

Environment Portfolio: Overview & Scrutiny – 26 September 2019	
<u>Current key projects:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Climate Emergency:</u> Work in hand to undertake a carbon emission audit in readiness to develop a carbon reduction strategy and action plan. • <u>Joint Waste Collection Contract:</u> As the contract is now operating in all four local authority areas, the Joint Committee and JWS are focusing on improving the services and dealing with contractual matters. • <u>Air Quality:</u> Working across Surrey to collate, share, and model data to better understand local pollution levels. • <u>Taxi Policy:</u> Consulting on new polices including phasing out diesel vehicles over the next 5 years. • <u>Surrey Environment Partnership:</u> Aiming to establish a formal environment committee to better develop and deliver joint working across Surrey on waste, recycling, waste crimes etc.
<u>Key achievements:</u> In the four months as Portfolio Holder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Carbon Neutral Pledge:</u> The Council is leading by example to be carbon neutral by 2030. • <u>LHR Consultation:</u> Its an incredibly complex development that would have significant short, medium and long-term impacts on the residents and businesses of Elmbridge.
<u>Key challenges:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Maintaining Recycling Levels:</u> Changes in world recycling markets are impacting on the types or waste that are now economical to recycle. • <u>Cleaner Air:</u> Playing our part, alongside Surrey County Council as the local transportation authority, to change habits and policies and reduce vehicle related pollutants. • <u>LHR:</u> Sustaining a meaningful engagement in minimising the environmental impact on our community in the event the third runway is progressed.
<u>Areas for action:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Waste Collection Services:</u> The Priority remains is to continue to drive service improvement and stability, and to meet performance expectations. • <u>Air Quality:</u> The Council needs to prepare an updated air quality action plan to work with other agencies, to make a tangible positive impact on air quality in Elmbridge. • <u>Carbon Reduction Audit & Reduction Strategy:</u> To better understand the Council's carbon emissions and looking at options for reducing them over the coming decade.

Forward planning
and next projects
etc:

- Recycling Improvements: A range of initiatives are planned for improved recycling services.
- Carbon Reduction Strategy: To develop an effective carbon reduction strategy and action plan.