

# Hampshire County Council Climate Change Strategy 2020-2025

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# Climate Emergency and Targets

Hampshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency in the summer of 2019. Two targets have been set for the County Council, and these also apply to Hampshire as a whole:

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**2050**

**Carbon neutrality**

**2°C**

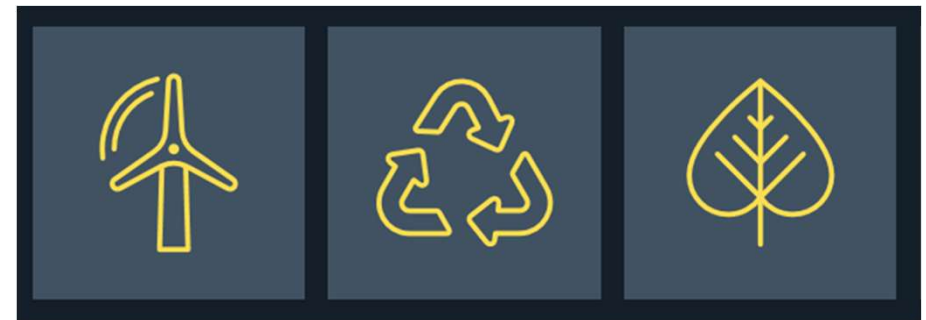
**preparing to be  
resilient to the impacts  
of temperature rise**

Hampshire County Council set a target to be carbon neutral by 2050, in line with national government. Hampshire County Council also uniquely set a target to build resilience to the impacts of a two-degree Celsius rise in temperature.

This target recognises the critical role we have in ensuring that not only are we resilient and able to continue to deliver our services, but also ensuring that our infrastructure, environment and communities are prepared too.

# Strategic Priorities (Key Sectors)

1. Organisational Emissions and Resilience
2. Transport
3. Residential
4. Buildings and Infrastructure
5. Energy Generation and Distribution
6. Waste and Circular Economy
7. Natural Environment
8. Business and Green Economy

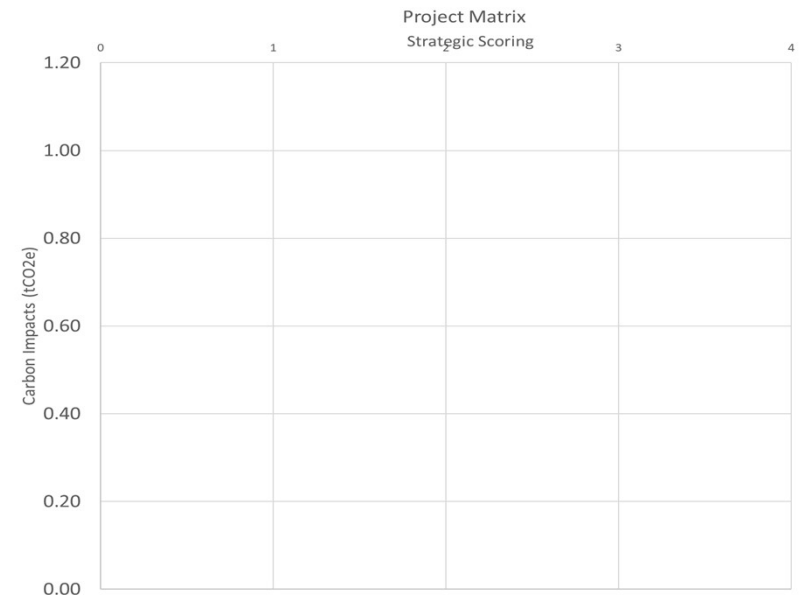


# Action Plan - ETE

- Huge range of actions as set out in the Action Plan is underway across a number of the strategic priorities on both mitigation and resilience within the Department.
- Important to acknowledge that beyond specific actions “labelled” as climate change – everything we do will have to take account of climate change.
- Due to the extent of activity, monitoring and reporting will take place on an annual basis for the whole organisation – first of these monitoring reports will go to Cabinet in October 2021

# Decision tools – ETE Decision Days

- Tools will assess the climate change impact of projects/policies.
- Ideally used at the project initiation stage, enabling mitigations and adjustments to be made at the start.
- ETE Decision Days from January 2021 rest of HCC in April.
- The graphs compare the corporate strategic priorities with:
  - the project's carbon emissions
  - vulnerability to climate change.
- Qualitative explanations are key.
- Graphs act as a visual cue - projects that emit a lot of carbon emissions and/or are not well adapted may still significantly meet the corporate priorities.



# Strategic Programmes - ETE

## Programmes to tackle largest sources of emissions :

- **Transport** – new Local Transport Plan (LTP4).
- **Residential** – working with Districts, Greening Campaign & the Environment Centre to support roll out of BEIS funding for housing retrofit.
- **Energy Generation and Distribution** – working with Community Energy South and the Expert Forum to progress renewable energy schemes.
- **Business and Green Economy** – working with New Economics Foundation to develop a roadmap for Green Recovery.

# Monitoring and Reporting

- The actions being implemented are extensive however, carbon reporting for the majority of the actions within the Action Plan will not be possible due to complexity.
- The reporting on the Action Plan will therefore be more qualitative, providing a rich narrative of how the whole County Council is taking action on climate change and embedding it into every aspect of what we do.
- The reporting on the Strategic Framework will have carbon accounting, but this is unlikely to show any change in the first 2-5 years when preparatory work will be taking place.
- Carbon baseline will be updated alongside BEIS updates every 2 years.

# Responding to Climate Change

Climate change targets | Why are we acting on climate change? | Who we work with

## Hampshire's Climate Change targets

Hampshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency in June 2019.

Two targets have been set for the County Council, and these also apply to our

**2050**

Carbon neutral

preparing to be  
impacts

We have set a pathway for how much carbon we need to reduce by 2050. Addressing carbon reduction and climate change is a key part of our strategy in ensuring that we continue to deliver our vision for a sustainable Hampshire. Our infrastructure and communities are prepared to

# Communications

- Website continues to be developed and updated
- Targeted campaigns
  - "Preparing for Winter"
  - Launch of iChoosr Solar Buying scheme
- Videos on some example projects for Cabinet report in February demonstrating on the ground action



# Next Steps

- Roll out and embedding climate change decision tools across the whole organisation
- Delivery of the Green Recovery work with New Economic Foundation
- <sup>U</sup>~~B~~egin monitoring processes for both Action Plan and Strategic Framework across the whole organisation
- Continue to implement existing community projects
- Look for new projects/opportunities to fund on the ground pilots to support key priorities – e.g. private sector investment in renewable energy

# Links to further information

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[Climate Change Webpages](#)

[Vision for Hampshire 2050 Webpages](#)