

Action	Commencement date			Carbon reduction potential, with estimates of carbon reduction where calculated	Progress at October 2020	Contribution to the following East Herts Council's Climate Change Commitments								
	2020/21	2021/22 - 2023/24	2024/25 - 2030/31			Support the whole of East Herts District to become carbon neutral by 2030	Council becomes carbon neutral by 2030	Climate friendly planning and building control regulations	Call on National Government for more powers and resources	Work with partners across the District, County and Region	Take account of climate impacts within existing decision-making processes	Set up an Environmental and Climate Forum	Environmental Forum to monitor progress	Appropriate training to members and officers to promote carbon neutral policies
						Carbon Reduction required: 674ktCO2	Carbon Reduction required: 2.8ktCO2							
<b>1. Make changes to the council's own premises, people and services we deliver</b>														
1.1	Draw up carbon assessment tool to assess all major council projects	✓			Indirect	Tool developed. Being trialled	✓	✓						
1.2	Develop and deliver programme of training on carbon neutrality / sustainability to council officers and partners	✓			Indirect	Training programme on track to be in place by January 2021				✓				✓
1.3	Incorporate sustainability outcomes into the council's budget-setting process from the 2020/21 budget onwards	✓			Indirect	COMPLETED, now standard element of council's budget planning					✓			
1.4	Build the consideration of the carbon footprint into the council's procurement processes	✓			Direct	COMPLETED, contract procedure rules amended	✓	✓						
1.5	Carry out a staff survey to gather ideas for environmental sustainability	✓			Indirect	COMPLETED, next step to evaluation suggestions not already included in the Sustainability Action Plan	✓	✓						
1.6	Increase the energy efficiency ratings of our buildings over the next three years	✓			Direct	Programme to replace lighting at Wallfields with LED lighting to be completed by Nov. This will trigger (a) revised carbon assessment for the building and (b) energy efficiency re-audit to determine further energy efficiency works. Works currently being carried out at Buntingford Depot	✓	✓						
1.7	Audit all our buildings to inform retrofit / re-fit programme	✓			Direct	As above	✓	✓						
1.8	Audit current numbers of / need for e-vehicle chargers on council premises and install more	✓			Indirect	Audit COMPLETED. Programme to install more chargers to be drawn up	✓	✓						
1.9	Incentivise use of the council-run e-car pool by council officers	✓			Direct. Note: current saving by EV pool car scheme vehicles: 14tCO2e pa	Incentives identified. Full roll-out once Covid 19 agile working fully in place	✓	✓						
1.10	Audit the council's vehicles with a view to replacing them with e-vehicles	✓			Direct. Note: conversion of all council vans to EV would save approx. 49tCO2 pa	Trial of an e-vans pending revised work patterns	✓	✓						
1.11	Explore the development of a higher energy efficiency homes through the council's housing company, Millstream Property Investments Ltd		✓		Avoidance of increase	To be investigated once Millstream new build schemes come forward	✓			✓				
1.12	Assess feasibility of becoming a 'white label' supplier of renewable energy		✓		Direct	Assessment not yet commenced	✓							
1.13	Assess options for work in partnership to operate an energy services company - potential carbon offset opportunity		✓		Direct	Assessment not yet commenced	✓			✓				
1.14	Work with Hertfordshire Waste Partnership partners and others to explore synergies of working across administrative boundaries	✓			Direct	Waste composition analysis project commenced in September 2020 to inform work towards this goal. Outcomes of the analysis anticipated in early 2021	✓							
1.15	Maximise environmental sustainability opportunities through the upgrade of Hertford Theatre	✓			Direct	Work ongoing - seeking BREEAM excellent		✓						

1.16	Maximise environmental sustainability through the upgrade/redevelopment of Hartham and Grange Paddocks Leisure Centres	✓			Direct	Grange Paddocks CO2 data for new build in sust. statement & part of the planning app. Hartham Under OJEU tender tenderers will state sustainability issues & path to BREEAM excellent. BREEAM tracker in place. Looking at reduced thermal gain, lighting (LEDs), PVs and air source heat pumps.		✓								
1.17	Assess evidence-base for benefits of green walls	✓			Mitigation	COMPLETED, incorporated into the Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document - see below	✓									
1.18	Work with HCC and others to identify options for tree planting		✓		Mitigation	Assessment not yet commenced	✓	✓		✓						
1.19	Undertake initial review of current EH sustainability purchasing statements included within existing service contracts to determine effectiveness and relevance.	✓			Direct	Assessment to commence shortly	✓	✓		✓	✓					
1.20	Procurement of 100% renewable electricity		✓		Direct	Opportunity to progress this as part of existing contract break point in January 2021	✓	✓								
1.21	Maximise environmental sustainability opportunities through Hertford Hydro		✓		Direct. Note: estimated reduction of 21tCO2	Finalising further monitoring required by the Environment Agency. On track for planning application by January 2021	✓	✓								
<b>2. Use our regulatory powers to promote action by others</b>																
2.1	Publish a Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document	✓			Direct / indirect / avoidance of increase / mitigation	Draft completed and out to consultation. On track to adopt in 2020/21	✓		✓							
2.2	Develop sustainability advice geared towards listed buildings / conservation areas	✓			Indirect	Incorporated into the Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document - see above	✓		✓							
2.3	Survey locally active residential developers to better understand the barriers to increased delivery of more highly energy efficient homes	✓			Indirect	COMPLETED, work now taking place to commence dialogue with developers on the scheme points raised	✓		✓	✓						
2.4	Identify environmental sustainability interventions that could be funded with planning gain s106 contributions	✓			Direct	List being drawn up - on track	✓		✓	✓						
2.5	Maximise environmental sustainability through the Harlow Gilston Garden Town Development	✓			Direct / indirect / avoidance of increase / mitigation	Work ongoing	✓		✓	✓						
2.6	Work with HCC on introducing anti-idling signage and fines	✓			Direct	Issues requiring national intervention identified. Meeting held with local MPs to secure support. Anti-idling message promoted via Clean Air Day, 8th October 2020 and Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership future actions.				✓						
2.7	Install rapid e-chargers in support of move to more e-taxis		✓		Direct	Awaiting update from partner, Electric Blue, leading this scheme on behalf of Defra	✓			✓						
2.8	Review and update taxi vehicle policies to further strengthen incentives/requirements for low emission taxis		✓		Indirect	East Herts is particularly strong on this issue. Will participate in county-wide standard raising exercise via the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership	✓			✓						
2.9	Consider promoting improved EPC ratings through HMO licensing powers and policies		✓		Direct	Work on this not yet commenced	✓		✓	✓						
<b>3. Influence and encourage others to do things</b>																
3.1	Provide and promote energy efficiency grants/support	✓			Direct. Note: estimated at up to 800 tCO2 saving if move from oil to gas. Home insulation measures can be assessed for carbon benefits and will be positive benefit	Work paused earlier this year due to Covid 19. Five installs completed. Strong pipeline of interest following home surveys restart although may halt due to Covid.	✓			✓	✓					
3.2	Establish and run a multi-agency/stakeholder Environmental and Climate Change Forum	✓			Indirect	COMPLETED				✓		✓	✓			

3.3	Write to minister to initiate dialogue about powers and freedoms to support delivery of climate change commitments	✓			Indirect	COMPLETED				✓					
3.4	Work with local MPs to promote the case for investment in sustainability interventions in East Herts	✓			Direct / indirect	Positive first meeting held	✓	✓		✓	✓				
3.5	Run electric vehicle roadshows and demonstrations - at least one a year	✓			Indirect	Paused due to Covid 19 but planning to hold events later in 2020/21	✓				✓				
3.6	Run two climate change film festivals (Hertford and Bishop's Stortford)	✓			Indirect	Paused due to Covid 19 but now planning to hold festival later in 2021					✓				
3.7	Install more bicycle racks in the five market towns	✓			Indirect	Work on track - sites identified and bicycle racks ordered	✓				✓				
3.8	Incentivise the public to make more use of the council e-car pool	✓			Direct	Publicity planned for later in 2020/21	✓				✓				
3.9	Hold a Schools Climate Conference		✓		Indirect	Work paused due to Covid 19					✓			✓	
3.10	Work with Bishop's Stortford BID and other business groups to promote sustainability		✓		Indirect	Work paused due to Covid 19	✓				✓				
3.11	Consider creation of East Herts awards scheme to encourage local organisations to implement sustainable activities		✓		Indirect	Work paused due to Covid 19	✓				✓				
3.12	Actively implement and encourage waste minimisation initiatives	✓			Indirect	Social media continues to be used to promote waste minimisation messages coinciding with WasteAware current campaigns. Seasonal messages will go out for Halloween and Christmas	✓								
3.13	Use social media more effectively to encourage behaviour change	✓			Indirect	Work ongoing/social media plan/specific seasonal messages/enhanced web pages	✓				✓				
3.14	Complete the Hertford subways AQMA project	✓			Indirect	Phase one completed with opening of supermarket subway ahead of time in August. Refurb of London Road subway completed for 8 oct 2020 opening. Hertford-wide pedestrian/cycle re-signing strategy being investigated as part of extension to project	✓				✓				