

2026/2027 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, each year we will produce a Climate Change and Nature Recovery Progress Report which will update progress on the actions identified in this Delivery Plan. The success of our action this year will be based on our delivery of these actions.

Annually Delivered Projects

Action	Responsible Service Area	Budget	Timescale for Delivery
Emissions reporting for the 25/26 emissions reporting year	Corporate Projects	N/A	Completed by November 2026
Produce the Climate Change Monitoring and Progress Report for the 26/27 Delivery Year	Corporate Projects	N/A	Completed by the end of the 26/27 Delivery Year
Develop a Climate Change and Nature Recovery Communications Plan	Corporate Projects and Communications	N/A	Ongoing, to continue throughout the Delivery Year
Complete the delivery of the third round of the Community Climate and Nature Fund	Corporate Projects	N/A	Completed by May 2026
Deliver the fourth round of the Community Climate and Nature Fund	Corporate Projects	£200,000	Ongoing through the Delivery Year, will roll into the 27/28 Delivery Year

Net Zero Authority

Theme	Measure	Measurable Impact	Relevant Service Area	Budget	Source of Funding	Timescale for Delivery
High Emitters	To successfully install solar panels on the roof of Studley Leisure Centre	The amount of electricity produced by the installed solar panels	Corporate Projects	£200,000	Climate Change Reserve	Project completion by April 2027
High Emitters	To successfully install solar panels on the roof of Southam Leisure Centre	The amount of electricity produced by the installed solar panels	Corporate Projects	£200,000	Climate Change Reserve	Project completion by April 2027
High Emitters	To install a solar car port canopy with associated battery storage infrastructure on the car park of Stratford Leisure Centre	The amount of electricity produced by the installed solar panels	Corporate Projects	£1,800,000	Existing reserves	Project completion by April 2027
High Emitters	To investigate the feasibility of installing solar panels on the roof of the Greig Leisure Centre	The identification of this as a feasible project	Corporate Projects	N/A	N/A	Verdict on the viability of the project to be reached by end of 26/27 reporting year
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 reserves	Project underway and will roll over to the 27/28 delivery year.

Medium Emitters	To commission a feasibility report assessing whether solar panels can be installed on the roof of the Biffa Depot	The identification of this as a feasible project	Corporate Projects and Neighbourhood and Environmental Services	£20,000	Climate Change Reserve	Completed feasibility report by March 2027
Medium Emitters	Establish a funding model which will allow money saved from implementing sustainable measures to be reinvested into large scale renewable deployment across our estate	The money available in the Building Decarbonisation Fund	Corporate Project and Finance	N/A	N/A	Fund to be live before end of 26/27 reporting year
Carbon Literate Organisation	To become a silver accredited Carbon Literate Organisation	• A substantial % of our workforce is Carbon Literate • Integrate Carbon Literacy into performance management • Visual promotion of our Carbon Literacy • Publication of a case study	Corporate Projects	Approximately £20,000	Climate Change Reserve	Silver accreditation in place by the end of the 2026/2027 delivery year

Low Carbon District

Theme	Measure	Measurable Impact	Relevant Service Area	Budget	Source of Funding	Timescale for Delivery
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	Climate Change Reserve	Ongoing
Transport	To appoint an electric vehicle charge point service provider, and rollout the installation of charge points in our car parks	The number of electric vehicle charge points installed. A target will be set	Corporate Projects	N/A	N/A	Ongoing, will roll over into 27/28 delivery year
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

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.	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.	Corporate Projects	TBC	Climate Change Reserve	Project to be live by end of 26/27 delivery year.
The Built Environment	To continue 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.

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 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.	Climate Change Reserve	Feasibility work ongoing
Community Engagement	To continue the delivery of the Local Climate Engagement Scheme	• The launch of the LCE website • The delivery of four themed webinars • The delivery of an annual LCE event	Corporate Projects	£10,000	Climate Change Reserve	Ongoing

A Climate Resilient District

Theme	Measure	Measurable Impact	Relevant Service Area	Budget	Source of Funding	Timescale for Delivery
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 26/27 Delivery Year.
Enhancing the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities and Supporting the Local Economy	To deliver "A Climate Resilient Stratford-on-Avon"	Ten organisations to receive a personalised Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan, and £10,000 in grant funding to begin to implement the Action Plan	Corporate Projects	£150,000	Climate Change Reserve	Complete by April 2027
Enhancing the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities and Supporting the Local Economy	To deliver a climate change adaptation showcase, showing the benefits to the organisations involved in the "Climate Resilient Stratford-on-Avon" programme	Number of attendees	Corporate Projects	Within existing resources	Climate Change Reserve	Complete by April 2027
Enhancing the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities	To continue to work with communities and partners to increase local food growing opportunities	The number of community food growing spaces created	Corporate Projects	Within existing resources	Climate Change Reserve	Ongoing throughout 26/27 Delivery Year

Enhancing the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities	To enhance our green spaces to provide climate resilience	The number of adaptative measures delivered across our green spaces portfolio	Corporate Projects and Neighbourhood and Environmental Services	£100,000	Climate Change Reserve	26/27 Delivery Year
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	Climate Change Reserve	26/27 Delivery Year

Enhancing the Natural Environment

Theme	Measure	Measurable Impact	Relevant Service Area	Budget	Source of Funding	Timescale for Delivery
Managing our Land for Nature	To continue 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, and the number of trees planted	Corporate Projects and Environmental Services	TBC	Climate Change Reserve	Ongoing
Managing our Land for Nature	To obtain a Conservation Covenant for at least one site	The approval of a Conservation Covenant	Corporate Projects and Environmental Services	TBC	Climate Change Reserve	To be in place by April 2027
Managing our Land for Nature	To continue exploring 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	Ongoing
Connecting Nature in Stratford District	To continue 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	Climate Change Reserve	Ongoing

Connecting Nature in Stratford District and Tree Planting	To fund a second year of the Wilder Communities in partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust	The square metre of habitat created, and number of trees planted	Corporate Projects	£22,500	Climate Change Reserve	Ongoing
Tree Planting	To explore delivering Round Four of the Free Trees for Farmers scheme in partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.	The number of trees planted.	Corporate Projects	£35,000	Climate Change Reserve	Trees planted by end of the 26/27 planting season