

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
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

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