

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 November 2025

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For the period October 2025

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

New Decarbonisation strategy and related action plan & the Carbon footprint

The Council's new decarbonisation strategy and action plan have been formulated. The strategy is proposed to replace the current Net Zero Strategy. It is important that a review was undertaken to ensure that the document aligned with new legislation, the latest Corporate Plan and changes in context. The two ambitious targets to Net Zero remain: the 2030 internal target and wider district emissions of 2045.

The Council's 24/25 Carbon footprint has been reported. This yearly report allows the Council to monitor the progress towards our Net Zero goals and enables us to prioritise works for the coming year.

Green energy

Our energy officer has been promoting switching energy companies for a better (green energy) deal. This is ahead of the latest price cap increases. This is in addition to promoting our retrofit grants and related support to address fuel poverty and carbon reduction. This has included meeting residents at the weekly Fakenham market, social media posts and appearing on BBC radio Norfolk.

Climate Emergency Staff Group

The Climate Emergency Staff Group ran a 'pre-loved' sale in the office one lunchtime and raised £111 for the Norfolk Wildlife Trust, as well as promoting the advantages of reusing clothing and other items.



2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The Norfolk Climate Change Partnership has been successful in gaining 'follow-on' funding from Innovate UK for its Net Zero Communities project. This will involve further work on retrofitting homes, community and heritage buildings.

3 Meetings attended

Full Council
Cabinet
Business planning
NZSAP team meeting
Solar panels and planning - discussion with planning department
Discussion with Director of Resources