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CLIMATE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN CATEGORISED BY PLACE STRATEGY JOURNEY				
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2024-2025				

Appendix 2

CLIMATE ACTION UNDERTAKEN CATEGORISED BY STRATEGY THEME					
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Appendix 3

Buildings

Facilities

The Facilities team have initiated several projects throughout 2024-25 as set out in the Climate Strategy, especially in continuation of retrofitting Council buildings to make them more sustainable. As of October 2024, all HDC's electricity is now on a green tariff. This includes all our corporate sites, bus stations and One Leisure sites. A list of these sites can be found in Appendix 3. Item 39 in the Corporate Plan to 'deliver an energy strategy' which will be completed by the end of July 2025. 4 roof surveys were completed in April 2024 on the following sites: St Ives, St Neots Ramsey and Huntingdon to establish the suitability of installing solar panels. Projects to install solar panels on St Neots, Huntingdon and Ramsey will be completed in the 2025-2026 financial year.

In April 2024, £700,000 of Swim England funding was awarded for the installation of triple-glazed windows around the swimming pool and the installation of a solar canopy in the car park at One Leisure St Ives. The canopy installation was commissioned as of 22/04/2025 and the triple glazing completed at the end of January 2025. The energy production will be monitored through software apps, meter readings and utility bill management. It is estimated that the solar canopy will save 31,941kg of CO₂ per year. 215,000 kwh per year in terms of electricity production.

Reduce energy use, shift to Renewables

EV Strategy

Through funding from the Rural England Prosperity Fund, HDC has completed works to upgrade its charge points and the ancillary equipment (which includes meters etc.) that powers them. These EV charge points are located at:

- Multi-storey Car Park – Huntingdon
- Princes Street – Huntingdon
- Mill Common – Huntingdon
- Great Northern Street – Huntingdon
- Ingram Street – Huntingdon
- Tebbutts Road – St Neots
- Tan Yard – St Neots
- Riverside Car Park – St Neots
- Priory Lane West – St Neots
- Brook Street – St Neots
- Cattle Market – St Ives
- Darwoods Pond – St Ives
- Globe Place – St Ives

Whilst the sites do offer EV charging, they still have some power limitations. However, the hardware does support a higher charge rate, which would remove a barrier should additional funding be sourced to supply this in the future.

Home Energy

Home Energy work continues through the 'Action on Energy (AOE) Cambridgeshire' network. A total of 29 Energy Company Obligation (ECO) 4 FLEX applications have been submitted over the last financial year. ECO4 Flex is a household referral mechanism within the wider ECO4 scheme enabling Local Authorities to widen the eligibility criteria for ECO, allowing them to tailor energy efficiency schemes to their respective area. A total of 24 properties were approved to be upgraded for the HUG2 (Home Upgrade Grant) scheme in 2024-25. This scheme provided energy efficient upgrades and low-carbon heating to low-income households living in off-gas grid homes in England.

The HUG2 scheme has now closed and has been replaced with the Warm Homes Upgrade Grant (WHUG) scheme. Depending on eligibility, free energy saving improvements can be made to homes and is only available in England. The details of this scheme are currently being finalised, and the 3-year programme is being launched in 2025-2026. This 3-year programme will receive £8.5 million's worth of funding to retrofit properties across Cambridgeshire as a whole, which was a lower figure than initially bid for.

The Home Energy team along with the Cambridgeshire Energy Retrofit Partnership (CERP) attended a wide variety of in-person events and award ceremonies across the District. These included:

- Attending the Pidley Eco Fayre in June 2024, showcasing Home Energy schemes on offer to residents in the area
- APSE Energy Awards – CERP were finalists for the 'working in collaboration' category
- Retrofit Academy Awards – CERP nominated for 'Best Local Authority Led Retrofit Program' finalist
- iESE Public Sector Transformation Awards – CERP nominated for the 'Green Public Service' Bronze Award

Economy

HDC took part in the green business programme where businesses could apply for small grants to make sustainable change. The grants ranged from £1,500 to £15,000 and 20 grants in total were approved by the end of the programme. Sustainable changes made included: installation of LED lighting, solar panels, roof insulation, smart plugs and replacing old windows.

Local Action Energy Plan

The Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP) aims to provide us with the information on current energy infrastructure and what we need in the future to support the transition to low carbon energy for Cambridgeshire. It aims to define the extent of the transformation required to transition an area's energy system to net zero in each timeframe. The partners in the production of the LAEP are: Cambridgeshire County Council (Lead Partner), the CPCA, Cambridgeshire City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council and HDC. HDC's participation has ensured Huntingdonshire remains part of the solution leading the way in planning for the future and tackling Climate Change. The CERP went out to tender and CAG Consulting were chosen to conduct the engagement piece and Mott Macdonald as the preferred supplier to create the plan post engagement.



Locally Determined Contributions (previously known as CANFFUND)

A Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) is a national action plan required under the Paris Agreement to reduce emissions and adapt to climate impacts. There are growing calls for these to incorporate Regionally and Locally Determined Contributions (LDCs), enabling local authorities to define and report their own climate commitments. Including LDCs in national inventory reports would enhance transparency and track progress more accurately. Similar to NDCs, LDCs outline local targets, actions, and implementation plans. Developing an LDC offers a cost-effective, place-based approach to achieving Net Zero, aligning with wider goals such as health, wellbeing, and reducing inequalities. It also addresses the current lack of a clear national-local governance framework, helping to unlock funding opportunities and attract private sector investment. Early adoption, as seen in Cambridgeshire, positions local authorities ahead of potential regulatory changes and supports broader, scalable climate action.

The Locally Determined contributions (LDC) project was funded by Innovate UK and is a collaboration between the following Councils and organisations: Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambridge City Council and HDC, Centre for Climate Engagement, Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge and collaborate. The project began in February 2024 and is due to complete in July 2025.

Nature - Increase Biodiversity and Natural Capital

Biodiversity and Green Skills Programmes

HDC's Biodiversity for All programme is helping to double nature across the District, thanks to £1.3 million of funding from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA).



Over the past year, the project has invested in two flagship sites: Hill Rise (St Ives) and Priory Park (St Neots). Across these sites, over 120 native trees have been planted, alongside large expanses of native wildflower meadows and the restoration of key habitats, including the historic pond at Priory Park. These improvements are already helping to strengthen local ecosystems, supporting pollinators, birds, and amphibians, and enhancing natural flood resilience.

Through the Greenskills strand of the project, further ecological enhancements have been made across eight HDC sites. So far:

- 37 volunteers have contributed
- 1,387 trees and shrubs have been planted,
- 856.66m² of new wildflower habitat has been created
- 11 new habitats have been established, and
- 11 existing habitats have been significantly improved

These efforts have delivered an estimated 6.09 additional biodiversity units, meaning more connected, thriving spaces for native wildlife to nest, feed, and shelter. As these habitats mature, they will also play an important role in improving soil health, carbon capture, and resilience to climate change.

Beyond the ecological benefits, the project is delivering real social value. 67% of Greenskills participants have secured employment following their involvement, and 100% reported an improvement in their mental health. By offering opportunities to learn new skills, connect with nature, and build confidence, Biodiversity for All is creating lasting positive change for individuals and communities alike.

The project is also driving a community-powered approach. Through two rounds of small grant funding – offering up to £8,000 per project – Biodiversity for All has already supported 18 local groups and landowners to enhance biodiversity. This is on land with public access, empowering communities to take action for nature and **helping create a better Huntingdonshire for future generations.**

Grant Schemes: Huntingdonshire Futures and Community Chest

Community Chest

The community chest scheme welcomes applications from community groups and organisations who would like to assist HDC achieve the following priorities set out in our Corporate Plan:

- Improving the quality of life and well-being for everyone
- Keeping people out of crisis
- Helping people in crisis
- Lowering carbon emissions

There was 1 grant awarded of £2,500 that went towards rainwater harvesting at the Upwood and the Raveleys Allotment Association allowing further rain collection and saving water.

Huntingdonshire Futures

The Huntingdonshire Futures grant scheme runs in a similar vein to community chest but aligns with the key journeys set out in the Pride of Place strategy. Applicants can request grant funding providing it helps to improve one of the 5 journeys:

1. Pride in Place
2. Inclusive Economy
3. Health Embedded
4. Environmental Innovation
5. Travel Transformed

There were 4 grants issued and a total of £5,901 awarded to groups that met the 'Environmental Innovation' journey. These included: a green weekend for crafts and workshops at Godmanchester Plant Nursery, a 1-day event to inspire connection with nature in Huntingdon and funding for planting of hedging and a wildflower meadow in Alconbury.

Green Flag Awards

The Green Flag Award scheme was launched in 1996 and is managed by the charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. It recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world. HDC has received awards for 4 of their parks including: Hinchingsbrooke Country Park (Huntingdon), Paxton Pits, Priory Park and Riverside Park & Regatta Meadow (all in St Neots). To have these awards is a huge testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff and volunteers who manage and maintain these parks and nature reserves. This continues to **enable** the benefit of community and nurturing of wildlife.



Travel and Transport - Decarbonising our Fleet

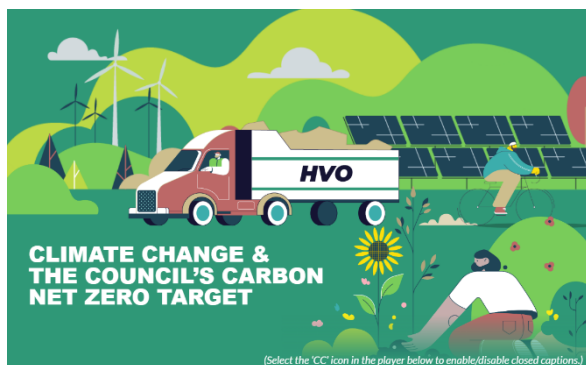
HVO Fleet Trial and subsequent adoption

HDC declared a climate emergency in 2023. As part of the strategy, research from the Local Partnerships Consultancy showed that Co2e from HDC's fleet contributed to 36.7% of HDC's total greenhouse gas emissions. A pilot project was agreed on in November 2023 through to June 2024 to use hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) as an alternative to standard road diesel in a controlled group of vehicles, plants and machinery. Calculations for the reduced emissions of using this fuel have been calculated at an 82% reduction. Transferring from standard road diesel to HVO would reduce the vehicle's fleet emissions by 1,100 tonnes of CO₂ annually taking emissions from 1,300 tonnes to 200 tonnes. This is a total carbon footprint reduction of 36%. 54,000 litres of fuel were used during the trial and a collaboration was formed with external partners, broken down as:

- HDC – 49,816 litres
- Fire Service – 3,613 litres
- Police – 571 litres

No issues were found concerning engine and cold weather performance and overall vehicle operations during the trial. Cabinet approved the use of HVO in February 2025, agreeing to the purchase of 550,000 litres of fuel. The price ranges were between £100,000 (£0.18 ppl) to £340,000 (£62ppl), which would mean a maximum cost of £309 per tonne of CO₂ saved.

Climate Change Training



HDC partnered with Groundwork East to run a pilot round of carbon literacy training.) In addition, all staff members have access to a 30-minute 'Climate Change and the Council's Net Zero Target' as part of HDC's internal learning and development modules.

Operations

Climate Impact Assessment – final submissions of impact assessments were sent to the Business and Transformation team. Now passed, these are being used to **influence** HDC's ideas process and also assist in embedding climate consideration into any pre-project and strategic work through the following compliance requirements:

Tree Planting

Over the last financial year, the arboriculture team have planted a total of 4,840 trees. These continue to enhance Biodiversity, restore woodland and create wildlife-friendly hedgerows using native species including hawthorn, holly and hazel. Each location supports a different function from rejuvenating degraded woodlands to forming pollinator-rich, climate-resilient hedges along roadsides and rivers. The mix of evergreen and deciduous species offers year-round habitat and food for birds, insects, and mammals, while improving air quality, soil health, and carbon storage. The trees were planted in the following locations:

Location	Tree Species	Quantity
Coneygear, St Ives – fence to hedges project	Fagus Sylvatica	825
Holly Olly Hedge extension at Riverside Huntingdon	Holly	680
Riverside, Huntingdon – wild mix hedge along the road	Hawthorn	200
	Hornbeam	200
	Field Maple	200
	Blackthorn	200
	Hazel	200
Woodland rejuvenation – Hill Rise, The Long Plantation	Field Maple	300
	Hazel	200
	Hawthorn	400
	Hornbeam	200
Woodland rejuvenation – Priory Bottom Woods	Hawthorn	235
	Field Maple	200
	Hazel	300
New plantation – Sapley Pavilion backfill	Holly	100
	Field Maple	100
	Hawthorn	100
	Hazel	100
	Hornbeam	100

Waste, Recycling and Resource Management

During 2024-25, a wide range of waste reduction and sustainability initiatives were delivered or supported. Through the Hey Girls initiative, around 250 menstrual cups were given away for free, while a further 250 were distributed at a heavily discounted rate via Mooncup, making reusable products more accessible. Waste collection efforts remained strong, with over 15 tonnes of Waste, Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) collected, and 39 tonnes of textiles gathered through drop-off points, supported by a renewed contract. HDC partnered with Protonera to supply textile waste for innovative trials converting materials into hydrogen. Additionally, further engagement took place with 64 participants through four “Waste Busters” meetings. 50 community groups were supported to deliver around 180 litter picks, providing equipment and collection services.

Preparations for a food waste minimisation campaign continued in collaboration with consultants and the communications team, alongside initiatives like “Chef in the School” to reduce school food waste. Other efforts included supporting challenging flat-based waste areas, promoting the Community Green Bin Scheme, and encouraging home composting—almost 400 compost bins have been purchased.

HDC delivered around 40 free soil improvers. In support of Simpler Recycling, HDC has provided general assistance and exploring new ideas such as vape drop-off points (ultimately not viable), repair stations in schools, and a nappy collection service. HDC is participating in Cambridgeshire’s volunteer recruitment initiative and supporting Boots’ blister pack recycling scheme.

Community

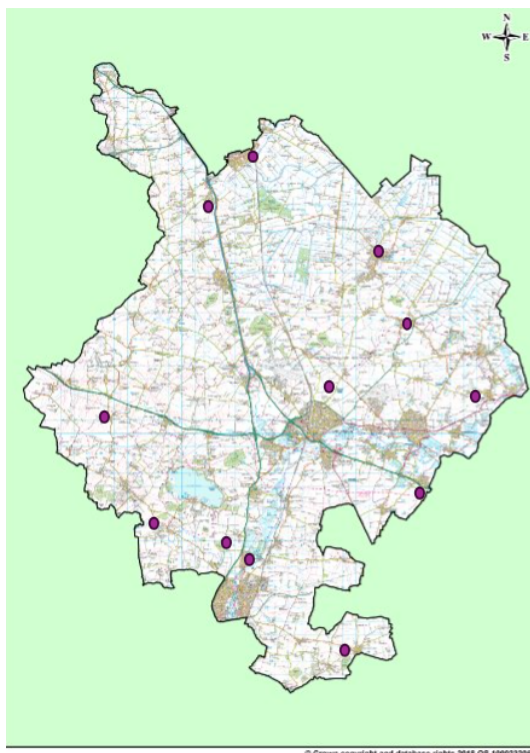
Community Engagement – Cambridge Carbon Footprint partnership



HDC partnered with Cambridge Carbon Footprint loaning 2 thermal cameras to residents, which also included training. Out of the 56 Huntingdonshire residents who attended the training, 43 of those borrowed a camera. The highest areas of interest were St Ives and Buckden. 22 types of property were surveyed from older style single brick through to new

builds. Residents wanted to check the effect of additional insulation and address concerns around specific cold spots.

Net Zero Villages



The Net Zero Villages grant scheme is a fund provided by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) aimed at helping rural communities reduce their carbon footprint. A total of £257,376.60 was available for distribution of grants, which ranged in amounts between £5,000 and £50,000.

The categories of project to apply for were:

1. Tackling energy use and/or supporting energy efficiency or generation retrofit to community buildings
2. Enabling access to public transport or access to local services through low carbon transport
3. Nature-based solutions to tackle overheating of community buildings

Applicants had to be geographically located in Huntingdonshire and the market towns of St Neots, Huntingdon and St Ives were excluded, owing to them being non-rural locations. All projects must be completed by 28th February 2026 and more details of this work will be included in the next annual Climate report. A summary of the successful applicants and where they are located in Huntingdonshire are below:

Table to show Net Zero Villages Successful Grant Applicants

Applicant	Project Summary	Grant awarded
Yaxley – Amenity Hall	Installation of batteries at the Amenity Centre	£16,995.00
Great Staughton	Replacing heating from oil to electric	£12,300.00
Bluntisham	Solar panels on David Morris building	£7,500.00
Little Paxton Parish Council	Solar streetlights	£35,400.00
Southoe	Solar panels and replacing old heating system	£20,027.08
Fenstanton	Active travel	£35,450.00
Catworth	Solar panels on pavilion	£12,142.42
Great Gransden	Solar panels and battery for community buildings	£17,999.00
Ramsey Pavilion Hub	Solar panels on building roof and car parking lighting changing to solar	£38,965.00
Warboys	Lighting, battery and heat pump	£35,000.00
Stilton	Solar panels and battery	£25,598.10
	Total	£257,376.60

Climate Education

In partnership with the ‘Peterborough Environment City Trust’ (PECT), HDC piloted a climate education programme with 5 schools: Thongsley Fields Primary School, Crosshall Junior School, Ernulf Academy Secondary School and Stukeley Meadows Primary School. The programme was designed to **engage** and educate young people on key climate issues including sustainability, increasing biodiversity for all, minimising waste and engaging their own communities. The trial lasted from January 2024 through to January 2025.

Schools undertook a number of actions including:

- Creating a composting system
- Providing homes for nature
- Reducing paper usage
- Setting up uniform swap shops
- Taking part in national/international zero waste events

Notable successes include Stukeley Meadows’ impactful Climate Detectives and Ocean Friendly School projects, which involved community engagement and partnerships with organisations like Anglian Water. Schools accessed funding, such as Huntingdon Primary through the Learn to Live Well Fund, to support site-specific actions like greenhouse placement and orchard planting. Engagement challenges included staggered school onboarding and key staff turnover, which

sometimes stalled progress. Testimonies and creative student-led projects demonstrate the potential and real-world impact of these initiatives, with further follow-ups underway to obtain visual evidence of outcomes.

Procuring Wisely



HDC partnered with Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) to finalise the development of a bespoke sustainable procurement training programme covering:

- Understanding UK policies, regulations and global best practices in sustainable and circular procurement
 - Apply tools such as the life cycle costing (LCC), total cost of ownership (TCO) and carbon foot printing
 - Engaging suppliers in sustainable procurement and innovation techniques
- Make data-driven procurement decisions using circular economy principles

Using the information provided in these lectures has **enabled** the development of actionable strategies to embed sustainability into HDC's procurement policies and contracts. The procurement team now work to ensure that 10% of the technical evaluation criteria for all tender activities is allocated to social value. Suppliers are required to select a social value commitment that is proportionate to the value of the tender and clearly outline how they intend to deliver it. This commitment will be formally included as a contractual clause and monitored as a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) to embed social value as a standard part of our business-as-usual practices and in accordance with the new Procurement Act 2023.

Food for Nought

During April 2024 to March 2025, Food for Nought (F4N) made a significant impact across Huntingdonshire by redistributing 37,795.14 kg of surplus food through its two community fridges in Oxmoor and Yaxley. This initiative supported HDC's strategic goals by improving food access for vulnerable residents, reducing environmental impact and alleviating financial pressures on households. The redistribution helped avoid approximately 30,236 kg of CO₂ emissions and provided an estimated £94,487.85 worth of food, contributing to local economic resilience. Operating entirely through volunteers and local partnerships, F4N successfully diverted food waste from landfills while offering nutritious food to the community.

Beyond immediate food relief, F4N fostered community engagement, promoted healthier eating habits, and provided residents with valuable life skills through training programs in cooking and budgeting. The community fridges also served as safe, welcoming spaces where individuals could receive support, advice, and referrals to other services. These efforts align with Huntingdonshire District Council's Corporate Plan and Health and Wealth Building Strategy, enhancing

quality of life, building social connections, and supporting environmental sustainability across the district.

Appendix 4

Site Name	Site Name	Site Name
One Leisure Huntingdon	Tebbutts Road Car Park	St Neots Mobile Home Park
One Leisure St Ives	Trinity Place Car Park	St Benedict's Court Water Feature
One Leisure St Neots	Cross Hall Road Car Park	
One Leisure Ramsey	Feeder Pillar – Market Square	
Pathfinder House	Hill Rise Park	
Eastfield House	Hinchingbrooke Countryside Centre	
Brook Street Car Park	Hinchingbrooke Visitors Centre	
Butts Grove Way Car Park	Huntingdon Bus Station	
Cattle Market Car Park	St Ives Enterprise Centre	
Great Northern Street Car Park	Haweswater Cycleway Lighting	
Ingram Street Car Park	Mayfield Road Lighting	
Mayfield Road Car Park	Wertheim Way Cycleway	
Mill Common Car Park	Little Paxton Education Centre	
Multi Storey Car Park	Little Paxton Visitors Centre	
Swallow Bush Car Park	St Ives Market Hill	
Princes Street Car Park	St Neots Market Square	
Priory Lane Car Park	Priory Park Pavilion	
Riverside (Huntingdon) Car Park	Sapley Park Pavilion	
Riverside (St Neots) Car Park	Hartford Road Pavilion	
Tan Yard Car Park	St Ives Sheep Market	

Appendix 5

DO	Action	Progress
37	Complete Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) Fuel Trial and present a business case for decision	Completed. Cabinet approved the use of HVO for all diesel vehicles on 25/02/2025. Purchase of fuel in progress.
38	Deliver a Fleet Decarbonisation Plan	Completed
39	Deliver our Energy Strategy	Due for completion by the end of July 2025.
40	Deliver the Climate Conversation in 2024, showcasing community action and listening to local people in their communities	Completed. The next annual climate conversation is on 05/11/2025
41	Identify emissions from HDC IT data centres to include in reporting and establish disposal methods for IT equipment to reduce environment impact	Completed with continuing ongoing improvements
42	Establish climate and carbon emissions learning and development plan for Council employees	Completed
43	Accelerate Solar Power Adoption on Council Buildings	Completed and continually ongoing

Enable	Action	Progress
44	Support community projects and plans that reduce carbon emissions.	Completed with ongoing support through partnerships and grants
45	Deliver Biodiversity for All (2023-2025) to enable community action and support green skills development.	In progress, due for completion in October 2025
46	Commission Active Travel Studies (UKSPF) to influence/inform future investment priorities.	Completed
47	Deliver the Phase 1 Rural Pilot HDC Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Actions.	Completed

Influence	Action	Progress
48	Develop the Council's procurement rules to further embed social and environmental value.	Completed
49	Expand positive climate action support for local businesses, celebrating best practice and sharing knowledge.	Completed and continually ongoing
50	Adopt the Huntingdonshire Plan for Nature and influence the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough	Completed and adopted

	Local Nature Recovery Strategy with our priorities.	
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Appendix 6



Climate Action Plan

Issued June 2025

Actions	Priority	Action	Theme	Portfolio	Target Completion Date
	Medium	Explore options for offsetting emissions (natural carbon capture)	Biodiversity	Parks and Countryside, Waste and Street Scene	31/03/2026
	Low	Deliver programme of biodiversity gain with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to include Community and Council Open Spaces	Biodiversity	Parks and Countryside, Waste and Street Scene	31/03/2026
	Low	Support delivery of the Great Fen	Biodiversity and Planning	Parks and Countryside, Waste and Street Scene	2027 onwards
	Medium	Include climate considerations within all key strategies and governance documents	Business Transformation and PMO	Policy, Performance and Emergency Planning	31/03/2026
	Medium	Undertake annual review of the completion and progress of service plan actions that deliver net zero carbon by 2040	Business Transformation and PMO	Policy, Performance and Emergency Planning	31/03/2026
	Medium	Research into alternative power sources (solar) for CCTV cameras	CCTV	Leisure, Waste and Street Scene	31/03/2026
	Low	Understand sources and availability of data for scope 3 reporting	Climate	Climate, Transformation and Workforce	31/03/2026
	Low	Agree scope 3 emissions approach and included emissions sources for reporting	Climate	Climate, Transformation and Workforce	31/03/2026
	Low	Enabling Communities to deliver climate change activities through Community Action Plans	Communities	Climate, Transformation and Workforce	31/03/2026
	Low	Support and participate in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Climate Change Commission and Action Plan delivery	CPCA	Climate, Transformation and Workforce	31/03/2027
	Low	Work with partners and responsible transport authorities to promote active, net zero carbon travel	Economic Development	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	2027 onwards

Actions

Low	Continue to engage with local businesses to explore ways the council could support them to reduce waste, recycle more	Economic Development	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	31/03/2026
Low	Engage with local businesses to explore ways the council could support them to have less climate impact	Economic Development	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	31/03/2026
Low	Support capital grant development (where government grant funding becomes available) to encourage businesses to lead in green credentials	Economic Development	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	2027 onwards
Low	Identify actions to increase resilience to disruption to Council services from extreme weather	Emergency Planning	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	2027 onwards
Low	Reduce the carbon emissions of the Council's commercial estate	Estates	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	2027 onwards
Low	Promote high quality design in the Council's commercial estate that incorporates net gain to biodiversity	Estates	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	2027 onwards
Low	Use EPC ratings to monitor our own Commercial estates	Estates	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	2027 onwards
High	Develop plan for the Council to use 100% renewable energy	Facilities	Property and Facilities	31/03/2026
Medium	Develop an Energy Strategy	Facilities	Property and Facilities	31/03/2026
Medium	Identify emissions from HDC IT data centres to include them in reporting	ICT	ICT Management	31/03/2026
Low	Enhance environmental aspects of the Local Plan where possible to do so	Planning	Planning	2027 onwards
Medium	Provide housing association landlords with information/advice on energy saving to support their tenants	Regeneration and Housing	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	31/03/2027

Actions

Medium	Engage with key registered providers of housing, to give tenants information that encourages them to reduce their carbon emissions	Regeneration and Housing	Economy, Regeneration and Housing	31/03/2027
Medium	Quantify carbon savings from the Council's shift to E-billing	Revenues and Benefits	Customer Change	31/03/2027
Medium	Review technology and alternative ways of working to plan emissions reduction in Street Cleansing	Street Cleansing	Leisure, Waste and Street Scene	31/03/2027
Medium	Reduce waste collected from households through kerbside collections	Waste Minimisation	Parks and Countryside, Waste and Street Scene	31/03/2027
Medium	Improve information, knowledge and advice to increase the recycling rate of municipal waste and reduce the amount of our waste that goes to landfill	Waste Minimisation	Parks and Countryside, Waste and Street Scene	31/03/2027
Medium	Increase understanding and engagement in waste and recycling for local community and key stakeholders	Waste Minimisation	Parks and Countryside, Waste and Street Scene	31/03/2027
Medium	Increase our measured household recycling rate	Waste Minimisation	Parks and Countryside, Waste and Street Scene	31/03/2027
Medium	Increase our recycling service for communal areas	Waste Minimisation	Parks and Countryside, Waste and Street Scene	31/03/2027

Appendix 7

	Total Actions	2024-2025 Actions	2025-2026 Actions	2027 Actions	Onwards
Climate Action Plan (adopted January 2023)	57	19	20	16	
Proposed Climate Action Plan	31	0 – due to all actions completed	13	18	

The updated Climate Action Plan's actions have reduced from 57 to 31. Of the original 19 short-term actions, listed in the original [Climate Action Plan](#) all have been completed aside from "Include climate considerations within all key strategies and governance documents." Despite being completed, this has been kept in as a continuation as this will continue to evolve with the new service plans and Procurement frameworks being developed.

The 2025-2026 actions have reduced by 7 to 13 actions. These goals are:

- Explore options for offsetting emissions (natural carbon capture)
- Deliver programme of biodiversity gain with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to include Community and Council Open Spaces
- Undertake annual review of the completion and progress of service plan actions that deliver net zero carbon by 2040
- Understand sources and availability of data for scope 3 reporting
- Agree scope 3 emissions approach and included emissions sources for reporting
- Enabling Communities to deliver climate change activities through Community Action Plans
- Continue to engage with local businesses to explore ways the council could support them to reduce waste, recycle more
- Engage with local businesses to explore ways the council could support them to have less climate impact
- Develop plan for the Council to use 100% renewable energy
- Develop an Energy Strategy

- Identify emissions from HDC IT data centres to include them in reporting

The 2027 actions have increased from 16 to 17. These goals are:

- Support and participate in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Climate Change Commission and Action Plan delivery
- Provide housing association landlords with information/advice on energy saving to support their tenants
- Engage with key registered providers of housing, to give tenants information that encourages them to reduce their carbon emissions
- Quantify carbon savings from the Council's shift to E-billing
- Review technology and alternative ways of working to plan emissions reduction in Street Cleansing
- Reduce waste collected from households through kerbside collections
- Improve information, knowledge and advice to increase the recycling rate of municipal waste and reduce the amount of our waste that goes to landfill
- Increase understanding and engagement in waste and recycling for local community and key stakeholders
- Increase our measured household recycling rate
- Increase our recycling service for communal areas
- Identify actions to increase resilience to disruption to Council services from extreme weather
- Promote high quality design in the Council's commercial estate that incorporates net gain to biodiversity
- **Use EPC ratings to monitor our own Commercial estates**
- Support delivery of the Great Fen
- Work with partners and responsible transport authorities to promote active, net zero carbon travel
- Support capital grant development (where government grant funding becomes available) to encourage businesses to lead in green credentials
- Reduce the carbon emissions of the Council's commercial estate
- Enhance environmental aspects of the Local Plan where possible to do so

The **emboldened goal** above originally had a target of 2026 but a proposal to move this to 2027 has been suggested. The reason for this is to allow sufficient time to help and engage with businesses to help them align with their Climate targets. The target would encompass not just monitoring but partnering with businesses to assist in ways to actively improve their energy performance, saving them money and integrating EPC ratings to demonstrate carbon reduction.