

## **REPORT ON PROPOSED CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN AND THE ROLE THE COUNCIL WILL PLAY GOING FORWARD**

### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### 1.1 That the Cabinet:-

- (a) endorse the Strategic Actions set out in the Action Plan 2022-23;
- (b) endorse the approach set out in the report for the development of a Climate Change and Nature Emergency Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2028;
- (c) agree that the Action Plan is reviewed by Cabinet on an annual basis; and
- (d) agree the principle of creating a permanent Climate Change role noting the likelihood of required dedicated supporting resource as outlined within the body of the report.

#### 1.2 That the Cabinet recommend to Council that the governance arrangements outlined in the report be endorsed, with relevant issues being addressed through each Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the establishment of a cross-cutting officer board to oversee delivery.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Cabinet declared a Climate and Nature Emergency at the meeting of the 6 October 2021 and agreed to bring a report to the February 2022 Cabinet meeting on the proposed action plan to deal with the Emergency, and the role the Council will play in reducing Carbon emissions.
- 2.2 The purpose of this report is therefore to consider and endorse the Action Plan 2022-2023 which includes operational actions which are already happening and strategic actions which will take place over the coming months to inform a Climate Change and Nature Emergency Strategy with supporting Action Plan over the period 2023-2028.
- 2.3 The report recognises that Climate Change is an intrinsic part of the role of all activities across the Council. Accordingly, Climate Change will be embedded in each Scrutiny Panel. The report will set out the resources needed to development and deliver a Climate Change and Nature Emergency Strategy, develop, update and monitor a 5-year rolling Action Plan that will be annually reviewed.

### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 To meet the net zero carbon by 2050 target set by government, and fully respond to the declaration of a Climate and Nature Emergency the Council will need to continue to ensure that reducing green house gas emissions and increasing climate resilience of both our own assets and the wider district area is central to the work of the organisation and embedded within the delivery of key objectives in all services.
- 3.2 The Council has been engaging in climate change and nature issues for many years taking steps to respond both in terms of making the district more resilient to the known

impacts and mitigating future climate change through reducing carbon emissions. The Council has sought to mitigate impact on the natural environment and nature and only as a last resort compensate. More recently this Council has shown strong leadership and been on the first Council's to require major development to deliver biodiversity net gain.

- 3.3 Having now declared a Climate and Nature Emergency the Council needs to demonstrate leadership which inspires and enables partners and communities and businesses to act, and in some cases will need to provide tools, resources and information to support them in doing so. Work has already been done by the Council and others to understand the needs and priorities of partners and communities as well as the drivers which will give them the urgency and capacity to act. We now need to build on this work.
- 3.4 The Council already work and co-ordinate with other groups including HCC, the NPA and Forestry England, networks and professional organisations which will be key to engaging potential partners to delivering joint actions.
- 3.5 Action to tackle climate change is supported by a range of strategies, framework and legislation at a national level which includes:
  - Climate Change Act
  - Environment Act
  - National Adaption Programme
  - National Planning Policy Framework
  - 25 Year Environment Plan
  - The 10 Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution
  - The Industrial Strategy
  - Clean Growth Strategy
  - Community Infrastructure Levy
  - Fuel Poverty Strategy for England
  - Social Value Act
  - Civil Contingencies Act
  - Building Regulations
- 3.6 These strategies and policies will be used, along with other drivers to progress work internally and with partners. In addition to accelerating actions to reduce greenhouse gas emission from our own estate, priority need to be given to ensuring that all relevant policies, plans and procedures actively contribute towards driving forward climate and nature mitigation and adaption. Recent national data published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy sets out local authority and regional carbon dioxide emissions national statistics 2005-2019. There is a breakdown of figures for each authority re per capita emissions and emissions per km square. [www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-local-authority-and-regional-carbon-dioxide-emissions-national-statistics-2005-to-2019](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-local-authority-and-regional-carbon-dioxide-emissions-national-statistics-2005-to-2019)
- 3.7 Many actions that reduce carbon, build resilience to climate change and address the impact there has been on nature will also have substantial co-benefits around health and well being, protecting our environment, upskilling our workforce and enhancing our local economy.

## 4 ACTION PLAN 2022/2023

4.1 The October 2021 Cabinet report included a long list of activities that were already on going to address the Climate Change and Nature Emergency. Accordingly, the Action Plan has been created in 2 sections:

- Strategic Actions that include actions required to inform the Strategy and Action Plan for the next 5 years.
- Current and planned actions that are currently underway which create the Operational Action Plan for 2022-2023.

### 4.2 Strategic Actions

4.2 The Strategic Action Plan at Appendix A sets out the 6 Strategic Actions that will take place within the organisation in the first year of the Action Plan (2022-23) and mark the beginning of longer term projects and programmes. A summary of the actions and outcomes is given below, more detail of the active within each action is given in the Plan at Appendix A.

- **Strategic Action 1:** Define to set targets for the climate change emergency declaration. **Outcome:** Fully defined, evidence-based targets with a pathway outlined.
- **Strategic Action 2:** Define the target for the nature emergency declaration. **Outcome:** A fully defined, evidence-based target with a pathway outlined.
- **Strategic Action 3:** Collate existing data and conduct area-wide baseline emissions to identify key areas for programmes. **Outcome:** Data-driven programmes on climate change.
- **Strategic Action 4:** Engage with staff members to make climate change and nature a core deliverable. **Outcome:** Staff members are well-informed and acting on climate change and nature, wherever possible, within their roles and as part of decision-making.
- **Strategic Action 5:** Develop a climate change and nature engagement and communications strategy. **Outcome:** Greater transparency and availability of information regarding the work being carried out on climate change/nature.
- **Strategic Action 6:** Maximise partnerships and networks to facilitate the delivery of projects. **Outcome:** Leading the Place with greater partnership working and shared knowledge.

4.3 These strategic actions will provide an evidence base to inform the Strategy and targets. The County Council and many of the other districts have set targets and are measuring progress and reporting against these targets. Officers will continue to work closely with the County and others to ensure that the methodology that is chosen aligns with partners to ensure a unified approach, to identify gaps and avoid duplication of efforts.

#### 4.4 **Current and Planned Initiatives**

4.5 These have been divided into themes which include:

##### **i. Nature**

The Action Plan sets out a series of actions under this theme that are underway to reverse the impact climate change has had on nature through habitat creation, biodiversity uplift and considering how nature based solutions can help manage the impact climate change is having on our coastline.

##### **ii. Travel and Transport**

Acknowledging that transport, including marine, creates high levels of emissions across the district and the shoreline. The Action Plan sets out initiatives and interventions under this theme to encourage and enable modal shift, reduce emissions and provide infrastructure to support low emission vehicles.

##### **iii. Housing**

The Action Plan sets out ambitious actions relating to the Housing theme. The actions cover new developments in the District and the Council's approach to its own council housing stock, as well as the private housing sector. In 2020, the Council set up a Greener Housing Task and Finish Group which has met regularly to appraise and develop its thinking about how the Council can play a significant role, in its capacity as Housing Authority, to the whole climate and nature emergency debate. The work of the Group has involved bringing in several experts on a range of issues, all of which has fed into the development of a draft Greener Housing Strategy. The draft Strategy will be finalised during Spring this year. Working is on going to adopt a Climate Change SPD for all new development setting standards for development, this work will feed into the Local Plan Part 2 review.

##### **iv. Waste and Sustainable Resources**

The Action Plan sets out under this theme actions to ensure that the impact of construction phase of development is minimised, and sustainable materials are used. Organisationally the steps we are taking to minimise waste as well as reduce the amount of illegal disposal of waste across the District. The new Waste Strategy will target an overall reduction in household waste, a substantial increase in materials recycled, and a decrease in waste disposed via landfill and incineration. These are all actions which will reduce overall emissions and damage to the natural environment within in the District.

##### **v. Energy**

The Action Plan sets out under this theme key actions to reduce energy consumption within our own estate and to ensure that new machinery is powered by sustainable means.

## **vi. Health**

The Action Plan under this theme sets out actions relating to resilience, working with partners, providing education, advice and guidance to support businesses and the community in becoming more resilient in adapting to the climate change challenges by identifying risks and implementing mitigation measures. Air quality work is a key activity under this theme, heavily linked to the work around transport.

The Council has a regulatory role through environmental protection, licensing and planning regimes to monitor and improve air quality. Work is developing with partners to increase resident awareness, influence behaviour change, revise policies requiring positive climate change actions and seeking compliance with current industry standards.

## **vii. Organisational**

The Action Plan sets out how the organisation is championing our climate journey and ensure that in everything they do, they consider the impact on the climate. The actions include how we will continue to encourage hybrid way of working to minimise non-essential travel and use our purchasing powers to ensure that we buy sustainable products and drive sustainability through contracts.

## **5 DEVELOPING A STRATEGY**

- 5.1 The Action Plan for the period 2022/23 identifies the strategic actions that need to take place over the coming year which will inform a Climate Change and Nature Emergency Strategy. The Strategy will need to be cross-cutting and it is critical that key partners externally including the wider public sector, town and parish councils and community groups and residents are engaged in the development of the Strategy.
- 5.2 The Strategy, informed by defined targets and evidence on baseline emissions, will cover all the work of the Council. To meet the targets that will be proposed, services will need to consider how they will actively continue to contribute to reducing emissions and building resilience. It is essential that all future activities are embedded into business as usual and that self-funding/sustainable models are used as much as possible.
- 5.3 As the District Council has limited control over a significant proportion of the emissions and resilience activities that will be required to meet the targets, responsibility for aspects of the strategy will sit with residents, land owners and other bodies such as the wider public sector, industry and business. It will be critical to work closely with the National Park and Forestry England particularly around nature recovery.
- 5.4 One of the strategic actions is to develop an engagement and communications programme with the Strategy and on-going action plan including, amongst other matters, the development of measures to influence specific behaviours to enhance the work that is already on-going to protect the nature conservation interests of specific areas within the National Park.
- 5.5 It is proposed that the Strategy initially covers a period of 5 years supported by a 5-year rolling Action Plan reviewed annually both in terms of progress against targets and forward planning projects and programmes.

## **6 RESOURCES**

- 6.1 Whilst there are clear actions already happening in Services across the Council a dedicated resource will be required for the implementation of the strategic actions, the development of a strategy, cross departmental visibility of initiatives and avoidance of duplication. The work is specific and cannot be absorbed within the day job of current staff.
- 6.2 The resource will be responsible for the development, monitoring, implementation and review of the Climate Change and Nature Emergency Strategy and Action Plan to ensure delivery against targets. The role will be responsible for establishing the baseline data needed to enable measurement and reporting against targets e.g. carbon budgets, nature recovery and measures of climate resilience. They will also develop and co-ordinate bids for external funding as future initiatives and opportunities arise.
- 6.3 The officer will also develop and maintain a network of internal and external stakeholders to support the delivery of the Action Plan. They will use established forums and /or establish new forums, they will organise and attend events and workshops to support delivery of the action plan. It is important to note at this point that the role will not be responsible for the delivery of the initiatives that are embedded within Services, however they will be called on to provide advice, organise training sessions or bring examples of good practice or projects from other organisations. The resource will also look for funding opportunities and ways of working with other organisations to share information and evidence to meet targets in the most cost-effective way.
- 6.4 A dedicated communications and engagement strategy will form an integral part of the overall strategy which will cover both internal staff and external partners and communities. Whilst recognising there are already communities and organisations taking forward this agenda in the Forest, there is also a role for the Council to influence and encourage people to make small, easy changes to their everyday behaviours which, cumulatively, have the potential to achieve large scale change across communities. As such, the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan will include the development of measures to influence specific behaviours of residents, staff and organisations. This could include targeted communications and campaign activities, as well as wider interventions. The resource will work with the Communications team to develop and deliver targeted, behaviour insights led, communications to a range of audiences including residents. This work will place additional demands on the resources within the Communication team and there will be a need for additional resource to respond.

## **7 GOVERNANCE**

- 7.1 As set out earlier in the report Climate Change is an intrinsic part of the role of all activities across the Council. As a cross-cutting issue it is intended to embed Climate Change in each Overview and Scrutiny Panel with reports specifically detailing how the activities of services and specific decisions contribute to addressing the Climate and Nature Emergency.
- 7.2 To ensure that the required progress is made on the development of the long-term strategy and delivery of the Action Plan against targets and timelines an officer Climate Change and Nature Emergency Board will be established that will initially meet on a monthly basis to review and report on progress. The Board will be Chaired by the

Chief Executive with reporting from the new Climate Change resource. Administrative support for the Board meetings and records will be provided from existing resources.

## **8 CONCLUSIONS**

- 8.1 There has been marked progress in establishing the strategic actions that need to be carried out to inform the Strategy and set clear measurable targets. Engagement with the County Council over the past months has provided valuable insight into the range of projects that are already underway and to highlight further opportunities.
- 8.2 There continues to be close working with the National Park particularly around nature recovery, a piece of joint work has been commissioned around resident behaviour that will inform future joint work.
- 8.3 Approving the recommendations set out in the report will enable the Strategy and strategic actions to be driven forward and deliver the outcomes identified.

## **9 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The Council's proposed Budget for 2022/23 has set aside additional funding to be aligned to Corporate Plan priority activities. The updated Capital Programme also now includes a £500,000 fund to provide finance to enhance the sustainability on capital projects, including the Council's fleet. In response to the declaration of the nature and climate change emergency and the clear links to improved sustainability as a running theme throughout the Corporate Plan, it is envisaged that the additional resource requirements as outlined within this report would draw down on these newly budgeted funds.
- 9.2 Any work that emanates from the action plan will need to be subject to an assessment of financial viability, proportionality and ultimately affordability. Actions will need to align to the financial resources available to the Council.

## **10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 All measures within the Action Plan will have a positive impact on the environment.

## **11 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 None arising directly from this report.

## **12 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1 Action Plan includes actions which are likely have both positive and potentially negative impacts on persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic. These include, but are not limited to, social justice in terms of carbon and climate resilience and fuel poverty. A key strand of developing the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan will be to fully assess the potential impacts of the actions and incorporate mitigation measures as necessary.

### **13 PORTFOLIO HOLDER COMMENTS**

- 13.1 While the Council has a long track record of undertaking measures to reduce its environmental impact, as illustrated within the 6th October 2021 report to Cabinet, the Climate Change & Nature Emergency Strategy and Action Plan sets a strategic framework for further measures and ensures that the 'golden strand' of sustainability set out within the Corporate Plan is delivered. I support the recommendations within section 1 of the report.

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**Background Papers:**



<b>New Forest District Council Climate Change and Nature Emergency Action Plan</b>	
<p>Following the declaration of a Climate Change and Nature Emergency in October 2021, New Forest District Council have assessed the actions that are currently being delivered and are planned to be delivered across its services between 2022-2025. The Action Plan will be reviewed annually, and the progress made against each action will be identified.</p> <p>The Strategic Actions outline what will take place within the organisation in the first year of the Action Plan (2022-2023) and mark the beginning of longer-term programmes and projects.</p>	
<b>Strategic Actions 2022-2023</b>	
<p><b>Strategic Action 1: Define to set targets for the climate change emergency declaration.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- De-couple the New Forest District Council estate versus the wider New Forest area and set targets. Scoping what is covered by term estate</li> <li>- Identifying and working with experts to assess the trajectory for reducing emissions for both the estate and wider area.</li> <li>- Assessing what is in and out of scope for the estate emissions</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome:</b> A fully defined, evidence-based target with a pathway outlined.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Action 2: Define the target for the nature emergency declaration.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identifying and working with experts to identify relevant baseline measurements and a trajectory for meeting and measuring progress towards the target.</li> <li>- Assess against the Environment Act to align the target with Central Government.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome:</b> A fully defined, evidence-based target with a pathway outlined.</p>
<p><b>Strategic Action 3: Collate existing data and conduct area-wide baseline emissions to identify key areas for future focus.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Map existing baseline data and carry out a gap analysis</li> <li>- Identifying and working with experts to conduct the area-wide baseline emissions data.</li> <li>- Map baseline data against existing actions to identify gaps and consolidate these into a long-term programme to reach the climate change targets.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome:</b> Data-driven programme on climate change.</p>	<p><b>Strategic Action 4: Engage with staff members to make climate change and nature a core deliverable.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explore the provision of skills training e.g., carbon literacy.</li> <li>- Adopt decision tools, designed by Hampshire County Council, to embed carbon mitigation and climate change adaptation into all decisions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome:</b> Staff members are well-informed and taking action on climate change and nature, wherever possible, within their roles and able to advise on the issue as part of decision-making.</p>

**Strategic Action 5: Develop a climate change and nature engagement and communications strategy.**

- Reaching residents, such as through developing webpages to showcase information, including the climate change actions.
- Utilising internal communications channels and developing further external channels.
- Exploring insights-led, behavioural change communications to engage residents.
- Carry out a stakeholder mapping exercise and development an engagement plan
- Capture activities of other stakeholders and target/performance measures
- Continue to work with partners on shared messages to influence behaviours

**Outcome:** Greater transparency and availability of information regarding the work being carried out on climate change/nature.

**Strategic Action 6: Maximise partnerships and networks to facilitate the delivery of projects.**

- Maximising links with Hampshire County Council, such as through the Hampshire Climate Change Officers Group, to align with and support existing projects, such as community engagement initiatives.
- Demonstrate Place Leadership and maximise partnership working with the New Forest National Park Authority and Forestry England. Map existing projects and programmes and identify gaps to inform future actions
- Join new local and national networks on nature and climate change to enhance knowledge, alongside becoming more deeply involved in existing networks to amplify the climate change and nature agenda.

**Outcome:** Leading the Place with greater partnership working and shared knowledge.

Project Area	Action	Service delivering	Indicators	Outcome(s)	Co-benefits	Deliver start date	*
<b>Nature</b>							
<b>Biodiversity net gain</b>	Prepare and publish a biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document to build upon future mandatory requirements (10% Biodiversity Net Gain) and provide local context and requirements for developers including biodiversity design code and case studies. Biodiversity design code to include one nesting/roosting feature per dwelling average, hedgehog highways etc as standard.	Policy and Strategy (Planning)	Through the completion and adoption of the strategy	Integration of biodiversity enhancement measures and best practice as part of developments.	Nature and well-being	Q4 2022	N E
	Explore potential for and cost of incorporating swift boxes in NFDC assets as part of scheduled planned maintenance e.g., re-roofing projects, soffits, fascias etc where access at height will be gained. Explore potential links with Hampshire Swifts.	Policy and Strategy (Planning) and Housing Maintenance	Preparation of a costed plan to seek approval for this initiative. If successful, record the number of boxes installed, when and where and map these assets.	Greater nesting opportunities for the red listed swift (and other red listed species such as house sparrow). Improve their conservation status within the New Forest area.	Nature	Q1 2022	N I
	Explore NFDC landholdings to establish if there are any areas which could be suitable to deliver biodiversity net gain (BNG) projects. Seek to incorporate BNG into existing projects such as recreation mitigation sites.	Policy and Strategy (Planning)	Schedule of potential land parcels to be established. Proposals for individual projects that may arise from the land holding search.	Identify and deliver BNG projects	Nature, economic	Q2 2022	C, A, N I

	Early introduction of requirements set out in the Environment Act 2021 to require development to deliver 10% biodiversity net gain. Local planning guidance on implementation published.	Policy and Strategy (Planning)	Biodiversity Net Gain metric	10% biodiversity net gain	Nature, health and well-being, environmental quality	Jul-20	C, A, N, I E
<b>Flood and coastal erosion risk management</b>	Christchurch Bay & Harbour Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Strategy - a strategy to consider delivery of SMP management policies for flood & coastal erosion risk management activities.	Lead authority for delivery is BCP Council, with NFDC Coastal Team as a partner.	Through the completion and adoption of the strategy	Delivery of an action plan of FCERM schemes that will consider future flood and erosion risk. Nature based solutions may be form part of the action plan. Taking account of future climate change.	Economic and social	Summer 2021	C, A E
	Hurst Spit to Lymington Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Strategy - A strategy to consider delivery of SMP management policies for flood & coastal erosion risk management activities.	Lead authority for delivery is the Environment Agency, with NFDC Coastal Team as a partner.	Through the completion and adoption of the strategy	Delivery of an action plan of FCERM schemes that will consider future flood and erosion risk. Nature based solutions may form part of the action plan. Taking account of future climate change.	Economic, nature and social	Winter 2021	C, A, NE
	Durlston to Hurst Sediment Resource Management Programme - identifying sediment sources to enable sustainable beach management.	Lead authority for delivery is BCP Council, with NFDC Coastal Team as a partner.	By identifying suitable sites & implementing FCERM activities.		Nature & economic	Winter 2022	C, A, N E
<b>Habitat preservation / creation</b>	Implement Grass Strategy to improve efficiency of grass cutting and introducing wildflowers.  Trial will start in Totton working in partnership with Totton Town Council	Grounds and Street scene	Number of wildflower meadows created	Increase on pollination sources for bees and insects. Increase in habitat and Biodiversity	Nature and well-being	2022	A, N I
	Solent Waders and Brent Geese Strategy - support for Strategy and ensuring that supporting habitats are not lost, and where loss is unavoidable ensure suitable replacement habits are provided.  <a href="https://solentwbgs.wordpress.com/">https://solentwbgs.wordpress.com/</a>	Policy and Strategy (Planning)/ HIWWT	Health (number) of bird populations	No decline	Nature	2019-Ongoing	N E

<b>Tree planting</b>	Jubilee Tree Planting. Engage with local communities where possible and practical	Grounds and Street scene	Number of Trees planted in Support of Queens Jubilee	30 Locations for 60 trees and one site for woodland pasture creation	Nature, Health and wellbeing	2022	C, A, N, I E
	Delivery of 'Tree Strategy'	Grounds and Street scene	Recording number of Replacement trees planted annually to meet 2:1 commitment	Achieve 2:1 ratio	Nature and Health	Jan-22	C, A, N E
<b>Tree planting</b>	Require new development to plant trees	Development Management	Through the assessment/sign off of a planning approval and the imposition of a planning condition	Planting carried out in accordance with the approved scheme and maintained until the trees become established	Nature and health	Jan-22	C, A, N E
<b>Local Green Infrastructure Strategies</b>	Preparing local green Infrastructure Strategies for main settlements within the district. Pilot project for New Milton; others to follow for: • Totton and Eling• Marchwood• Hythe and Dibden• Fawley/Blackfield/Holbury• Lymington and Pennington• Ringwood• Fordingbridge/ Ashford/Sandleheath• Milford on Sea	Policy and Strategy (Planning)	Completion of local settlement strategies	GI improvement projects in: Signage of walking routes, making green spaces interesting places, improving accessibility for all, pleasant places to sit and enjoy, improve enjoyment and management of accessible woodland, Enhancing local biodiversity, Enhancement of water features, Greening streets	Nature, health and well-being	Autumn 2021	C, A, NE
<b>Local nature recovery strategy and network</b>	Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) are a flagship measure in the Environment Act. They are a new system of spatial strategies for nature which will plan, map, and help drive more coordinated, practical, focussed action and investment in nature's recovery to build the national Nature Recovery Network. Work with others to establish key locations within the District for nature recovery projects. Input into the LNRS seeking to agree priorities for nature's recovery, map the most valuable existing areas for nature and map specific proposals for creating or improving habitat for nature and wider environmental goals	Policy and Strategy (Planning), collaboration with Local Nature Partnership	Through the completion and adoption of the strategy	Prioritisation for delivery of biodiversity net gain habitats in most appropriate and desirable areas in line with LNRS	Nature, Health, social, economic	Apr-22	C, A, N E

# Housing

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Developments</b></p>	<p>Changes to the building regulations come in from June 2022 which require improved minimum insulation requirements, future proofing of heating systems and limiting solar overheating. The Building Regulations are minimum government set standards that all new and extended buildings must comply with. the approved documents which clarify the changes can be found here <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/approved-documents">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/approved-documents</a></p>	<p>Building Control (Planning)</p>	<p>Compliance with the approved documents</p>	<p>This is applicable to all new build and extensions and will be assessed at application stage and completion</p>	<p>Nature, Health, Economic</p>	<p>Jun-22</p>	<p>C E</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Developments</b></p>	<p>Prepare Supplementary Planning Document: Planning for a changing climate (adaptation, mitigation, related matters e.g. sustainable resource use)</p>	<p>Planning</p>	<p>Report to Cabinet for agreement to publish for public consultation Feb 2022. Report to Council for formal adoption (TBC Q3 2022)</p>	<p>SPD adoption by Autumn 2022</p>	<p>Social, economic</p>	<p>Autumn 2021</p>	<p>C, A E</p>
	<p>Local Plan Review Part 2 (may become a full review): prepare additional Local Plan policies on climate change mitigation and adaption to achieve zero carbon development, expanding on the LP Part 1 and above SPD.</p>	<p>Planning</p>	<p>The Local Plan timetable is monitored through the published Local Development Scheme (which needs updating)</p>	<p>Indicative target for adoption by 2025</p>	<p>May include carbon offsetting and higher water efficiency standards that could have nature benefits, possibly recreation/wellbeing/landscape and BNG if carbon offsets are local e.g. tree planting projects</p>	<p>Commenced via work on SPD</p>	<p>C, A E</p>
	<p>Working at strategic level in the Avon Valley to identify mechanisms to reduce or offset nutrient phosphate impacting - in conjunction with reducing flows due in part to Climate Change - on water bodies in designated SPA</p>	<p>Planning</p>	<p>Nutrient budget based on development trajectory. Mitigation project not sufficiently advanced to monitor</p>	<p>Private sector led mitigation solutions</p>	<p>Economic, social</p>	<p>Est. Autumn 2022</p>	<p>N, A E</p>
	<p>Delivery of BREEAM very good designation for Business Park development at Crow Lane Ringwood</p>	<p>Estates &amp; Valuation</p>	<p>Project Management and reporting as the project is delivered</p>	<p>Delivery of BREEAM very good designation for the development</p>	<p>Economic</p>	<p>Nov-22</p>	<p>C I</p>

<b>Greener Housing</b>	A Greener Housing Strategy 2022-2031 is due to go through the decision process of Scrutiny, Cabinet and Council, whereby a full action plan will follow. The proposal will include areas such as: -Completing stock condition surveys by 2024. - Retrofit cost modelling. - Future heating systems. - Identifying funding opportunities.	Housing	Greener Housing Strategy 2022-2031	All council homes with an EPC Rating of C or better	Economic	Jun-22	C E
	Pilot scheme – Testwood Club.Confirm new build standards.Locations.Establish Future heating systems.Explore Low carbon building process.Work with Planning to establish standards across the sector in the NF.	Housing	Greener Housing Strategy 2022-2031	Delivery of Testwood Site and learning post completion feeding in to following schemes	Economic	Jun-22	C, A E
<b>Affordable warmth</b>	The Greener Housing Strategy 2022-2031 will also address affordable warmth: -Understand the data - Education and Communication - Landlord Forum - Fuel Poverty initiatives - Partnerships - HCC - Grant funding	Housing	Greener Housing Strategy 2022-2031	Successful grant bids from, or for, the private housing sector in the New Forest	Economic, social	Jun-22	C E
<b>Resilient developments</b>	Ensure that a new development is designed to ensure that it captures surface water and allows it to percolate into the ground rather than being discharged into existing watercourse and outlets. The use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDs) can achieve this action.	Development Management	Through the assessment of planning applications and the technical input of the Environment Agency	New development is carried out in accordance with the scheme that has been approved by NFDC and the Environment Agency	Nature, health and economic	Jan-22	A, N E
	Ensure that a new development is designed in a way to make it resilient to climate change. An example being when a proposal relates to land that has the potential to flood (from sea, river or surface water) in an extreme event, is designed to provide resilience. This can be achieved through requiring floor levels to be higher than would normally be approved. Similarly, new development can be designed to reduce the impact of increasing in temperatures by making use of shading opportunities, tree planting, window positions.	Development Management	Assessing details through the planning application process and ensuring that development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans	Facilitating the delivery of homes and other development that is less susceptible to the impacts of climate change	Environmental, economic and social	Jan-22	A E

Recreation impact mitigation	Having in place appropriate mitigation strategies - for example Recreational Mitigation Strategy where adverse impacts arising from new development cannot be avoided, ensuring that appropriate mitigation measures are in place to address adverse impacts  <a href="https://newforest.gov.uk/article/1938/Recreational-Mitigation-Strategy">https://newforest.gov.uk/article/1938/Recreational-Mitigation-Strategy</a>	Policy and Strategy (Planning)	Health and status of nature conservation sites and protected species		Nature, health and well-being, environmental quality	2014 - ongoing	C, N E
	Working with Bird Aware to implement its mitigation strategy in Solent/Southampton Water. Where adverse impacts arising from new development cannot be avoided, ensuring that appropriate mitigation measures are in place to address adverse impacts <a href="https://birdaware.org/">https://birdaware.org/</a>	Policy and Strategy (Planning)/ Bird Aware	Health of designated sites	No decline	Nature, health, economy	2014 - Ongoing	NE

## Travel and Transport

Active travel	Consider the introduction of employee benefit schemes such as the Cycle to Work Scheme	HR	Uptake of staff in the schemes provided	Introduction of schemes that staff engage with	Health, Staff Engagement	During 2022	C I
	Green travel plans for all the leisure centres & installation of upgrades to secure bike racks	Partnerships & Operations in Partnership with Freedom Leisure	NFDC to monitor. Installation of the upgrade bike racks.	Execution of the plans and evidence of the bike racks being upgraded.	Health, economic and social	Jul-21	C, A E
	Work with developers to achieve schemes that maximise the ability for residents to access facilities, employment and recreation by foot/cycle. This can be achieved through creating mixed use developments that either include services/employment opportunities or are designed to include simple, attractive non-vehicular routes to such locations	Development Management	Through negotiations on planning application and associated Travel plans. On going monitoring	A reduction in the proportion of residents being able to access facilities without using a motor vehicle	Health, economic and social	Jan-22	C E



<b>Reducing travel</b>	Implement home and site working to reduce the need to commute to the centre of the New Forest and to reduce travel	Building Control (Planning)	Staff feedback and workload monitoring	Continued service delivery	Nature, Health, Economic	Apr-20	C I
	Continue to monitor the effectiveness of hybrid working and in particular the effect on performance management and cross-cutting collaboration	HR	Through completion of performance reviews. 1-2-1 feedback on delivery of corporate projects	Reduced carbon emission from home to work commute mileage	Environmental and wellbeing	During 2022	C I
	Partnership with Hythe ferry which allows discounted parking in NFDC car park for ferry users thus reducing vehicles driving in/out of Waterside in and out of Southampton	Environmental Enforcement and Amenities	Increase in Hythe ferry concession parking sales	Aim for increased passenger number on Hythe ferry	Health	1.10.10	C E
<b>Transport emissions</b>	Review and revise the Taxi Licensing Policy with consideration to policy on licensing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles (age and emissions)	Environmental and Regulation (Licensing Service)	Review, revision, consultation of taxi licensing policy.	Council adoption	Health	Summer 2022	C, N E
	Increase charges for larger engine vessels and those on wall moorings to encourage smaller engines and sail craft	Environmental Enforcement and Amenities	Numbers of smaller engine vessels in use	Reduction in larger engines vessels	Health, nature	Jan-20	C E
<b>Renewable fuel</b>	Review vehicle and plant replacement programme and identify options for lowering emissions, including but not limited to Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (HVO) and electrification.	Waste and Transport Service, but in partnership with all services with vehicle/plant assets	Officer working group is developing a scope for this review in January 2022.	Completion of review in 2022, with the aim of reducing overall emissions from fleet and plant.	Local air quality improvements, possible whole system cost reduction over life of vehicle/plant (case-by-case basis).	Review commences January 2022	C I
	Conversion of all appropriate Grounds and Street scene Fleet to operate on Battery or Biofuel	Grounds and Street scene in partnership with Transport	Annual review of Fleet replacement and procurement	% substitution annually as and when Tech is available	Nature, Health, Economic	Ongoing	CI
	Increase number of electric vehicle charge points in car parks to help reduce emissions. By end of 2021, 29 fast chargers were installed.	Environmental Enforcement and Amenities	Number of charge points installed	Aim for at least 10 more double chargers by 31/12/22	Economic	2019	C, I E

	Aim to replace vehicles with Electric vehicles when replacements due. Currently have 2	Environmental Enforcement and Amenities in partnership with Transport	Number of Electric vehicles	Aim for 2 more by end of 2022	Economic	12.1.22	C, A I
	Require new residential development to install infrastructure to allow occupants to have a vehicle charging point	Development Management	Ability to check that all relevant planning approvals have the necessary charging point condition	All new dwellings and commercial uses will have the ability to charge electrical vehicles from their homes/premises	Improvements to air quality benefitting health and nature	2022	C E

## Waste & Sustainable Resources

<b>Waste management</b>	Develop and implement a new Domestic Waste Strategy for household waste  <a href="https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/documents/s20939/Waste%20Strategy%20Update%20RPT.pdf">https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/documents/s20939/Waste%20Strategy%20Update%20RPT.pdf</a>	Waste and Transport Service	Development of strategy will be measured via its adoption by the Council in 2022. Implementation will follow, and its delivery will be monitored via key performance indicators which will be included within the strategy document.	Adoption of strategy in 2022, and a subsequent reduction in the carbon impact of household waste generated in the NFDC area	Mitigating natural resource loss, compliance with Government regulations, more economically efficient waste service.	Development - ongoing. Implementation - 2022-2027	C E
<b>Waste management</b>	Require new development to provide, as part of their Construction Environment Management Plan, a statement outlining the measures that they are taking to reduce the environmental impact of development. e.g: recycling/separation of waste, routing of construction vehicles, dust control, no burning on site etc.	Development Management	Through the assessment of a planning application and the imposition of suitably worded pre-commencement planning condition.	Developers carrying out the works in accordance with an approved scheme that seeks to reduce the environmental impact of the construction phase	Nature, health, social and economic	2022	C, N E
	Review best practice and ensure proper storage of waste with rising temperatures and the impact on local residents from fires, odour and pests	Environmental and Regulation (Food and safety)	Review during inspections and monitoring of complaints/services requests	Reduction in waste and improved storage, reducing impact on neighbourhood	Health, Nature	2022-23	A, N E

<b>Waste prevention</b>	The building control service to be 95% paperless in the service delivery and record storage	Building Control (Planning) DM	Through the monitoring of applications received	95% paperless service	Nature, economic	Apr-19	C I
	Installation of 'Water Fillers' to reduce plastic waste	Grounds and Street scene	Number of sites with Water Fillers installed.	Reduction in single use plastic Water meter can record level of refilling	Nature	2022	C, N E
	Using paperless systems	Environment and Regulation	Worksmart completed applications	Reduced amount of waste	Economic	2021	C I
	Reduction in paper and storage	Grounds and Street scene	Performance monitoring and staff feedback	Improved efficiency of officers	Nature	Ongoing	C I
<b>Sustainable resources</b>	Cease the use of Peat or Peat Related Products	Grounds and Street scene	Alternative composts and soil amendments to be used in all circumstances	No peat products in stores	Nature	Immediate	C, NI
<b>Fly tipping enforcement</b>	New post of Environmental Crime Enforcement Officer	Environmental Enforcement and Amenities	Increase in fines and prosecutions and overall reduction in large fly tips in NFDC area	Increase in fine revenue and bringing more offenders to court	Nature, economic, social	6.9.21	N E
<b>Energy</b>							
<b>Energy efficiency</b>	Through replacement of old plant and machinery within the leisure centres, Freedom Leisure aim to save 900 tonnes of CO2 over the 11 year contract term with NFDC	Partnerships & Operations in Partnership with Freedom Leisure	Monthly KPI contract monitoring by the contract monitoring officer	Through contract monitoring, to be able to report back a clear reduction in CO2 consumption	Economic	1.7.21	C I
<b>Energy efficiency</b>	To save 88,500kwh of electricity per year and 123,000kwh of gas per year in Leisure centres, with a £51,800 reduction in energy costs per annum	Partnerships & Operations in Partnership with Freedom Leisure	Monthly KPI contract monitoring by the contract monitoring officer	Through contract monitoring, to be able to report back a clear reduction in electricity and gas consumption and associated energy costs	Economic	1.7.21	C, A I

<b>Renewable energy</b>	Consider renewable energy and sustainable options when Building and Refurbishing Public Toilets	Grounds and Street scene	Consider Solar panels, Solar Lighting, Rain harvesting Heat Exchangers etc	At least one Energy efficient solution in each of the 23 PC's	Economic	Apr-22	C, A, N I
	Mobile surveillance cameras to catch fly tipping etc to be solar powered	Environmental Enforcement and Amenities	Number installed per year	Reduction in fly tipping	Economic	1.1.22	C E
	Supported Hampshire County Council's Solar Together scheme, providing the opportunity for homeowners to buy high quality solar panels at a competitive price through a group-buying model.	Planning	Number of households registering. Solar panels installed. Estimated CO2 saved.	Increase in residential renewable energy generation	Social	Mar-21	C, A E
	Conversion of all 2 Stoke Petrol Grounds Maintenance Equipment to Battery Power	Grounds and Street scene	Annual audit of equipment and procurement specs.	% Equipment replaced annually with final target 100%	Nature and Health	Jan-21	C I
	Install 50 Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHPs) in rural off-gas Council-owned properties	Housing	Installation of 50 ASHPs. Project managed through to end of August with procured contractor.	Installation of 50 ASHPs.	Economic	14/07/1905	C I
	Upgrade Solar Panels on civic buildings (ATC, LTH)	Civic Buildings & Facilities	Internal management and reporting	Upgrade Solar panels at LTH and ATC	Economic	Jun-21	C I
	All ticket machines in car parks to be solar powered (no mains)	Environmental Enforcement and Amenities	All installed machines from 2017 solar powered (no mains supply)	Achieved and ongoing as new machines ordered to replace older machines will also be solar powered	Economic	2017	C, A E
<b>Health</b>							
<b>Air Quality</b>	Monitoring of air quality in the new forest	Environmental and Regulation (Environmental protection) Planning	Assessing air pollutant levels in accordance with the National Air Quality Strategy	Production of LAQM Annual Status Reports which are reported to DEFRA	Health nature	Since 1995	A, N E

<b>Air Quality</b>	The Clean Air Strategy sets out plans to improve air quality in the New Forest, improve health and protect the environment.	Environmental and Regulation (Environmental protection)	Completion and adoption of a Clean Air Strategy	Council adoption and delivery of an action plan	Health, nature	2022	C, A, N E
	Promotion of cleaner burning in open fires, stoves and bonfires. Campaign extended to monitor pollutants associated with burning using sensors with the aim to provide further information to the public and inform decision making	Environmental and Regulation (Environmental protection)	Delivery and evaluation of the burn better campaign in conjunction with the Environment Centre and other Hampshire Local Authorities	Greater public awareness and behaviour change	Health nature	2020 (burning campaign) 2022 (monitoring)	C, A, N E
	Permitted processes (LAPPC) Working with businesses to ensure compliance with regulations and emission limits, including implementation of best available techniques and technology to reduce emissions to air	Environmental and Regulation (Environmental protection)	Routine site inspections (6months – 3years)	Inspections to ensure compliance is met and annual reporting to DEFRA	Health, Nature	Since 1990	C, N E
	Preparation of Suppletory Planning Document for Air Quality in New Development	Planning and Environmental and Regulation	Report to Cabinet for agreement to publish for public consultation.	Council adoption	Health, nature	Jan 2022 for panels	C, A E
<b>Health and safety</b>	Monitoring of pests/invasive species such as mosquitos/possible diseases	Environmental and Regulation with Hampshire County Council Public Health and UKHSA	Local plan for monitoring and response to invasive mosquitos	Surveillance and response where necessary	Health	Apr-21	A, N E
	Advice on working in more extreme temperatures - health and safety impacts of extreme hot or cold	Environmental and Regulation (Food and safety)	Monitoring of service requests and national statistics	Improved working environments and reduction in work related ill health	Health	On going	A E
<b>Emergency planning</b>	Emergency planning and business continuity policies in place	Corporate responsibility	Review of processes in place including business continuity to deal with emergency response	NFDC protected and able to continue to deliver critical services	Economic	Oct-21	A, N E

Community resilience to climate change	Residents and businesses are informed on the risks associated with climate change (excess heat and cold, flooding, water shortage, poor air quality) site specific flood evaluation plans	Environment and Regulation and HCC	Processes in place to mitigate against an emergency response requirement	Communities and businesses are protected through robust local plans	Health and nature	Oct-21	A, N E
Community resilience to climate change	Working with partners to improve health and wellbeing of residents	Environment and Regulation (Health and Partnerships) with HCC PH	Develop an action plan with priorities which support the Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Improvements to residents' health to enable them to better live with climate change impacts	Health	2022	AE
<b>Organisational</b>							
Corporate Plan	Overall commitment and strategic direction for sustainability within the corporate plan <a href="https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/2836/Leaders-portfolio">https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/2836/Leaders-portfolio</a>	Corporate	Regular reporting on delivery of corporate plan to overview and scrutiny panels	Sustainability is at the centre of decisions		Oct-21	C, A, N I, E
Carbon emissions baseline data	Collection and use of data on the carbon emissions of the Council's estate	Civic Buildings & Facilities	Internal management and reporting	Completion and use of carbon emissions data collection tool provided by LGA	Economic, Health	May 2022	C, I E
Procurement	Review current procurement strategy wording to ensure it reflects the Climate & Nature Emergency declaration. The Procurement Strategy 2018-22 already covers our approach to Environmental Impact by having a targeted approach based on each procurement project (contract).  All service teams to put climate impact front and centre when developing 'wants and needs' of specification. Tender response forms to include a scored element to assess bidder's offers. Bids to be evaluated with climate change scoring built in.  <a href="https://www.newforest.gov.uk/media/698/Procurement-Strategy/pdf/Procurement_Strategy_2018-22_v4.00_Mar21.pdf?m=637499445812770000">https://www.newforest.gov.uk/media/698/Procurement-Strategy/pdf/Procurement_Strategy_2018-22_v4.00_Mar21.pdf?m=637499445812770000</a>	Strategic procurement	Each Procurement Project to test the impact of the service requirement upon the Environment. Outcome specifications (a key component of every tender) to set out the Environmental opportunities. Awarded contracts to be Monitored for delivery of such opportunities (via KPI's and good news outcomes).	The Procurement Strategy to support the Councils aims and objectives in the Climate Change & Emergency Action Plan. Decisions made by Council, EMT and Service Managers to be communicated to our suppliers via the tendering of contracts with built-in provision for Environmental change.	Nature, Health, Economic & Social	Summer 2021	C, A, N E

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Procurement</b></p>	<p>All Contracts to be managed and monitored to ensure delivery to the Councils specification and that a continual improvement cycle is locked in. Environmental impacts to be measured and reported. "If you do not measure it - you will not improve it"</p>	<p>Strategic procurement</p>	<p>Innovations that contribute to the Climate and Nature Emergency are achieved and reported upon.</p> <p>Resilience to be driven by effective contract management in each Service. KPI's specifically targeted to track Environmental performance goals to be baked into the contract specification and delivery outcomes.</p>	<p>Commitment by our suppliers to deliver positive contributions to the Climate &amp; Nature Emergency. NFDC Services to report back via contract management channel to EMT/Council. Contract Administrators to measure and report on Innovations (Service led and Supplier Led) that impact on Climate &amp; Nature Emergency.</p>	<p>Nature, Health, Economic &amp; Social</p>	<p>Winter 2022</p>	<p>C, A, N E</p>
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