track and monitor electric vehicles used by the Council, the University and Go Ahead to establish a practically based rather than theoretically based business case for electric vehicles which will then be shared with regional networks. This project will conclude and make recommendations in 2014/15.</p> <p>Target networking on electric vehicles was undertaken with Hartlepool and Middlesbrough Councils under the CASCADE European programme in 2013/14.</p>
H	That the Council collaborates with NEPO to present the business case to the region's local authorities and other public sector bodies, to gain the level of commitment required to progress this agenda.	Share the outcomes of the service review through regional networks including holding a regional conference on low carbon vehicles.	Head of Streetscene	October 2012		Interest in electric vehicles across the region is limited, so a regional approach to procurement is not deliverable. Smaller scale inter-council cooperation will be pursued where opportunities emerge, such as described in item G.
I	That NEPO considers undertaking further research and	Help set up and support the sharing of outcomes of the service review,	Director NEPO	October 2012		Interest in electric vehicles across the region is limited, so a regional approach

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	<p>analysis to ensure there is clear business case for regional procurement.</p>	<p>including the proposed regional conference (see (g and h)</p> <p>Carry out research on the regional interest in low carbon vehicles using the service review completed by Sunderland, using the NEPO Joint Committee protocols to support development of a strategy business case for regional procurement collaboration.</p> <p>Carry out market engagement with potential suppliers of low carbon vehicles, with Sunderland to (a) further assess the viability of a regional procurement and (b) encourage interest in the potential procurement especially from local suppliers</p> <p>Local Authorities in the North East formally asked to opt in or out of a regional collaborative procurement of low carbon vehicles.</p>		<p>November 2012</p> <p>December 2012</p> <p>December 2012</p>	<p>●</p> <p>●</p> <p>●</p>	<p>to procurement is not deliverable. Smaller scale inter-council cooperation will be pursued where opportunities emerge, such as described in item G.</p>
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