

Corporate Plan Delivery Plan

Corporate Plan Theme: **Climate, Coast & Environment**

North Norfolk's environment contributes to the quality of life of local residents and plays a vital role in supporting the local visitor economy, as well as playing host to a wealth of natural and cultural assets and biological diversity. North Norfolk is also impacted heavily by flooding, coastal erosion, land drainage, water supply constraints and many of the consequences of climate change. The Council has declared a climate emergency and therefore puts environmental considerations at the heart of its Corporate Plan. The delivery plan shows how the Council will address existing environmental challenges and respond to those expected to arise in the future, in order to play our part in mitigating climate change, adapting to its impacts and helping to make our communities more resilient.

Our Environmental Charter will state our commitment to action for the Council to achieve carbon neutrality 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. This will be the foundation of decisions across all areas of the Council's services, policies and projects.

The Local Plan will set out the strategic priorities for the development of land in the District and the policies against which planning decisions are made. It should ensure that new development is sustainable and supports the transition to a low-carbon future. The preparation of the new local Plan should take account of the Council's 'Climate Emergency' declaration and the emerging 'Environmental Charter' as well as the environmental characteristics of the area, in particular the vulnerability of parts of the District to climate and coastal change and of the adaptation response this commands. The Plan will cover the period 2016 to 2036.

We will produce a holistic carbon audit for the Council and its activities and use this to inform decisions and actions that will maintain a course of carbon reduction to net zero emissions by 2030.

We will seek to take a lead role nationally in Coastal Management Initiatives using appropriate evidence, working with relevant organisations and engaging with coastal communities, develop and implement methods of adaptive coastal management, defense and resilience.

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Planting 110,000 trees, one for each resident, will help offset the Council's carbon emissions, however, it will have multiple benefits, from helping with climate change adaptation, adding to landscape/townscape character, contributing to biodiversity (net gain), and contributing to community development/cohesion.

One way of reducing emissions and improving air quality is the transition towards wide scale use of electric vehicles. For this to happen, obviously charging points must be available for users who can either not charge their vehicles at home or who are away from their homes in the area.

In order to effectively manage domestic waste, we are procuring and implementing a waste contract that balances the cost of the service with the environmental impact and convenience, whilst influencing the consumption and refuse generation habits of residents and businesses and providing flexibility to respond to changing legislation and environmental characteristics.

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Objective 1: Developing and implementing an Environmental Charter and Action Plan

	DP action	Delivery timescale
1.1	Establish a framework by which the Council can work with interested parties as climate champions – organisations/individuals who will make collective or personal pledges to take the steps to reduce omissions and address the impacts of climate change. Environment panels will be set up in order to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. garner ownership b. reflect opinions c. identify actions d. inform policy development 	From March 2020 to Sept 2020
1.2	Develop an action plan, draft, adopt and publish Environment Charter.	June 2020
1.3	‘Sell’ the messages through campaigns (awareness raising/ marketing) to promote energy efficiency and behavioural change towards greater sustainability.	June 2020 onwards
1.4	Raise awareness of the environmental challenges and ambitions set out in the charter by initiatives that educate/ influence the wider community, getting ownership of actions using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. established events (e.g. Greenbuild) b. established groups (e.g. schools, local flood resilience groups) c. novel communication methods d. working alongside other initiatives/ events. 	September 2020 onwards
1.5	Monitor the implementation of the Charter and the effectiveness of the actions undertaken to deliver it, then review the implementation of the Charter and Action Plan.	Sep 2020 onwards

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Objective 2: Developing and implementing a new Local Plan

	DP action	Delivery timescale
2.1	Formulate a local plan that supports the transition to a low-carbon future and helps shape places, through climate change mitigation (reducing harmful emissions) and adaptation (responding to the impacts of climate change), taking into account flood risk, coastal change, biodiversity, landscape and the important environmental characteristics of the District.	Winter 2022
2.2	Formulate, implement and monitor policies and projects that protect and enhance the natural and built environment of the District, its local distinctiveness, biodiversity, contribution to the quality of life of residents and the role they play in boosting the local economy; working with local communities to develop projects that to achieve this.	Spring 2020

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Objective 3: Undertaking an audit to establish the Council's baseline carbon footprint and then deliver a carbon neutral position by 2030

	DP action	Delivery timescale
3.1	Undertake a baseline carbon audit and formulate a carbon reduction action plan to set out: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the actions that can be implemented in the short-term to reduce carbon emissions from Council's activitiesthe trajectory needed to reduce emissions to zero by 2030the longer-term activities and investments necessary to maintain the identified course.	Baseline audit completed Jan 2020 Action plan: from June 2020
3.2	Ensure that the carbon impact of all activities are evidenced in all relevant decisions by establishing new processes/procedures for decision making and report writing.	June 2020
3.3	Measure, monitor and report on the change in the Council's emissions periodically (using a recognized methodology/ toolkit) and review the carbon reduction action plan accordingly.	Summer 2020 onwards
3.4	Work with partners to establish and support 'green energy' initiatives (for environmental and/or investment purposes).	Autumn 2020 onwards

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Objective 4: Continuing to Take a Lead Role Nationally in Coastal Management Initiatives Recognising our Position as a “Frontline” Authority in Meeting the Challenge of Rising Sea Levels

	DP action	Delivery timescale
4.1	Agree the vision and business plan for Coastal Partnership East (CPE) in addressing the coastal management challenges.	Summer 2020
4.2	Establish evidence of coastal change impacts (e.g. from Shoreline Management Plans (SMPs), monitoring information and data gathering), interpret and communicate this to policy makers and stakeholders.	Autumn 2020
4.3	Engage local coastal communities in the development of appropriate adaptive responses to coastal change and resilience.	Autumn 2020
4.4	Develop innovative coastal management approaches to: a. technical solutions (e.g. sandscaping) b. policy c. funding	Ongoing
4.5	Continue to implement local actions to manage the coast, including: adaptation, maintenance of defences and innovative coastal management schemes (such as sandscaping).	Ongoing
4.6	Share best practice and seek to influence national policy.	Ongoing

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Objective 5: Planting 110,000 trees – one for each resident to help offset our carbon emissions

	DP action	Delivery timescale
5.1	Collect and analyse data, including identification of net benefits and opportunities, locational characteristics and data gaps.	Up to Spring 2020
5.2	Formulate ideas, look at best practice, undertake options appraisal/ cost-benefit analysis, implementation methods and identify key partners, with alternative options and contingencies in order that target is met.	From spring 2020
5.3	Engage communities at proposed planting sites to identify the optimal approach and garner support.	From autumn 2020
5.4	Implement, together with partner organisations, community groups and other interested parties.	From Dec 2019

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Objective 6: Introducing Electric vehicle charging facilities in the Council's principle car parks, at its offices and leisure centres

	DP action	Delivery timescale
6.1	Develop a delivery plan for early installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points on the Council owned car parks and at Council offices, then install the agreed 34 initial charging points (to demonstrate leadership).	March 2020
6.2	Gather data on demand and potential growth in the use of electric vehicles and its impact upon emissions, then develop a business case for the potential further roll-out of charging points.	Summer 2020
6.3	Include policies on EV and the associated infrastructure in the emerging Local Plan and in appropriate asset management plans.	Summer 2022
6.4	Review staff/member travel policies and future options that will reduce emissions (e.g. electric pool cars, car loan incentives, flexible working, video conferencing and cycling incentives).	Autumn 2020
6.5	Communicate information about the advantages of using electric vehicles, the Council's role in promoting it and the opportunities for individuals and fleets to transition from fossil fuels.	Sept 2020 (Green Build event)

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Objective 7: Waste Collection

	DP action	Delivery timescale
7.1	Implement the waste contract.	April 2020
7.2	Establish evidence and evaluate options for going beyond the minimum necessary, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. waste reduction measures (including incentives such as grants (e.g. a sustainable community grant scheme)) b. educating consumers about the consequences of their actions/ behaviours c. becoming an exemplar in waste reduction and using recycled materials. 	Autumn 2020
7.3	Develop and implement <i>targeted</i> campaigns to educate and influence the consumption and waste practices of residents, communities and local businesses.	Spring 2020 onwards (from start of contract)
7.4	Establish data collection systems to understand all forms of consumption, recycling and re-use, and understand the local waste streams (waste composition analyses); then collect, analyse, interpret and report upon local waste production and disposal rates, trends and trajectories.	Summer 2020
7.5	Implement local community waste reduction measures, e.g. community fridges.	Ongoing
7.6	Investigate how the new waste contract can be operated with a reduced carbon footprint and implement feasible options.	Spring 2021