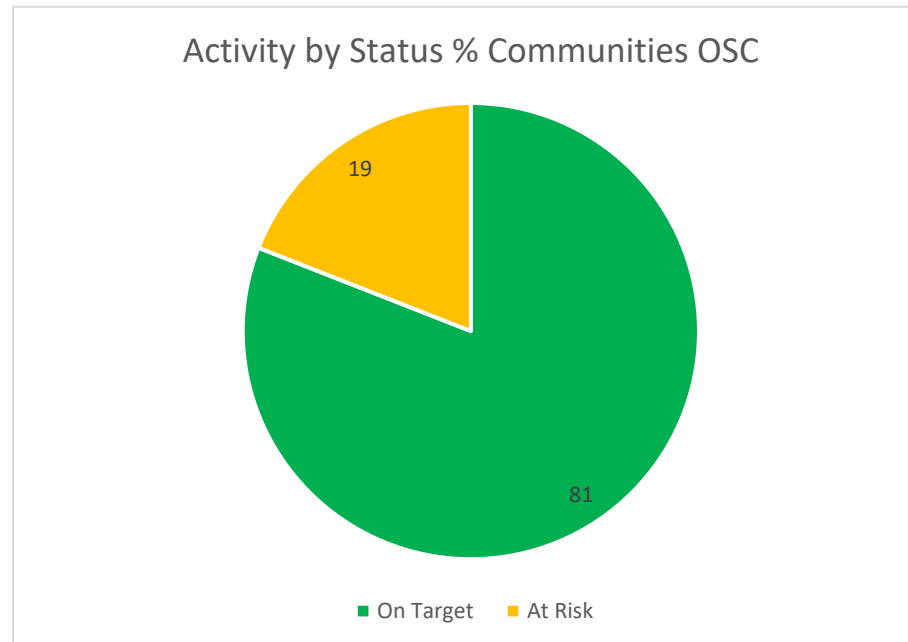


1. Communities OSC Progress on the Council Delivery Plan Quarter 2

1.1 Key Insights for Quarter 2 2024/25

Of the 59 actions within the Integrated Delivery Plan, 21 are attributable to the Communities OSC. The number of activities reporting Compromised or At Risk this Quarter is 19%. 81% of activities are on track to achieve their objectives within the set timeframes.



1.2 Tackle climate change, promote biodiversity and deliver on our commitment to Net Zero

Activity	Status	Narrative
Deliver proposals to secure funding for the following priority projects that will support Warwickshire County Council's net zero target for 2030 and net zero Warwickshire by 2050: Rollout hydrotreated vegetable oil trial, adopt new fleet strategy to set out move away from fossil fuels, expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure.	At Risk	Our approach to decarbonising our fleet is expected to be included in the Fleet Strategy; responsibility for delivering the Fleet Strategy has recently changed and is now being reviewed by Directors before next steps are agreed. The Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) pilot at one of our waste and recycling centres has seen delays but work is ongoing. The recycling centre is ready and the contract with the HVO supplier is being finalised.
Deliver proposals to secure funding for the following priority projects that will support Warwickshire County Council's net zero target for 2030 and net zero Warwickshire by 2050: Reduce the carbon impact of the Council's buildings.	At Risk	A refreshed plan for decarbonising our buildings is being developed and will include options, timescales and costs - this is expected at Programme Board by the end of the year. Solar panels are being installed at Ryton Pools in October, and installation at Kingsbury Water Park has been delayed due to bats being found in surveys. The LED lighting replacement works programme is in progress.
Deliver proposals to secure funding for the following priority projects that will support Warwickshire County Council's net zero target for 2030 and net zero Warwickshire by 2050: Increase tree planting and rollout of tree nursery to deliver a tree per resident commitment.	At Risk	The Tree & Woodland Strategy is being developed which includes an action plan that will support our tree planting targets. The tree nursery is up and running. Local authority treescape fund round 4 bid for £850K has been successful.

1.3 Through education, improve life opportunities for children, young people and those with special educational needs

Activity	Status	Narrative
Scope and deliver a systemic programme to improve Home to School Transport effectiveness and efficiency and reduce the cost of individual journeys.	At Risk	The external consultants have shared their draft report and we have provided feedback around scheduling, governance, and resourcing. Final report due by close of play 11/10/24.

- Workstreams, and targeted savings, from the draft report are being reviewed by the team to make sure forecasts are achievable.
 - The schedule is currently being converted into Verto to allow for appropriate governance, along with a compact version suitable for distribution to Corporate Board
- Some activities are already ongoing with highlights being:
- Data cleansing work ongoing, in preparation for migration to new platform on 1st January 2025. Pressures on the teams have delayed implementation, originally scheduled for 28th October 2024.
 - Internal fleet of Demand Responsive Transport due to be started in November with 7 buses
 - Safeguarding Training for drivers has been brought in-house, with courses already being delivered
 - Network Reviewers have already reviewed one school generating £340k in savings, along with £100k from other network alterations

1.6 The following Activities are On Track

Activity

Improve the timeliness of delivery on consultation responses and engagement with developers on planning applications by implementing changes to key processes following a systems thinking review of internal and external processes for dealing with planning applications with District and Borough Councils as well as implementing any software changes.

Agree and implement the Long-Term Infrastructure Masterplan which sets out the Council's Infrastructure priorities, identifying the pipeline for funding and the options for a future delivery model and including an end-to-end review of our approach to developer contributions.

As part of the Local Transport Plan (LTP4): Promote the transport hierarchy through education, communications and new infrastructure investment, increasing the amount of journeys undertaken by walking, cycling and public transport.

As part of the Local Transport Plan (LTP4): Work collaboratively with Borough/District Councils to develop Area Transport Strategies for adoption in 2024/25.

As part of the Local Transport Plan (LTP4): Develop a pipeline of new transport schemes and initiatives in line with LTP4 to support housing and economic growth in the county and look to secure external funding to support delivery.

Deliver an agreed programme to support and enable the delivery of infrastructure to increase the 4G/5G mobile network coverage across the County.

Provide targeted support to individuals who are often disadvantaged or excluded from the labour market, or those who are at risk of falling out of employment, including those with learning disabilities, physical or mental health conditions, or those facing additional barriers to employment or training.

Provide proactive support to increase the numbers of new business start-ups and help existing small businesses to grow and diversify, particularly in areas with lower levels of entrepreneurship and business activity.

Encourage and support business investment within the county, undertake activity to accelerate growth of our key business sectors, improve energy and resource efficiency, and increase productivity and competitiveness of our economy to create a dynamic and growing economy.

Develop and implement a countywide approach to skills which optimises the benefits of the County's level 2 devolution deal, work with adult education providers, local businesses and the Warwickshire Skills Hub to enable more locally targeted provision to increase employment opportunities for Warwickshire residents and implement initiatives to help make employment opportunities more inclusive and accessible.

Deliver proposals to secure funding for the following priority projects that will support Warwickshire County Council's net zero target for 2030 and net zero Warwickshire by 2050: Develop Local Area Energy Plans to attract investment in renewables, heat networks, and support options for hydrogen.

Deliver proposals to secure funding for the following priority projects that will support Warwickshire County Council's net zero target for 2030 and net zero Warwickshire by 2050: Deliver behavioural change activity through organisation wide carbon literacy education, working with partners to build capacity and know-how within communities, town and parish councils and community sector.

Deliver proposals to secure funding for the following priority projects that will support Warwickshire County Council's net zero target for 2030 and net zero Warwickshire by 2050: Expansion of Eco-schools programme.

Deliver proposals to secure funding for the following priority projects that will support Warwickshire County Council's net zero target for 2030 and net zero Warwickshire by 2050: Implement Natural Capital Investment Strategy that maximises investment and deployment in biodiversity and natural assets building on Biodiversity Net Gain scheme.

Promote the reduction, re-use and recycling of waste within the county through education and awareness raising, working closely with our District & Borough Councils to support their waste collection services, operating accessible and effective Household Waste Recycling Centres, and disposing of waste arisings in the most sustainable ways possible.

Promote and support the increase in electric vehicle (EV) vehicle use in Warwickshire through increasing the number of public EV charge points.