

# Climate Strategy on a Page

We will be a Council that proactively tackles the climate crisis and ecological emergency, working closely with partners, and leading by example

 BUILDINGS	 ENERGY AND RENEWABLES	 NATURE	 TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT	 WASTE, RECYCLING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	 COMMUNITY
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The buildings and infrastructure around us shape how we live, our health and our well being. We need to ensure what is built is as environmentally sustainable as possible	We need to reduce emissions caused by our activities and ensure that our energy is from renewable sources	We know our residents highly value the open spaces and natural environment in Huntingdonshire. We need to protect, restore and improve our environment, and build resilience to extreme weather events	We want to see a Huntingdonshire where our residents are able to access what they want locally, with effective lower carbon transport options and safe cycling routes	We want to see a Huntingdonshire where much less is thrown away	Our communities should shape the places they live in to be better adapted to the future climate
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The Climate Strategy is the Council's response to the climate crisis and ecological emergency. It sets out what we will do to play our part in addressing climate change. We will be a **positive example** to others by reducing our own emissions and adapting our service to the changed climate, an **enabler** to support action within our communities and across our partners, and an **encourager** to ensure all efforts help to deliver our ambition of a Carbon Net Zero council by 2040.

ACTIONS	 POSITIVE EXAMPLE	Improve the energy efficiency of Council buildings, and by 2040 stop using gas for heating  Adapt our buildings and make our services more resilient to prepare for the impacts of climate change	Look for opportunities to install renewable energy generation on our land and buildings  When buying energy consider renewable energy supply and resilience	Deliver community developed plans for biodiversity gain, more trees and re-wilding on our land	Develop a plan to invest in fleet to reduce emissions from council owned vehicles to zero by 2040  Understand how our staff travel for work, and how we can reduce these emissions	Reduce the carbon impact and waste from our own services and those we commission	Openly share progress against our climate targets  Include climate and biodiversity in our impact assessments to ensure they are embedded in our decision making
	 ENABLER	Support development of sustainable communities through our Local Plan review to provide lower carbon places for people to live and work	Support schemes that help communities and businesses reduce their emissions and use renewable energy	Engage our communities, partners and businesses in managing their open spaces for nature, sharing opportunities to increase biodiversity	Seek partnerships and funding to enhance our electric vehicle charging infrastructure  Work with partners to expand the infrastructure for sustainable and low carbon travel	Improve information, knowledge and advice to achieve >60% diversion of waste from landfill and improve the quality of the recycling material	Host Huntingdonshire's annual Climate Conversation for sharing of best practice, concerns and priorities
	 ENCOURAGER	Use Sustainable Business Awards to recognise and promote great practice  Work with our partners and communities to adapt to the needs of climate change	Support the sharing of guidance and advice to residents and businesses on measures they can take to improve energy efficiency, insulation, switch to low carbon heating, and install renewables	Work with communities and businesses to help them look after the natural environment, including delivering community litter picking/river cleaning projects	Promote the health benefits of active travel and alternative travel choices	Support and celebrate re-use and recycling schemes to reduce the use of disposable products	Work with communities and partners to support climate action across the district