

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

July 2025

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For the period April to July 2025

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

HUG2 and ECO4

The second phase of the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2) completed in March 2025. Through Norfolk Warm Homes, this scheme has delivered home energy improvements including air source heat pumps (replacing oil), cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, and solar PV to 136 properties in North Norfolk. These improvements brought £1,885,480 of funding to the district. It is estimated that, on average, each property will save 5.6 tonnes of CO₂ annually. Twenty-five of these properties were enabled by UKSPF funding which paid for measures such as replacing old cavity wall insulation which made the property eligible for HUG2 funding.

The Energy Company Obligation Scheme (ECO4) LA flex continues to run to March 2026. The total ECO4 LA Flex applications supported by the Council last year (24/25) was 132 with a further forty-two households already assisted in 25/26. This scheme also provides the implementation of energy saving measures to vulnerable households through external funding.

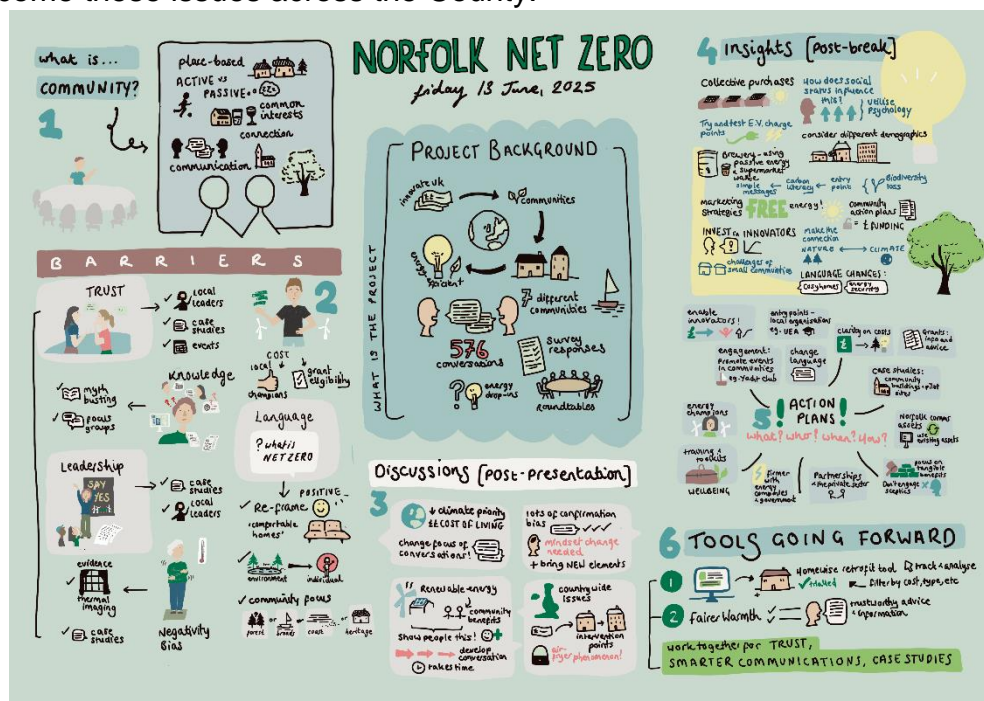
UEA student consultancy

Five students from UEA provided consultancy advice on options for offsetting of the Council's Carbon emissions (now and in 2030). This information will help the Council to decide what approach to take to the residual carbon emissions in its carbon footprint. Students from the UEA School of Environmental Sciences complete consultancy reports as part of their final year degree programme to give experience on working on real projects for external organisations.

Net Zero Communities Project

The Net Zero Communities Project run by the Norfolk Climate Change Partnership (NCCP) and funded by Innovate UK has completed and is sharing its findings on the barriers faced by communities looking to transition to a Net Zero future. Common themes include style of language used, lack of

knowledge and finance. The partnership is now looking at ways that we can overcome these issues across the County.



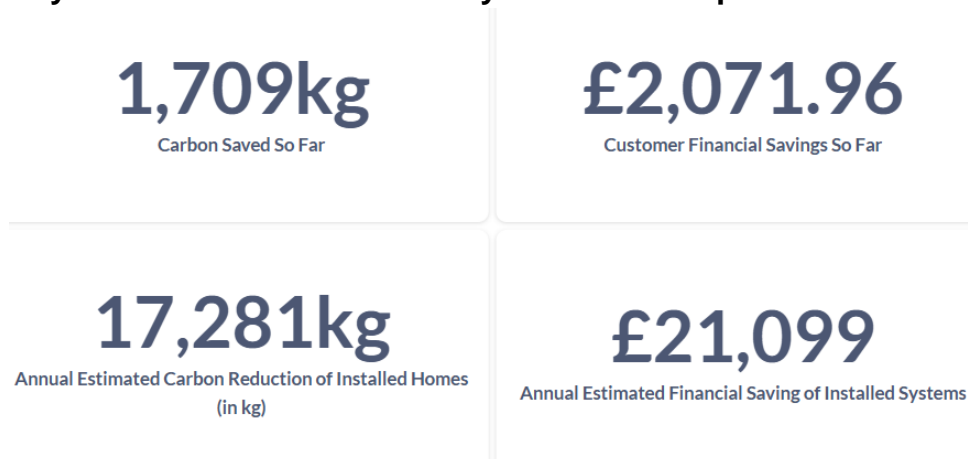
MakeMyHouseGreen solar initiative

The primary aims of this partnership are to promote solar panels and provide residents with information to get started on their solar journey. This is combined with the new webpage on the NNDC website: [Home | Solar panels: your guide to going green](#)

It is recommended that three quotes be sought, even if residents are choosing to go with the company MakeMyHouseGreen.

MakeMyHouseGreen have enabled installations across North Norfolk. The following information can be seen on the below dashboard:

Make My House Green Solar Delivery Dashboard- April – June 2025



2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.
<p>The Council has successfully bid for money from the government Warm Homes: Local Grant as part of the Norfolk Warm Homes consortia (together with Broadland, Breckland, South Norfolk, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Councils). The funding award for our consortia is £3,999,037.00 across three years. This money will be used to provide insulation, low carbon heating and solar panels for qualifying households in, or in danger of being in, fuel poverty.</p> <p>The Council has been awarded a £150,000 grant from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme towards retrofit works at Fakenham fitness centre.</p>
3 Meetings attended
<p>Cabinet Business planning Climate Cluster Bluefield Renewable energy consultation NZSAP team meeting NCCP meeting Assets preservation discussions EV taxi consultation discussions Community energy roundtable event Trees content discussion Net Zero Communities finding and next steps event 2025 Net Zero and Climate Conference: Mitigation vs Adaptation</p>