

East Hampshire District Council

Climate and Environment Strategy 2020-2025

Foreword

Julie Butler - Portfolio Holder

I am pleased to introduce the Climate and Environment Strategy 2020-2025 which will drive change. The climate crisis and the negative impact on our environment affects every resident in East Hampshire and beyond. It is the most important challenge we face, and we must work together to tackle it.

We declared a Climate and Environment Emergency on 19 July 2019. Our work so far has considered options and consulted stakeholders and shaped this strategy. I chair two Cabinet Liaison Panels, made up of elected members from across the political parties. They will work to inspire change, lobby for funding and be the voices in their local communities.

This spring, 2020, the unforeseen impact of a pandemic has radically changed the way we behave and work, demonstrating how adaptable we can be. We want to use lessons learned from the response to Covid-19 to take action for the climate emergency.

A changing climate has profound implications for the lives of everyone today, and for future generations as well. It directly influences how your Council plans to meet the needs of everyone in the district. But it is also everyone's responsibility to make changes to address the crisis. We want to take an inclusive approach and maintain a dialogue on climate issues through our Let's Talk initiative.

There will be benefits if we get this right: energy-efficient buildings, affordable renewable energy, sustainable transport, food security, improved local biodiversity, and opportunities to strengthen enterprises of all types in the transition to a low-carbon economy.

This Strategy sets out East Hampshire District Council's vision for the Climate and Environment. We lead by tackling our operational direct and indirect emissions. We will work in partnership with the South Downs National Park for sustainable development through Planning policy. And we will take action to support our residents, communities, and businesses to deliver a low-carbon economically vibrant future for East Hampshire.

I am determined this strategy will enable everyone to pay their part in addressing the climate and environment emergency and look forward to working in partnership for a better future.

Cllr Julie Butler



[Cllr Julie Butler]

Ginny Boxall - Climate Champion

The changing climate is already having impacts across the world and in the UK, including East Hampshire. Terrible images of flooding, severe weather events, storms and heatwaves and the devastating effects they have are seen with increasing frequency.

In July 2019, East Hampshire District Council declared a Climate Emergency. The Council resolved to take action to make all Council Services carbon neutral as soon as reasonably practicable or in any case by 2050 in line with national targets. We committed to work with our partners and communities to make East Hampshire a carbon neutral district.

Every time we decide to use our cars, fly away on holiday, buy goods, and even switch on a light we are likely contributing to more greenhouse gas emissions.

Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions and achieving a decarbonised and secure energy supply is extremely challenging because we will have to change the way we do everyday things.

The Council has declared a Climate Emergency and is committed to change the way it delivers its services. This Strategy also lays out how the Council will support and influence our local communities and enterprises, so that everyone can make the changes we need to see.

This strategy recognises that to achieve carbon neutrality for council services, and across the whole district, is a marathon, not a sprint. This strategy commits us to embed protecting the climate into our policies and decision making, but also to be accountable and maintain honest and robust reporting of our progress.

As East Hampshire's District Council's Climate Champion, I have pledged to build networks and foster relationships we need to inspire and deliver positive change.

Laying the policy foundation is just as important as winning hearts and minds. I have pledged to make our approach inclusive and wide-ranging. The prize is a sustainable and durable future, and I hope you can join us in making this a realisable outcome.

Cllr Ginny Boxall



[Cllr Ginny Boxall]

Executive summary

There is a global climate and environment emergency. The evidence is irrefutable, and the science is clear. Human beings are causing damage to the planet, and that damage has accelerated over the past 50 years. The impacts of the climate crisis are having serious negative impacts on our livelihoods and communities.

East Hampshire District Council declared a climate Emergency in 2019: it is not too late for us to turn things around, but success depends on everyone to make transformative change and act now.

This strategy has been shaped by stakeholder engagement and by our elected members. An event held in February 2020 brought key stakeholders from across the district together for a day to consider and debate how the council can have the greatest impact in tackling the climate crisis, and in protecting our local environment. The strategy embraces how the Council can work with residents, communities and with all sectors of the local economy.

The purpose of this strategy is to provide a clear statement of the Council's climate and environment objectives and to set out how the Council will act to meet climate, environment, and sustainability challenges.

The Climate and Environment Strategy sets out the Council's vision, approach, and priorities over the next five years. A supporting Action Plan to be developed will identify initiatives and indicate how we will report on progress towards our goals.

There are two high level objectives for the strategy: to reduce carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050; and to protect and enhance the local natural environment.

We have outlined in the strategy how to reduce the Council's emissions to net-zero, and how we will use our influence and powers as local planning authority to promote a sustainable low-carbon future where people and nature thrive.

We will strengthen our working relationships with the South Downs, the County, and our parishes to align policy and focus resources on tackling the climate crisis.

East Hampshire District Council will take an inclusive approach and promote ways for everyone to play a part in tackling the climate emergency.

Endorsement from the Chief Executive

The Leadership of East Hampshire District Council recognises the climate crisis poses a key risk for the authority. The first step was taken in July 2019 when Council unanimously moved to declare a Climate Emergency.

The Climate and Environment Strategy 2020-2025 builds on the declaration and pledges action to address the climate emergency. It firmly establishes a collaborative and integrated approach that embraces all our activities, including the Council's own service delivery, and that of our contractors and partners. It highlights our mandate as a planning authority to ensure carbon net-zero is achieved by or before 2050 as we emerge from the 2020 Covid 19 pandemic.

Alongside net-zero, the strategy pledges to protect and enhance the natural environment. East Hampshire is a predominantly rural district, and our residents, businesses and visitors benefit from our wonderful landscape.

The strategy provides the organisation with a clear roadmap for action and gives me and my leadership team the go ahead to embed and mainstream climate in our business plans and to make the changes we need. The challenge is to reduce carbon in delivering our services, but also embed low-carbon outcomes for a vibrant economy and thriving community.

One of our strengths is working in partnership, which we will use to inspire low-carbon outcomes across East Hampshire in collaboration with the South Downs National Park Authority, the County Council, and our Town and Parish Councils.

The next five years is a crucial period to set the course for net-zero, engage with all our stakeholders and embed the vision for the future.

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1. Introduction

Overview

Climate change is a large-scale, long-term shift in the earth's weather patterns as a result of increasing average global temperatures. In recent decades extreme and unpredictable weather events such as flash floods, storms and high winds, heatwaves, and summer droughts have caused a climate crisis.

Human activity is responsible for the climate crisis. Burning fossil fuels, intensified agriculture, polluting industrial processes and the clearance of vegetation accelerate the impact of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

The impact is recognised globally.

National and International Policy context

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published a report in October 2018 which concluded that we have less than 12 years to act to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. The report highlights a number of climate impacts that could be avoided by limiting global warming to 1.5°C compared to 2°C, or more. It suggests that limiting global warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action by governments that signed the Paris Agreement.

The UK is one of over 150 nations to sign up to the UN Paris Agreement in November 2016. By signing, all the countries committed to put forward their best efforts and to strengthen these efforts in the years ahead. This includes requirements that all countries report regularly on their emissions and on their implementation efforts.

On 12th June 2019, the UK government amended the Climate Change Act 2008, introducing a net-zero greenhouse gases target by 2050. This commits the UK to eliminating emissions from homes, transport, farming and industry, or in the most difficult cases through offsetting by planting trees and carbon capture and storage.

To achieve the 2050 net-zero target, the UK Government has adopted policies which envisage the role of local authorities as a catalyst in delivering urgent and necessary action to address the climate crisis.

In October 2017, the government adopted the Clean Growth Strategy, proposing measures for decarbonising all sectors of the UK economy through the 2020s. It explains how the whole country can benefit from low-carbon opportunities, while meeting national and international commitments to tackle climate change. Amendments to this strategy have brought forward timescales for instance, banning the sale of petrol and diesel vehicles by 2035.

In January 2018, the Government published 'A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment'. The 25 year plan confirms the government's aim to take all possible action to mitigate climate change by continuing to cut GHG emissions, while adapting to reduce its impact through risk assessments and responses to floods, heatwaves, new pests and disruption to food production.

East Hampshire District Council in declaring a Climate Emergency, acknowledges the global climate crisis and is committed to working locally within our remit to implement this strategy and play our part for a sustainable future. We look forward to working with you as a resident, a partner, a community group, or local enterprise.

The Council already works with the South Downs National Park Authority, and Hampshire County Council to align objectives and co-ordinate resources to tackle climate change. We also have useful working relationships with the 40 parishes and towns in East Hampshire.

Local context and key challenges

East Hampshire is an exceptionally attractive part of southern England with 57% of the district lying within the South Downs National Park. It is a popular place in which to live, work or visit, with historic market towns and attractive villages set in beautiful countryside. The area's natural environment and biodiversity is nationally and internationally recognised and protected. The buildings, open spaces and particularly the landscape, all contribute to the special character of the area. Together, they provide a rich heritage that adds to the quality of life for residents and people who work here and attracts visitors and tourists.

Some of the key challenges for this strategy in the district:

- High levels of 'out-commuting' and car ownership, coupled with the rural nature of the District means high levels of transport emissions.
- Energy use in homes represents 24% of carbon emissions. With 50,000 existing homes and about 3000 more to come in the next 5 years, both retrofitting existing homes, and ensuring new homes have high performance standards is important.
- Tourism is an important part of our economy, but it can put pressure on the local environment. We need to balance access to the countryside, whilst protecting priority habitats of nature conservation importance.
- Farming and agriculture in the area as well as other businesses can be impacted by flooding rivers flooding, but surface water and groundwater flooding also present hazards. We also need to reduce carbon emissions from food production and protect the soil.
- Fresh water supplies are under pressure due to population growth. Over 80% of the District is underlain by a principal aquifer and 40% within a Groundwater Source Protection Zone, so the challenge is to limit extraction of fresh water but maintain our targets for new homes.

How can you be involved?

You can make a difference:

- At home or at work, reduce energy use by making buildings energy efficient
- Switch to renewable sources of energy
- Choose locally produced food, and reduce meat and dairy consumption
- Switch to sustainable travel: walk and cycle more and save GHG emissions, fly less.
- Use resources more efficiently: avoid waste, reuse and recycle.
- Help us increase tree cover by planting a tree near to where you live

And you can help to persuade others to do the same by joining a local group. East Hampshire District Council, with this strategy, will work with you to make the changes we need to tackle the climate emergency.

East Hampshire in profile.

East Hampshire is an economically successful area at the heart of South East England. It lies between London and the South Coast. 57% of the district lies in the South Downs National Park.

Total land mass: 514 sq. km

Population: 120,000, set to grow by 10% over the next decade.

Main towns: Alton, Petersfield, Whitehill & Bordon

Large villages: Horndean, Liphook, Liss and Four Marks

Rivers

Three river valleys have an influence on the landform of the East Hampshire District. These are the River Itchen, River Meon and River Wey. Due to the water level in the chalk falling, the source of the River Itchen is now outside of the East Hampshire District.

Geology

The East Hampshire District lies at the boundary between the Hampshire Basin to the west and the Weald to the east. The geological range is confined to sedimentary rocks of the Cretaceous period, mainly Upper, Middle and Lower Chalk of the Hampshire Basin.

Business and economy

Business activity ranges from agriculture to information technology and tourism

Number of businesses: more than 5,500

Total jobs: Over 56,000



The Impact

Without action, rising global temperatures will increase the frequency and intensity of unpredictable weather events. The natural environment will be affected, with the loss of many species of flora and fauna. Ecosystems and the ecosystem services they provide will change and have an adverse impact on our economy and food supply chains.

The IPCC predicts:

- Climate change is expected to magnify regional differences in Europe's natural resources and assets. Negative impacts will include increased risk of inland flash floods, more frequent coastal flooding and increased erosion.
- Glaciers will retreat and snow cover will reduce affecting winter tourism. There could be extensive loss of plant and animal species.
- In Southern Europe, climate change is projected to worsen conditions (high temperatures and drought) in a region already vulnerable to climate variability and to reduce water availability, hydropower potential, summer tourism and, in general, crop productivity.
- The Panel also anticipate that there will be increased risks to health associated with heat waves. In particular for the young and the elderly.

For East Hampshire, the impact of climate change will likely mean hotter drier summers with more chance of heat waves and drought and wetter, milder winters with more storms and flooding.

Tackling Climate Change

Our response to climate change will be managed on two fronts:

Mitigation: Taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Adaptation: Being prepared for the impacts caused by changes in our climate.

By developing a coherent approach to mitigation and adaptation, the Council will benefit by saving energy and money, and improved environmental performance.

Our residents and businesses benefit through an improved quality of life and being more prepared for the threats posed by the changing climate

Through East Hampshire District Council's Climate Change Emergency Declaration and the production of this Climate and Environment Strategy, the Council is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero by or before 2050 in line with national legislation.

You can keep in touch with the latest initiatives, with the Council's 'Let's Talk' initiative, and you can follow progress on the website and on our social media. Your Council wants to work with everyone for a sustainable future.

2. About Our Strategy

East Hampshire District Council's Vision

East Hampshire District Council will make operations net-zero as soon as reasonably practicable or in any case by 2050. We will work with relevant agencies, partners and communities and lobby government to support this ambition.

We will work with our residents, community groups and enterprises towards making East Hampshire a carbon neutral district. We want the district to deliver its part in the wider county, national and international commitments on reducing emissions, and to prepare for the impacts of climate change.

We want to achieve an environmentally sustainable future, to support the local economy and communities. We will work to improve health and wellbeing so that we live in harmony with nature.

The Purpose of the Strategy

The purpose of the strategy is to provide a clear statement of the Council's climate and environment objectives and to set out how the Council will address the emergency we face. It describes how we will reduce the Council's own impact and how, working with our public and private sector partners and our communities, we will support the transformation needed across the district to tackle the problem.

Our Strategic Objectives are:

Strategic objective 1. Climate

To reduce carbon emissions in line with the Climate Change Act 2008 to be net-zero by 2050 for all Council services, whether they are delivered by us, or through a partnership. More than this, we will use our mandate as a local authority to ensure sustainable development and support our residents and enterprises to reduce carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050.

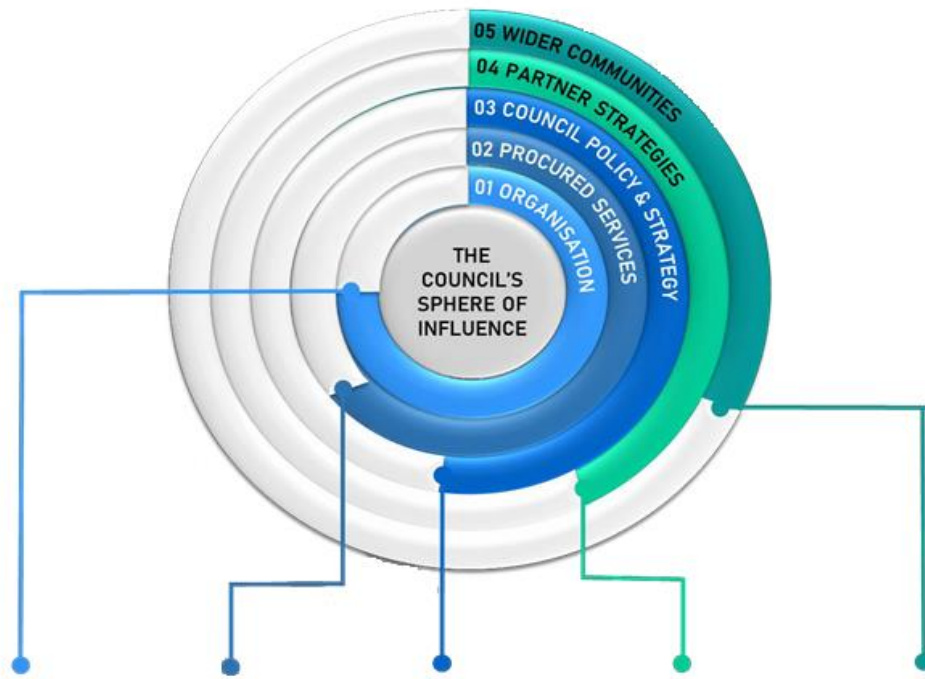
Strategic objective 2. Environment

To protect, improve and enhance our natural environment locally for biodiversity net gain. The ecosystem services provided by the natural environment is our life-support system. We will work in collaboration to enable everyone to play a part in improving biodiversity, air and water quality.

Scope and influence of the strategy

This is a strategy for East Hampshire District Council (rather than the county of Hampshire) and identifies how we must work with our public and private sector partners and communities across Hampshire.

The Council has direct control on its own activities, but as a local planning authority, has a wider reach and is able to influence residents and enterprises through the planning system and its public role, as shown in Figure 1.



<p>1. Organisation</p> <p>The Council has direct control over its carbon footprint</p>	<p>2. Procured Service and Partners</p> <p>The Council sets specifications for the procurement of goods and services</p>	<p>3. Council Policy and Strategy</p> <p>The Council has direct control of its policy making, but is influenced by community</p>	<p>4. Public Sector Strategies</p> <p>The Council has influence on public sector and governmental strategies but</p>	<p>5. Wider Communities</p> <p>The Council can influence our communities to share our vision and encourage them to take their own action.</p>
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Figure 1: Council's spheres of influence

3. Initiatives for the Climate and Environment Strategy 2020-2025

This strategy sets out the priorities of East Hampshire District Council over the next five years to address the climate change emergency declared in July 2019. The priorities are split out into two categories that reflect our strategic objectives and are themed as shown in Figure 2: The Strategy at a Glance.

The Strategy at a Glance

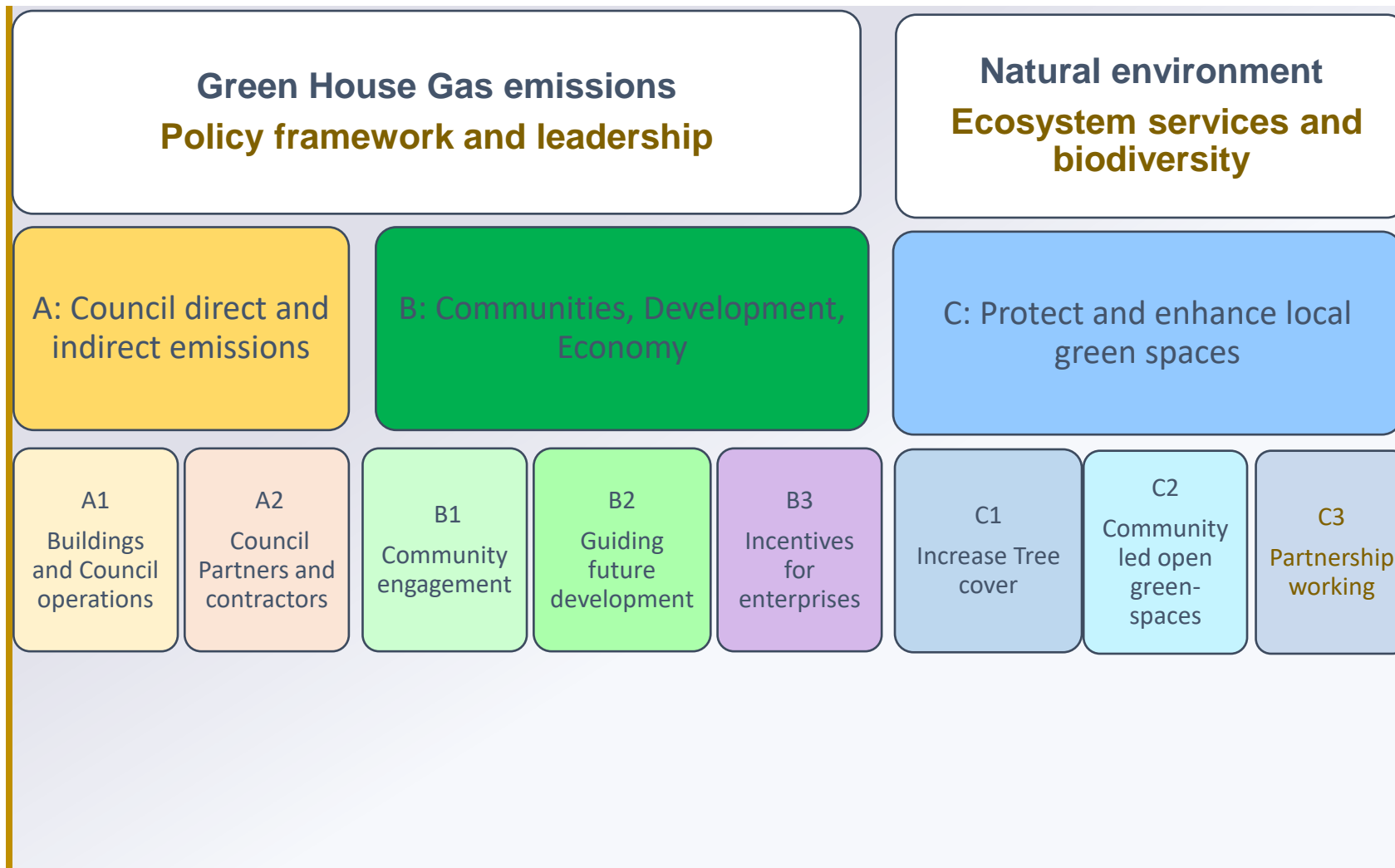


Figure 2 Climate and Environment Objectives and Initiatives

A. Initiatives to reduce emissions of the Council's estate and operations

East Hampshire District Council must reduce corporate operational emissions to ensure we fulfil our Climate Emergency obligations. We will embed sustainability into our policies, systems and processes across Council Services.

The Council's own operations are only a small proportion of the combined greenhouse gas emissions in the district. However, we intend to demonstrate leadership by tackling our own emissions as a priority.

Some significant operations are undertaken by partners on long-term contracts. The council can control emissions through procurement specification, and at contract review points. Examples include leisure centre operation, and refuse collection.

A1: Priorities for tackling the emission from Council Estates and operations	
i	Reduce emissions from council buildings and vehicles to zero by switching to renewable energy and EVs
ii	Harness new technology for a transition to innovative low-carbon on-line and cloud-based working practices and to reduce office space requirements
iii	Mandate that all business cases, proposal papers and decision-making include criteria to address the climate emergency
iv	Change the culture of the organisation with awareness at all levels
v	Reduce emissions from staff commuting and members attending meetings

A2: Priorities for tackling the emissions from our partners and contractors	
i	All new or reviewed contracts will embrace the net-zero target from 2020.
ii	Strategic long-term partners' emissions will be managed to net-zero within existing contracts e.g. in leisure centres and from refuse collection.
iii	Income earned from the Property portfolio will be refocused on marketable low-carbon sustainable buildings.

B: How we will influence emissions for East Hampshire's residents, community groups and businesses.

Influencing the wider area starts with being accountable for what we are doing. We will use our channels of communication and networks in the community and across our local economy to present everyone with the opportunity to make the changes we need to see to reach net-zero carbon emission for the whole district.

B1: Priorities for engaging positively and working in partnership on climate and environment for the community	
i	Promote climate crisis messages to raise awareness and encourage public engagement to foster change.

ii	Extend retrofitting for existing homes by promoting and extending schemes to install energy efficiency measures like cavity wall insulation and smart thermostats.
iii	Engage and facilitate a network of 'Green groups' to enable effective sharing of successful initiatives for behaviour change
iv	Support Parish and Town councils with energy audits of occupied buildings.
v	Allocate 25% of Councillor Grants to support Climate and Environment Initiatives.

B2: Priorities for guiding future development e.g. through the planning system

i	Minimise the climate impact of new development through our Local Plan policies and development management decisions
ii	Ensure new builds are meeting their planning permission conditions and obligations
iii	Reinforce and implement plans and strategies which support low-carbon transport alternatives, including the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

B3: Priorities for providing incentives for businesses and enterprise

i	Encourage the switch electric vehicles (EV) including taxis
ii	Climate and Environment criteria and impacts will influence decisions when awarding grants and funding
iii	Identify external funding opportunities for transition to sustainable and low-carbon practices
iv	Celebrate best practice amongst our local businesses and shops, for instance to improve energy efficiency, or innovation

C: How we will protect and enhance our local Natural Environment

We want to see better and inclusive access and enjoyment of the natural environment alongside sustainable management.

C1: Priorities for Environmental improvements

i	Increase tree cover in the district and see that 120,000 trees are planted in East Hampshire, one for every resident.
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C2: Priorities for Community led open green-spaces

i	Give communities and residents the opportunity to take the lead on land owned by East Hampshire District Council for planting wildflowers and improving local biodiversity. Work to identify sources of funding to support this activity, including
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	the Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government 'Pocket Parks' grant scheme.
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C3: Priorities for partnership working	
i	Eliminate use of pesticides in public open spaces.
ii	Improve access and enjoyment of our landscape.
iii	Work closely with large landowners and public bodies for better outcomes for the natural environment

4. Delivery, monitoring and engagement

Progress to date

Since declaring the Climate and Environment Emergency in July 2019, the Council has convened two cabinet liaison panels (CLPs), made up of members from all parties who have pledged to work together to address the Climate and Environment Emergency. They have identified and prioritised initiatives, debated how best to lobby and influence better outcomes, and engaged with stakeholders at our Let's Talk event in February 2020.

A Climate Champion, Cllr Ginny Boxall, has begun to act as 'ambassador' for the climate and environment, publicly supporting positive outcomes, spearheading events across the district, thanking you and celebrating your contributions to a sustainable future.

Delivery

The Climate Change Strategy will be implemented through an Action Plan to be developed to implement this Strategy. It is a working document that identifies objectives and actions to achieve the Outcomes over the 5 years of this Strategy and lays the foundation for the next 5 years.

Being Accountable

As part of the Climate Emergency Declaration, the Council made a commitment to provide regular and frequent reports on the progress against the strategic objectives of our Climate and Environment Strategy.

What we will do to be accountable to our stakeholders for the progress on our Climate Strategy
We will work with the County Council to develop a reporting methodology. We will undertake verifiable and objective reporting against the indicators listed in the Action Plan.
We will publish our reports as part of the Annual Report every year
We will update our independent Integrated Impact Assessment to include climate and environment criteria and ensure that the key indicators an
The Action Plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

More Information

Glossary and abbreviations

Carbon, Carbon Dioxide	C; CO ₂	Carbon dioxide is the biggest contributor to GHG in the atmosphere by volume, responsible for global warming. Carbon in fossil fuels generates CO ₂ when burned. .
Council Services		East Hampshire District Council is a District authority within Hampshire County. Services include bin collections, benefits and housing, communities, economic development licensing, parking services Council Tax collection and Planning applications.
Cabinet Liaison Panels	CLP	Chaired by Cllr Julie Butler, the two liaison panels provide the governance and leadership for climate and environment initiatives. They steer the actions and take action on lobbying and funding opportunities.
Carbon capture and storage	CCS	Processes which suck carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, make a chemical or physical change and stores it so it cannot escape back into the atmosphere. Only small-scale schemes have been proven as reliable.
Climate Emissions	-	Emissions of gases that increase the green-house effect. They include Carbon, methane, nitrous oxide and many more. Often expressed at CO ₂ equivalent or CO ₂ e. See also GHG
Direct and indirect emissions		Direct emissions are those produced directly by an organisation; indirect emissions are made by a contractor or supplier on behalf of an organisation
Ecosystem Services		Ecosystem services are provided free of charge by our natural environment, sometimes referred to as 'natural capital'. Ecosystem services are our life-support system and enable us to thrive. Ecosystem Services include Provisioning services, fresh water, food and materials, timber and minerals, Supporting services, functions that underpin all the other ecosystem services, like soil formation, nutrient and water cycling, and biodiversity. Regulating Services of natural processes for good air quality, water and soil quality, water flow and flood control, and pollination. And finally, Cultural services, the 'non-material' benefits from our interaction with the natural environment, offering inspiration, tranquillity, recreation, and cultural heritage. We must look after our environment; after all, it looks after us.
Electric Vehicles	EV	Zero emission cars and vans using battery power.
Greenhouse gas	GHG	Atmospheric gases which cause global warming, principally carbon dioxide, but includes methane, nitrous oxide, and many others. GHG are used to quantify emissions and for carbon budgets in the UK.
Hampshire County Council	HCC	Hampshire County Council is the transport Authority, and waste disposal authority. East Hampshire is a District within Hampshire.
Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	LCWIP	East Hampshire District Council's policy to enhance and promote low-carbon alternatives to car use.
Local Plan		The Local Plan is the overarching planning policy strategy that guides how development is delivered in a planning authority area. 2017-2036
Net-zero		The target of net-zero means cutting greenhouse gas emissions, to as close to zero as possible, and offsetting

		the remaining emissions to prevent global temperature rise. It means the same as 'carbon neutral'.
Resource efficiency	-	Avoiding waste, reusing or recycling materials and things.
South Downs National Park	SDNP	The SDNP is the biggest and newest National Park in England. It covers an area from Eastbourne to Winchester and overlaps EHDC area in the south of the District.

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How to find a local climate and environment action group.

The best way to get involved is to find a local group with a focus on the climate and environment. By joining a group, you can learn more about local priorities, contribute, and join the debate through our Let's Talk events. Find your group by searching for 'climate and environment' on our website.