

2023-24 Q1-Q2 Achievements Summary

- More than 80,000 metres of lines have been repainted on borough roads in the last 12 months as part of a rolling programme. Dudley Council spends approximately £140,000 every year on repainting lines, including double yellows to help reduce congestion and keep the borough's roads moving. (Q1)
- The Traffic Team has outlined plans to apply for powers to enforce a range of driving offences in a bid to improve road safety, tackle congestion and improve air quality. A report was approved by Cabinet to allow public consultation on the proposals to seek powers from the Department of Transport to enforce moving traffic offences.(Q1)
- A new play area has been built at Netherton Park thanks to £59,000 worth of funding. Children and families visiting Netherton Park will be able to make use of the new roundabout, swings and multi-play units for both toddler and junior age groups area as well as new safety surfacing. (Q1)
- The Street Scene team installed more recycling bins across the borough, starting with borough parks. Currently there are around 70 recycling street bins in the borough, mainly located in town centres and on main roads. The council plans to double that number over the next twelve months and is beginning the roll out in borough parks.(Q1)
- Pop-up site at Lister Road Depot started to open to borough residents to dispose of their waste on the first and third Saturdays of each month following the success of it's opening in October 2022, with hundreds of people using the site particularly residents from the north of the borough. (Q1)
- The Energy Development Fund was approved and a £1m investment fund created to support energy efficiency projects delivering greater than 7.5 year payback period.(Q1)
- School Crossing Patrol celebrated 70 years since the service was first introduced nationally in July. The school crossing patrol service was officially created by the School Crossing Patrol Act in 1953 when the government recognised the value of having a service that helped children cross the road at busy and difficult locations. In Dudley, the service was operational from 1989 and since then hundreds of school crossing patrols have worked in the borough helping children and young people to and from school safely. During the event held today (July 12) at Priory Hall, each member of staff was presented with a certificate and commemorative badge. There are 35 school crossing patrols working across the borough. (Q2)

- More than £80,000 is being invested in improving rights of way across Dudley borough to make them more accessible. Eight key sites are being targeted to encourage people to walk, jog and cycle along the routes. Work includes widening pathways, improving surfaces, removal of trip hazards and cutting back trees and bushes. (Q2)
- A newly painted activity trail is set to help children as they learn to ride their bike in the safety of a borough park. In a project joint-funded by Dudley Council and Friends of Hurst Green Park, a new street-themed cycle trail has been laid on an area of hard-standing in Hurst Green Park. It includes a zebra crossing, island and road junctions. (Q2)
- Local charity Provision House accepted donations from residents at two sessions of Dudley's pop-up tip. Users of the waste disposal site on Lister Road donated their unwanted items on 2 and 16 September. The charity is on the look-out for soft furniture and domestic goods like kettles, toasters, microwaves, lamps, power tools and toys. Based in Dudley town centre, Provision House supplies essential household items to people who have faced difficulties like domestic violence, poverty, homelessness, and modern slavery. (Q2)
- Energy, Sustainability and Climate Change Team's work to maximise energy from waste earned it a top regional award. DMBC were named the winner of the Technology and Innovation Category at the Nachural Business Awards in July. It won for its work to put in place a new contract to manage its energy from waste plant. The new contract gives the council greater flexibility in shaping its energy, heat and waste strategy. The council appointed Urbaser Environmental Ltd to manage the day-to-day running of its Lister Road energy from waste plant, where it disposes its household and trade waste. As part of the new contract, the council will benefit from being able to sell the energy produced at the plant back to the national grid, which has the potential to generate substantial income for the council. (Q2)
- Dudley Council invested £130,000 of its grant from the government's public sector decarbonisation scheme to install 194 solar panels on the roof of a school. They were installed last summer and in 12 months the school has saved nearly 12,000kg of CO2 emissions, which would be equivalent to planting more than 700 trees. (Q2)