

## **2024/2025 Stratford-on-Avon District Council Climate Change and Nature Recovery Delivery Plan**

### *How this Document Works*

This document has been produced to sit alongside the Stratford-on-Avon District Council Climate Change and Nature Recovery Strategy. It identifies the specific actions which we will undertake to achieve the ambitions set out in the Strategy and should be read in tandem with that document.

The actions identified in this Delivery Plan should not be treated as exhaustive. These actions are the minimum that we will seek to achieve in the reporting year.

### **Monitoring**

Providing updates on our progress is an important stage of our climate change and nature recovery work agenda. It allows us to evidence the good work we are doing, highlights opportunities for collaborative working, and ensures we can identify where we need to do more. For this reason, starting from the 24/25 delivery year, we will produce a Climate Change and Nature Recovery Progress Report which will update progress on the actions identified in the Delivery Plan. The success of our previous years action will be based on our delivery of these actions.

### *Annually Delivered Projects*

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Service Area</b>	<b>Timescale for Delivery</b>
Emissions reporting for the 23/24 emissions reporting year	Corporate Projects	Completed by November 2024
Produce the Climate Change Monitoring and Progress Report for the 24/25 Delivery Year	Corporate Projects	Completed by the end of the 24/25 Delivery Year
Develop a Climate Change and Nature Recovery Communications Plan	Corporate Projects and Communications	Ongoing, to continue throughout the Delivery Year

Net Zero Authority

Theme	Measure	Outcome	Relevant Service Area	Budget	Source of Funding	Timescale for Delivery
High Emitters	To transition the fuel used in our refuse collection fleet from diesel to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO).	Emissions saved from using HVO instead of diesel in the refuse collection fleet.	Environmental Services	£250,000	Funding available from existing budget	October 2024
High Emitters	To successfully install solar panels on the roof of Stratford leisure centre in line with the guidance provided by the Swimming Pool Support Fund.	The amount of electricity produced by the installed solar panels.	Corporate Projects	£358,000	£283,000 from the Sport's England Swimming Pool Support Fund, up to £75,000 from the Council's Climate Change Reserve	Project completion by March 2025
High Emitters	To establish a funding model which will allow money saved from implementing sustainable measures to be reinvested into large scale renewable deployment across the Council estate.	The money available in the Building Decarbonisation Fund.	Corporate Projects and Finance	N/A	N/A	Fund to be live before end of 24/25 reporting year
High Emitters	To investigate the potential of using a solar soft loan model to finance the installation of solar panels across the Council's leisure portfolio.	The amount of electricity generated from solar panels sited at the leisure centres.	Corporate Projects	N/A	N/A	Verdict on the viability of the project to be reached by end of 24/25 reporting year

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Medium Emitters	To replace the windows with a more efficient alternative at Elizabeth House to increase the energy efficiency of the building.	The successful completion of the project.	Corporate Projects	£1.6 million	Existing council reserves	Replacement to begin in Spring 2025. Project to roll over to the 25/25 delivery year.
Medium Emitters	To build an evidence base which will provide instruction as to the decarbonisation the Council's medium and low emitters throughout the estate and operations.	The number of premises and facilities with complete feasibility studies.	Corporate Projects	To be confirmed	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Already ongoing, rolling project throughout the 24/25 delivery year.
Carbon Literate Organisation	To become a bronze accredited Carbon Literate Organisation.	The registration of a training initiative with the Project. Have an Organisational Leader certified as Carbon Literate. Have in place a future plan for Carbon Literacy. Submit a video reflection from the Organisational Leader. Have a system in place which records and outcomes of your organisation's Carbon Literacy.	Corporate Projects	Approximately £5,000	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Bronze accreditation in place by the end of the 2024/2025 delivery year

Low Carbon District

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Transport	To continue to offer our E-cargo fleet for free hire to community and charity groups, businesses, and Town and Parish Councils. As part of this, we will increase the communications around the scheme, and use the scheme as the basis for conversations around the need for low carbon transport.	The number of organisations who take an E-Cargo bike or trike on a free hire basis.	Corporate Projects	Approximately £12,000 for annual service and storage fees	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Ongoing
Transport	To agree the approach for installing electric-vehicle charge points in Council owned car parks, and rollout the installation of charge points.	The number of electric vehicle charge points installed. A target will be set.	Corporate Projects and Environmental Services	To be confirmed following agreement of approach	N/A	Ongoing. Approach to be agreed by Spring 2025.
Transport	We will ensure active travel routes are embedded as a consideration as the South Warwickshire Local Plan progresses.	The number of active travel routes identified in the emerging South Warwickshire Local Plan.	Development	N/A	N/A	Ongoing

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The Built Environment	To continue to distribute energy efficiency focused grants on behalf of Central Government for the retrofit of existing homes.	The number of recipients of grants. A target will be set.	Housing and Communities	N/A	N/A	Ongoing
The Built Environment	To develop a programme of support for the able-to-pay market to support homeowners interested in installing solar panels.	The number of residents engaged in the programme. A target will be set.	Corporate Projects	TBC	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Project to be live by end of 24/25 delivery year.
The Built Environment	To support the delivery of the Canal Quarter District Heat Network.	Ultimately, the delivery of the District Heat Network. However, this stage will not be reached until future delivery years.	Development	To be confirmed at future stages of project	TBC	Feasibility work ongoing.

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Energy	To work with the County Council and other District and Borough Councils to explore the production of a Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) for the District.	The successful production of a LAEP. The process will be started in the 24/25 Delivery Year, but a complete report is not likely to be completed until future delivery years.	Corporate Projects	Initial costings for the production of a County-wide LAEP are between £150,000 and £450,000. The significant variation in costs is because there are multiple models that could be used to produce the LAEP. This cost would be split between partners.	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Feasibility work ongoing.
Green Economy	Continue to work with the County Council to distribute Warwickshire Business Energy Advice Service (WBEAS) grants to businesses seeking to increase their energy efficiency.	The number of grants successfully issued.	Corporate Projects	N/A	N/A	Ongoing

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Community Engagement	To continue the delivery of the Local Climate Engagement Scheme.	Two communities from Stratford-on-Avon District engaged per year.	Corporate Projects	A minimum of £13,517 over two delivery years	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Ongoing
Community Engagement	To deliver the second round of the Community Climate Change Fund.	The number of grants successfully issued.	Corporate Projects	£55,863	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Open for applications early 2025

*A Climate Resilient District*

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Building Resilience to the Impacts of Extreme Weather and Adapting our Service Areas	To develop a programme that incorporate the consideration of the impacts of climate change into internal business continuity plans and corporate risk assessments.	The number of business continuity plans and corporate risk assessments that include an awareness of the impacts of climate change.	Corporate Projects and Environmental and Neighbourhood Services	Within existing resources	N/A	Process to be in place by end of 24/25 Delivery Year.
Enhancing the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities	To develop a programme that identifies which communities will be most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change in the future.	The number of necessary adaptive measures identified.	Corporate Projects	Within existing resources	Council's Climate Change Reserve	24/25 Delivery Year
Enhancing the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities	To work with communities and partners to increase local food growing opportunities.	The number of community food growing spaces created. A target will be set.	Corporate Projects	To be confirmed following consultation with partners	Council's Climate Change Reserve	24/25 Delivery Year
Supporting the Local Economy	To work with a partner organisation to develop a programme which will help businesses adapt to climate change through the provision of advice and support and signposting to grant funding.	The number of businesses engaged through the programme.	Corporate Projects	£4,563	Council's Climate Change Reserve	24/25 Delivery Year

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Adapting our Service Areas	To roll out a climate change adaptation training programme to staff and members.	That The Cabinet, Management Team, and the Climate Change Working Group all undertake climate change adaptation training.	Corporate Projects	Approximately £5,000	Council's Climate Change Reserve	24/25 Delivery Year

*Enhancing the Natural Environment*

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Managing our Land for Nature	To deliver the contents of the Stratford-Upon-Avon Local Nature Reserve Framework Landscape Ecological Management Plan.	The number of Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Units delivered on site.	Corporate Projects and Development	N/A	Developer contributions through the BNG scheme	Rolling ecological management for 30 years
Managing our Land for Nature	To continue to identify areas suitable for ecological enhancement on our parks and open spaces.	The square metres of habitats created	Corporate Projects and Environmental Services	TBC	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Ongoing
Managing our Land for Nature	To explore registering other Council owned Nature Reserves as BNG receptor sites.	The number of BNG Units created across our nature reserve portfolio	Corporate Projects and Development	TBC	Developer contributions through the BNG scheme	Project initiated 24/25 Delivery Year
Connecting Nature in Stratford	To work with Town and Parish Councils to enhance understanding of how they can manage their land for nature.	The number of Town and Parish Councils engaged who implement management changes on their land.	Corporate Projects	TBC	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Project initiated 24/25 Delivery Year
Tree Planting	To deliver Round Two of the Free Trees for Farmers scheme in partnership with Heart of England Forest.	The number of trees planted. A target will be set.	Corporate Projects	£35,000	Council's Climate Change Reserve	Trees planted by end of the 24/25 planting season

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Tree Planting	To continue to work with the Heart of England Forest to deliver the Tree Call to Action Project.	Number of organisations engaged. A targets will be set.	Corporate Projects	N/A	N/A	Project completion by March 2025