

Climate Change and Green Recovery Delivery Plan 2021

Strategic Lead: Corporate Business and Partnerships Manager

Objective CC1: Reducing Emissions from our own Activities			
Ref	Action	Outputs	Owner
1.1	Reduce emissions from our own activities	The achievement of carbon neutrality from council own emissions by 2040 (as per the climate emergency declaration 2019)	Corporate Business and Partnerships working with Climate Change and Green Recovery Group, all service areas, Maloney Associates
Milestones for Delivery in Year 1 (2021/22)			
Ref	Milestone	Resources Budgets / Sources of Funding:	
1.1.1	Audit the carbon balance of our council activities	Within existing resources	
1.1.2	Formulate a delivery plan with realistic targets for energy, water, travel and transport.	Within existing resources	
1.1.3	Continue with the work in relation to Organisational Recovery and Hybrid working	Within existing resources	
1.1.4	Monitor the progress being made against the milestones in this Delivery Plan on a quarterly basis	Within existing resources	
1.1.5	Provide annual reports on progress made to council	Within existing resources	

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Objective CC2: Work in partnership with Government, Elected Bodies and Elected Members, Partners and Residents across the Borough to take action that contributes to carbon neutrality and sustainable development within communities.			
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2.1	Encourage Elected Members to work with their communities to raise awareness of and identify opportunities to implement sustainable low carbon initiatives and promote community action on reducing emissions	1. To work in partnership with elected members and staff to increase carbon literacy. 2. To encourage local communities to transition to a low carbon lifestyle. 3. To work with partner organisations and stakeholder groups to deliver climate action initiatives. 4. To work with neighbouring authorities to share examples of best practice, and to ensure climate change is addressed across boundaries. 5. The adoption of a collaborative approach to deliver climate action across the borough.	Corporate Business and Partnerships working with elected members, partner organisation, residents
Milestones for Delivery in Year 1 (2021/22)			
<i>Ref</i>	<i>Milestone</i>	<i>Resources Budgets / Sources of Funding:</i>	
2.1.1	Climate change pledge developed and agreed.	Within existing resources	
2.1.2	Communities signed up to climate change pledge.	Within existing resources	
2.1.3	Carbon Literacy Training rolled out to staff and members	Within existing resources	
2.1.4	Information packs developed to promote carbon neutral/energy efficient schemes; how to reduce single use plastics and live more sustainably/healthy (consideration given to digitally excluded).	Within existing resources	

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2.2	Work to support residents who are in financial difficulty and are vulnerable with energy efficiency measures	1. More energy efficient homes 2. Less people living in fuel poverty	Health and Housing working with Specialist energy agent, Staffordshire County Council, Community Wellbeing Partnership

Milestones for Delivery in Year 1 (2021/22)

Ref	Milestone	Resources Budgets / Sources of Funding:
2.2.1	Annual contract targets for volume of households supported to improve energy efficiency and/or reduce/remove fuel poverty, through measures installed and advice provided.	Within existing resources

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2.3	Work with government and elected bodies to determine best practice and use this to raise awareness in our communities, businesses, and contractors		Corporate Business and Partnerships working with Centre for Alternative Technology, Keele University, residents, Staffordshire Climate Change Working Group. Communications, Climate Change and Green Recovery Group

Milestones for Delivery in Year 1 (2021/22)

Ref	Milestone	Resources Budgets / Sources of Funding:
2.3.1	Participation in Countywide Climate Change Group.	Within existing resources
2.3.2	Small panel of community representatives set up to support formulation and delivery of community-based initiatives.	Within existing resources

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Objective CC3: Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change			
Ref	Action	Outputs	Owner
3.1	Refresh the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy	1. Integration of climate change principles into the procurement process to timescale 2. Identification of relevant campaigns to timescale 3. Progress of Adaptation Strategy 4. Deployment of climate change adaptation measures 5. Publication of Adaptation Strategy	Corporate Business and Partnerships working with SBC colleagues/sections, SCC external partners, Climate Change and Green Recovery Group, Communications, Streetscene
Milestones for Delivery in Year 1 (2021/22)			
Ref	Milestone	<i>Resources Budgets / Sources of Funding:</i>	
3.1.1	Produce Local Climate Impact Profile.	Within existing resources	
3.1.2	Produce a Climate Action Plan.	Within existing resources	
3.1.3	Work with council services and partners to ensure vulnerabilities and opportunities not yet addressed are featured in strategies and action plans	Within existing resources	
3.1.4	Production of an action plan of next steps in addressing significant vulnerabilities and opportunities	Within existing resources	
3.1.5	Delivery of a comprehensive risk-based assessment of vulnerabilities to weather and climate - now and in the future.	Within existing resources	
3.1.6	Identification of priority risks for all council services.	Within existing resources	
3.1.7	Identification of the most effective adaptive responses.	Within existing resources	

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Strategic Lead: Head of Development

Objective CC4: Continue to implement our green recovery objectives			
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4.1	Follow the Lawton Principles of delivering more, bigger, better and connected habitats	1. Enhance existing habitats throughout the Borough. 2. Seek opportunities to create new habitats. 3. Ensure connectivity through a network of high-quality connected habitats throughout the Borough. 4. Well managed Blue and Green infrastructure	Ecology and Landscape Officer, Principal Planning Officer, Strategic Planning & Placemaking working with Wildlife Trust and Environment Agency, Freedom Leisure, Sport England, Allotment Associations, Operations
Milestones for Delivery in Year 1 (2021/22)			
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4.1.1	Developing Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	Within existing resources	
4.1.2	Deliver Stafford Brooks project	Stafford Brooks, Biodiversity Net Gain	
4.1.3	Investigate green network enhancements in Stafford and Stone	Within existing resources	
4.1.4	All major development to deliver 10% biodiversity net gain to support the Borough's Nature Recovery Network.		
4.1.5	Develop/implement new Open Space strategy		
4.1.6	Deliver Cannock Chase SAC projects		

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4.2	Work in partnership to improve air quality		Operations and Strategic Planning & Placemaking Manager working with key partners and community groups such as Staffordshire County Council and The University of the Third Age, Cannock Chase SAC Partnership, Development Management
Milestones for Delivery in Year 1 (2021/22)			
<i>Ref</i>	<i>Milestone</i>	<i>Resources Budgets / Sources of Funding:</i>	
4.2.1	Assessment of air quality / nitrogen dioxide for Southern Staffordshire SACs		
4.2.2	Monitor and review air quality across the Borough to determine whether national air quality objectives are being met.	Within existing resources	