

OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER

The Council has declared a climate emergency and therefore puts environmental considerations at the heart of its service delivery.

Our Environmental Charter states our commitment to action in order to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030, showing how we will use our own resources wisely to set a direction through: our own actions; working with partners; and influencing others.



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In April 2019 North Norfolk became the first district council in Norfolk to declare a climate change emergency. Since then we have pledged to achieve net-zero carbon emissions across our own estate and operations by 2030. To deliver this ambitious target we pledge to take the following important steps...

We will MEASURE:



- and publish emission baseline data for the council's estate and operations
- on an annual basis the progress we have made to reduce the council's carbon emissions and publish the findings
- the carbon impact of our contractors and carefully consider who we work with

We will MANAGE:



- fossil fuel consumption by reducing the carbon footprint of our operational buildings by reducing energy consumption and prioritising low carbon alternatives
- waste by reducing our consumption of raw materials and re-using and recycling wherever possible
- staff travel by promoting online meetings and access to environmentally friendly modes of transport such as lift-share, electric cars, bicycles and public transport

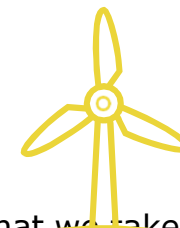
We will MOBILISE:



- council staff and partner organisations by raising awareness and promoting the steps the council is taking to tackle climate change across its estate and operations
- all council staff to respond to the climate emergency in the day-to-day performance of their roles
- all council staff with the tools and knowledge, including climate literacy and climate awareness training, required to implement this charter.

CHAPTER TWO

What we will do as community leaders to meet the challenges of the climate change emergency across the district



To meet the challenges of a climate change emergency we are going to need to be outward looking. Beyond the actions that we take to achieve net-zero carbon emissions across our own estate and operations we will also work alongside residents, businesses, schools and community groups to influence positive change and help reduce the district's carbon footprint to net zero by 2045. To do this we pledge to...

We will PARTNER WITH



- other local authorities and public sector bodies to access and make best use of public funding
- local groups to deliver energy and environmental schemes that deliver co- benefits for our communities.
- with local landowners and custodians to protect and enhance the special landscape and ecological value of North Norfolk
- the emerging clean energy sector by aiding the development innovative clean energy projects to develop in North Norfolk

We will SUPPORT



- residents to decarbonise their homes through access to relevant information, government grants and other financial assistance
- businesses to decarbonise their buildings and operations by providing up to date information and signposting to funding opportunities and examples of successful projects
- communities to provide more sustainable community assets, by promoting community renewable energy schemes and raising awareness of appropriate grants and loans
- opportunities for active and low carbon travel schemes that enhance, cycling and public transport infrastructure across the District

We will INSPIRE

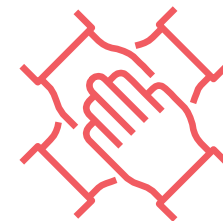


- citizens throughout North Norfolk by delivering climate change public engagement events which will seek to improve 'carbon awareness' across the District
- residents, businesses and communities to undertake their own decarbonisation journey's by sharing the Council's projects and experiences and show-casing the art of the possible.
- a new generation of carbon reduction champions – young or old we want to help everyone to reduce their carbon footprint



CHAPTER THREE

What you can do to address the climate emergency and help to promote environmental excellence



We all have a role to play in protecting the natural environment and in reducing our own carbon footprints. Despite this it is sometimes hard to know exactly what steps to take and how to make a real difference. If you want to support us on our journey towards a brighter, more sustainable North Norfolk you can...

You can TAKE PART:



- by calculating your own carbon footprint, attending Council events and increasing your carbon awareness
- in practical actions on climate change by joining an environmental campaign, community group or activities in your own local community
- in supporting local businesses that are proactively making changes to improve the local environmental and reduce their own carbon footprint

You can SHARE:



- news about council events, local activities, your own experiences and environmental campaigns
- information about climate change and environmental challenges with friends and family

You can SIGN UP:



- to personal pledges which commit to changing your own actions to ones that will have a more positive impact upon the environment
- to find out about news, events and things that you can do to take action to address the climate change and environmental crisis



