

Our Climate and Environment Action Plan

May 2023 – December 2023

Our action plan summary sets out the projects and initiatives that East Hampshire District Council will deliver in the short term while a refresh of the Climate and Environment Strategy with longer-term action plan for the next 3 years is developed- the aim is this will be agreed by December 2023.

The action plan is based around 3 key themes, **Green Community**, **Green Place** and **Green Council**. It is supported by and delivered by the Green Team, a team of officers across all services within the council with a supporting delivery plan and timescales. Quarterly updates will be provided on our website.

Green Community

1. Support local action
2. Increase East Hampshire sustainability and recycling
3. Helping East Hampshire Residents increase energy efficiency
4. Helping East Hampshire businesses increase energy efficiency

Green Place

5. Our Greenest Local Plan
6. Improve and enhance our local natural environment to improve biodiversity
7. Encourage and enable sustainable and active transport

Green Council

8. Green Exemplar Office - New Barn
9. Reduce our own carbon footprint working towards Net Zero by 2050
10. Ensure that Climate Change is embedded within the council

| Green Community | | | |
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| | Our commitment | Action December 2022 to April 2023 | May 2023 to December 2023 |
| 1 | Support local action | Establish a Let's Talk Green event | Get East Hants Green Event – October / November |
| | | Support local climate projects - Community Climate Action Fund | Community Climate Action Fund Round 2 |
| | | | Schools ECO Box project – Autumn 2023 |
| 2 | Increase East Hampshire sustainability and recycling | Deliver a community compost scheme in line with EHDC's community far project Grow Up! | Deliver a community compost scheme |
| | | Deliver a community waste project | Continue to work with partners to improve recycling and reduce contamination through a targeted communications campaign |
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| | | Develop ongoing environmental services strategy to reduce environmental impact and promote sustainability | |
| 3 | Helping East Hampshire Residents increase energy efficiency | Extend the COSY scheme across East Hampshire | Finalise Winter 2022 / 23 COSY scheme (May/June) and role out the Winter COSY 2023/24 scheme (September / October) |
| 4 | Helping East Hampshire businesses increase energy efficiency | Support SME's to achieve net zero and sustainability aspirations through Business East Hants | Continue to support SME's to achieve net zero and sustainability aspirations through Business East Hants |
| | | Deliver a Sustainable Business East Hants Event | |
| Green Place | | | |
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| 5 | Our Greenest Local Plan | Provide internal Climate Change Training for officers | Continue with developing our Greenest Local Plan |
| | | Conclude Zero Carbon Policy work | Continue discussions with SDNPA planners to align Zero Carbon policies |
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| 6 | Improve and enhance our local natural environment to improve biodiversity | Develop biodiversity projects within the community in line with EHDC's community farm project, Grow Up! | Continue to develop biodiversity projects within the community in line with EHDC's community farm project, Grow Up and rolling out a Liss Railway management plan |
| | | Continue with EHDC's tree planting programme | Continue with EHDC's tree planting programme – identifying projects for delivery in Winter 2024 |
| 7 | Encourage and enable sustainable and active transport | Work with Hampshire County Council to develop a prioritised programme of walking and cycling routes (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Project) | Continue to work with Hampshire County Council to develop a prioritised programme of walking and cycling routes (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Project) |
| | | Publish usage data on EV charging points and adapt EHDC EV strategy to market changes as required | |
| | | Promote active travel on the Green Loop in Whitehill & Bordon | Continue to promote active travel on the Green Loop in Whitehill & Bordon including the 'Riding the Green Loop - Free Bike Hire Scheme' |

Green Council

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| 8 | Green Exemplar Office – New Barn | Integration of green enhancements including a Solar PV scheme | Continue with the integration of green enhancements including a Solar PV scheme on New Barn |
| | | Promote and facilitate the use of electric vehicles on site | |
| | | Launch a workplace travel plan | |
| 9 | Reduce our own carbon footprint to achieve our net zero by 2050 ambition' | Measure our carbon footprint | Continue to measure our carbon footprint and set realistic targets within the Climate and Environment Strategy Refresh. |
| | | Set realistic targets to reduce our emissions | |
| | | Continue to work with our Joint Venture partners to ensure our leisure facilities are Net Zero by 2030. | Continue to work with our Joint Venture partners to ensure our leisure facilities are Net Zero by 2030 – including submitting an application to the Low Carbon Skills Fund to support Heat Decarbonisation Plan |
| 10 | Ensure that Climate Change is embedded within the council | Embed the Green Team across the council | Refresh the Climate and Environment Strategy with clear targets and a supporting longer term action plan. |
| | | Ensure climate change recommendations are considered in decision making | Continue to support climate change considerations within decision making. |
| | | Publish updates on how EHDC are progressing this Green Action Plan | Continue to publish how EHDC are progressing on this action plan every 3 months. |