



*Basingstoke  
and Deane*

# Climate Change Strategy for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

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## Introduction

Climate Change is one of the most important challenges that we face in the next 50 years. The overwhelming evidence from the Scientific Community supports the hypothesis of Climate Change.

It is important that we all act together to mitigate and hopefully reverse the impacts of Climate Change. This is not just an international issue which is remote from the lives of Basingstoke and Deane but rather a clear and real danger for both us and our descendants.

All residents, businesses and organisations have a role to play in combating climate change. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council intends to take a leadership role, leading in its own operations, in its community role and in encouraging others. It is doing this by both signing up to the Climate Local Commitment, and through a series of pledges that will be delivered through our Climate Change Strategy.

### Our pledges

- The council is committed to reducing its carbon emissions year on year and lead by example.
- The council is committed to encouraging and supporting residents, community groups and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions across the borough.
- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council pledges to work with residents, businesses and partners to prepare and plan for the impacts of climate change and manage the associated risks.

## Background

This Climate Change Strategy replaces the strategy published in 2008, and has been updated to take into account the many changes that have been introduced since that time, including the

achievements of the 2008 strategy which are summarised in Appendix One which also sets out a summary of the borough's baseline position. The strategy has also taken into account comments through consultation on a draft document in early 2014.

The strategy has been developed to set out clearly how the council will work towards the delivery of the council's adopted shared vision and the Council Plan in respect of climate change and has been prepared following meetings with local groups and individuals passionate about reducing carbon emissions and introducing renewable / low carbon energy to the borough. The strategy is a concise document and sets out three pledges. Each of the pledges is considered in the context of:

- what other policies and strategies are in place to help deliver them?
- what actions will we take to deliver them?
- what grants or funding opportunities are available to assist?
- how will we measure success?
- how our partners are contributing?

The strategy is intended as a guide for current and future actions for the council working with partners and is complemented by a summary table in Appendix Two, which sets out relevant targets for the identified actions.

However, climate change will not be combated just by a single strategy and it is the council's intention for it to be a factor in all policies and decisions going forward.

Through the implementation of these pledges, we are aiming to match the UK targets for carbon reduction and renewable energy generation, including: 34% reductions by 2020 (from 1990 levels) and 80% reductions by 2050 (from 1990 levels); - 15% of energy demand from renewable sources by 2020.



## The case for a strategy / drivers for change

Scientific evidence and the scientific community agree that the activities of man are largely responsible for changes that can impact both globally and at a local level.

Across the world, it is likely that this will continue to result in rising temperatures, the melting of the polar ice caps and rising sea levels, together with more extreme storms and droughts. All of these will impact on wildlife species and habitats, as well as the world's population.

At a more local level, there are expected to be variations in levels of rainfall and more extreme weather events, which can directly impact on borough residents and businesses, such as localised flooding, storms or periods of drought. When considering climate change, it is important to recognise the need for the community to work together, including local service providers and the borough council, together with local residents, businesses and interest groups to both address climate change and to plan for, and mitigate against, its impacts. In doing so, this can not only help to limit the changes to our climate, but also assist in creating a better place to live, work and visit.

## Strategies and vision

This Climate Change Strategy is guided by other council documents, which establish the overall direction for the council, including the adopted shared vision, the Council Plan and the plans of the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change. These have informed the three key 'pledges' which provide focus for this strategy.

It should be noted that this strategy does not seek to introduce or duplicate in detail policies which are established in other strategies, such as the appropriate standard of construction for new homes, which is considered through the Local Plan.



### Vision for the borough:

In 2029, Basingstoke and Deane's residents, communities and businesses will be flourishing – enjoying an excellent quality of life and environment, which has been improved through well planned growth that draws on our strengths and secures vital improvements.

Regenerating our towns and estates, and enriching the character and vitality of our villages and outstanding countryside will support Basingstoke as a major vibrant centre, leading north Hampshire and fulfilling an influential role in the region.

### Council Plan 2013 to 2017

The Council Plan identifies the following as one of the council's priorities and proposals:

**Take action to reduce energy use and introduce renewable energy, both for our own premises and the borough.**

## Environment and Climate Change Portfolio

To support the delivery of the Council Plan, each portfolio holder has developed a plan to set out their key aims and actions for 2013 to 2017, this includes:

- Continuing to reduce the energy that the borough uses, minimising travel and energy use.
- Continue to engage with local community groups to inspire, envision and encourage them to deliver real local change.
- Put climate change and our new climate change plan at the centre of all we do.

### **Climate Change Strategy – Pledges for delivery of the vision, the Council Plan and the Portfolio Holder Plan:**

1. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council pledges to lead by example in reducing its carbon emissions year on year
2. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council pledges to encourage and support residents, community groups and businesses to reduce their emissions across the borough
3. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council pledges to prepare and plan for the impacts of a changing climate in its own services and with the local community

## Pledge one

*The council is committed to reducing its carbon emissions year on year and lead by example.*

### **a) What policies and strategies are in place to help deliver them?**

The council has plans in place to deliver this pledge:

- A Carbon Management Study sets out how the council intends to reduce its emissions in the future, which includes a target of a 15% carbon reduction by 2016.
- A Council Travel Plan which is regularly updated to improve the choice of sustainable travel modes, make a positive contribution to health and well-being, encourage more sustainable ways of working and reduce carbon emissions.
- A Procurement and Contract Management Strategy which details how the council will secure goods and services in the most effective manner, taking into account the longer-term benefits in terms of social, economic and environmental costs, including environmentally preferable and sustainable products. This strategy applies to both on-going procurement and securing longer-term contracts, such as ensuring that the Basingstoke centre shuttle bus service considers climate change and carbon emissions in agreeing a provider.
- A Green Infrastructure Strategy to set out how the council will seek to ensure a comprehensive and connected network of green spaces.
- A Sustainability Policy to promote the careful use of natural resources.
- A Green Investment Fund has been established in the council's budget, which will provide resources for future green investments.

## b) What actions will be taken?

The council will take the following actions in respect of climate change:

- Increase the energy efficiency of the council's buildings through continual investment in cost-effective projects in the campus, such as improvements in lighting and heating systems, and the council's commercial and community property portfolio, including improved data management and its collection and analysis.
- Explore the potential of and financial case for renewable energy installations on council property, including opportunities that may be available through the Green Infrastructure Fund.
- Integrating Climate Change mitigation into service planning for individual business units within the council to ensure that account is taken of its impact and the manner in which team actions and work programmes can assist in addressing its impact.
- Integrate whole life costing decision making through the Procurement and Contract Management Strategy which includes environmental considerations.
- Reduce carbon emissions from business travel and the council's fleet of vehicles, including reducing unnecessary travel, optimising the use of technology and other measures outlined in the Council Travel Plan

- Increase staff and Councillor awareness of energy efficiency and low carbon actions in the workplace, through initiatives taken forward by the Environment Champions, widespread promotion via the Council's intranet system and on-going reminders on climate change issues.
- Incorporate climate change objectives into Environment Champion officers' annual appraisals.
- Integrate climate change and the need for reductions in carbon emissions into the service planning process for individual business units within the Borough Council.

## c) What grants or funding opportunities are available to assist?

The Borough Council actively seeks funding and training opportunities to improve both understanding and awareness around climate change issues and measures to adapt to and reduce the impact of a changing climate. Schemes are identified that will assist staff and Members, such as Government incentives to increase non-car modes of transport incentives to encourage cycling to work. Projects will be explored that can benefit from the council's Invest to Save reserve. Funding opportunities are also likely to be available via the newly established Green Investment Fund of £1million, which is to provide resources for future green investments. There are also funding opportunities in areas linked to climate change, such as the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.



#### d) How will we measure success?

- The Carbon Management Study commits the council to a 15% reduction in carbon emissions by 2016 from a 2012 baseline. The data available for 2012 /13 shows a carbon emissions reduction of 11% from the baseline position. Progress against this target and the council's carbon footprint is collated and reported annually.
- The Council Travel Plan commits:
  - o To increase the proportion of staff walking or cycling to work from 16.0% in 2013 to 20% by the end of 2016/17
  - o To increase the proportion of staff car sharing on the journey to work from 15.3% in 2013 to 20% by the end of 2017/18
  - o To reduce the proportion of single occupancy car journeys to work made by staff from 60% in 2013 to 50% by the end of 2017/18
  - o To reduce the annual staff car mileage claimed by 15% by the end of 2017/18 from the 2011/12 baseline of just over 143,400 miles to 122,000 miles
- The Green Infrastructure Strategy sets out a number of specific targets relating to key habitat types, including the management of existing areas and new areas to be created or restored, both in the council's control and in the ownership of third parties.

#### e) How our partners are contributing

Whilst this pledge is specific to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, the council is reliant on a range of partners in service provision, and will continue to seek opportunities to work in the most effective manner to encourage the reduction of carbon emissions in its operations.

## PLEDGE 2

*The council is committed to encouraging and supporting residents, community groups and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions across the borough*

#### a) What policies and strategies are in place to help deliver them?

The council has documents in place to support delivery this pledge:

- An Adopted Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents to ensure that sustainability and climate change are taken into account in planning for new development;
- An emerging Local Plan to guide development in the borough up to 2029. This sets out the requirements for new development, including water quality and flood risk and the approach for considering proposals for renewable energy schemes.
- An emerging Community Buildings Strategy which will assist in making sure that the right facilities are available in the right locations and that these have the highest appropriate energy efficiency measures.
- A commitment in our Home Energy Conservation Act report to improve home energy consumption and assist those in fuel poverty to heat and power their homes in a more cost effective manner.
- A Multi-Agency Flood Plan, in addition to the provision of advice and specific actions in extreme weather events, such as snow and heat-waves.
- Climate Local commitment, signed by the council building on the Nottingham Declaration and setting out what actions will be delivered locally to reduce emissions.
- A requirement for travel plans for certain types of development to offer a choice of travel modes and encouraging more sustainable modes of travel, including walking, cycling, car sharing and the use of public transport.

## b) What actions will we take to deliver them?

The council will take a range of actions to:

- Deliver a new Green Business Park at Basing View, setting the examples for local business.
- Ensure that all new development is built and designed to be resilient to climate change and incorporate features to minimise its impacts, such as the use of SUDS, high standards of water efficiency and appropriate landscape planting / species.
- Ensure that green infrastructure is protected and enhanced, to enable habitats and species to adapt to climate change and maximise other benefits, such as the management of surface water run-off.
- Ensure the provision of appropriate open space, including allotments as a part of new development to provide opportunities for residents to grow their own produce.
- Consider renewable energy and local generation proposals positively, in line with national and local planning guidance in order to maximise the opportunities for alternative sources of energy
- Ensure that walking, cycling and the use of public transport are facilitated and encouraged



through good design in all development proposals

- To support the delivery of electric vehicle charging points in key locations across the borough, in conjunction with Hampshire County Council
- Ensure that all new community buildings in the borough are specified with the highest appropriate energy efficiency, and that management committees are encouraged to improve energy efficiency of existing buildings
- Deliver the actions in the Home Energy Conservation Act report (HECA) to assist those in fuel poverty, such as targeting low income households and off-mains gas properties to access funding for improvements to their domestic heating arrangements
- Publish and promote on the website information, advice and case studies on latest climate change and energy efficiency schemes and offers, such as The Green Deal, Renewable Heat Incentive etc.
- Work with and support community groups to raise awareness and encourage local actions to tackle climate change, such as the Greening Campaigns
- Deliver actions as set out in Basingstoke and Deane's Climate Local Commitment
- Work with community groups and Parish Councils to promote means of tackling climate change at a local level
- Take advantage of EU funding to engage in climate change related projects, particularly with the business sector and retrofitting of commercial buildings and business parks.
- Develop, publicise and promote the Green Investment Fund
- Require those bodies seeking grant funding from the Borough Council to commit to actions to minimise climate change
- Work with the utility companies to ensure that residents' and visitors' needs are met, utilising the most effective approach in terms of energy efficiency and climate change

### c) What grants or funding opportunities are available to assist?

There are a range of grants and funding opportunities that become available from government priorities, such as sourced for the Insulate Hampshire and ECO funding which the council will publicise and support wherever possible.

In terms of commercial property, the Borough Council has already been successful in securing just under 400,000 Euros for the Greenfit initiative at Basing View and will continue to seek other opportunities.

In addition to supporting other national and local schemes, such as the Local Sustainable Travel Fund, the council has a Green Investment Fund which will be used to support borough residents, businesses and community groups to finance proposals to introduce renewable energy and improve insulation.

### d) How will we measure success?

- Secure at least four public electric vehicle charging locations in the Borough by 2015
- Collate, analyse and publish the overall findings of relevant projects or initiatives on the Council website within three months of completion (e.g. Green Deal and Switch Hampshire).
- Publish a HECA report and update on an annual basis, which will monitor actions and progress to date
- Commit to bringing all relevant community groups and residents together for an annual event to celebrate successes, exchange good practice and to collate and publish information on activities within the borough
- Collect carbon emissions by local authority areas data from The Department of Energy and Climate Change and report these figures and assess progress against national targets.
- Assess and monitor grant applications and claims for compliance with climate change objectives for supported bodies.



### e) How our partners are contributing?

- Through local initiatives organised by community groups or Parish Council, such as the Greening Campaigns, Overton Sustainability Forum and the Basingstoke Transition Network
- Through targeted campaigns with community groups to assist those who may benefit from grant and funding initiatives as they arise
- Through joint working with Hampshire County Council on transport projects to improve local accessibility and provide a choice of modes of transport
- Through individual projects linked to the Green Infrastructure Strategy to improve habitats and the various connections between key areas
- Through the various roles and responsibilities contained in the Multi-Agency Flood Plan
- Through individual climate change actions and pledges associated with those bodies who receive grant funding from the Borough Council
- Through joint working with Hart and Rushmoor councils and more widely with other Hampshire local authorities
- Through working with other partners, such as the LEP, Chamber of Commerce, NHS and Local Nature Partnership

## PLEDGE 3

*Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council pledges to work with residents, businesses and partners to prepare and plan for the impacts of climate change and manage the associated risks.*

### **a) What policies and strategies are in place to deliver them?**

- The council provides advice and guidance for the community in the event of severe weather events and also takes account of these risks in delivering its services and emergency planning.
- Hampshire Climate Change Adaptation Plan
- UK National Adaptation Plan
- National Adaptation Programme. Making the country resilient to a changing climate.

### **b) What actions will we take to deliver them?**

Through the delivery of its services, the Borough Council will take a range of actions, which are set out below.

- To deliver the identified actions in the Multi-Agency Flood Plan and give the appropriate advice in extreme weather conditions.
- Work with other key service providers to raise awareness and adapt to climate change, including the local housing associations, colleges and hospital.
- Work with Hampshire County Council, the Environment Agency and other partners to minimise the risk of flooding and to take action during flooding incidents.
- Provide advice and raise awareness on preparing for severe weather events through behaviour change and home improvements.
- Work with Hart and Rushmoor councils and The Chamber of Commerce to maintain the North Hampshire Sustainable Business Network and the business sector to provide information on the importance of carbon management and good environmental performance as well as preparing for severe weather events.
- Promote the importance and need to address climate change through the activities of the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

- The actions taken by partner organisations in responding to severe weather events.

### **c) What grants or funding opportunities are available to assist?**

The Borough Council will ensure that all grant funding opportunities are taken up and promoted locally, to allow partners to take advantage of these as they arise.

### **d) How will we measure success?**

- To continue to play an active role in the Multi-Agency Flood Plan, including the implementation of relevant actions
- To continue the management and maintenance of Borough Council owned drainage features to minimise the risk of flooding
- To organise at least three business meetings per year across the North Hampshire area.

### **e) How our partners are contributing?**

- Adaptation work across the county is lead by Hampshire County Council with other Hampshire local authorities involved on the Hampshire Adaptation Action Plan
- Work carried out by The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Planning Officers Group – Sustainable Design Sub Group
- Work carried out by The Hampshire Climate Change Officers Group and Hampshire Public Sector Sustainable Development Group

## **Future updates**

It is proposed that a short annual report is prepared for the Climate Change panel and the cabinet member for Environment and Climate Change. This will consider

- The performance against noted actions and targets; and
- Any requirement for amended or new actions and targets.

Should it be necessary, the annual report will also provide an opportunity to commence a future review of the Climate Change Strategy.

## Appendix One – Achievements to date

The following section highlights some of the key achievements to date by both the borough council and our partners. Some of these are directly linked to climate change and others are related to reducing its impact.

### Carbon reduction

Between 2007 and 2012 the council achieved a 21% reduction in carbon emissions in its operational buildings and services. A new target has since been scoped for the council to maintain this good work and achieve a further 15% reduction from the 2010 baseline by 2016. To date, this has achieved a reduction of 11%.

### Internal climate change champions

This long running group within the council has recently been refreshed and re-launched and will produce a two year action plan of campaigns and awareness raising for council staff and councillors.

### Insulate Hampshire

The free insulation scheme started in September 2011 as a partnership of all Hampshire borough and district councils and Hampshire County Council. It delivered free cavity-wall and loft insulation through Yorkshire Energy Services in consortium with Scottish Power. The scheme closed in December 2012 after delivering free insulation to 1,747 borough households which represents the highest number of installations in any of the Hampshire areas.

### Greening campaigns

The Greening Campaign is a nationwide initiative which supports and guides local communities through actions to reduce carbon emissions in their local area. The project supports communities working for themselves and making decisions that will benefit their local area. Currently Sherborne St John and Chineham are running successful campaigns. Other local sustainability groups are supported as and when requested, such as Overton Sustainability Forum and The Basingstoke Transition Network. Support provided includes resources for promotional events, advice and ideas, and presentations to community groups on opportunities to encourage sustainability at a local level.

### Local business

The EcoAdvantage project which started in 2009 and was funded through the European Social Fund, provided free carbon management training for just under 100 small to medium sized businesses in the borough. The project also supported the creation of a North Hampshire branch of the Hampshire Sustainable Business Partnership which provides free quarterly meetings for all local SMEs on sustainability issues.

### Switch Hampshire

A Hampshire-wide collective switching scheme that enabled householders to identify potential financial savings in their domestic energy supplies. In Basingstoke and Deane, just under 500 households registered, representing 10% of all registrations in Hampshire. Of these, 10% went forward to actually switch suppliers under the scheme, achieving an average saving of £61 per annum.

### Council policies and strategies

The Climate Change Strategy with its aim to mitigate against and adapt to a changing climate has influenced a number of internal documents such as the Tree Policy, Procurement and Contract Management Strategy and Community Buildings Strategy.

#### More recently, actions have included:

### Home Energy Conservation Act

In line with Government requirements, an updated Home Energy Conservation Act report was published on the Council's website in August 2013. This outlines the steps the council is taking to address fuel poverty in the borough. Updates were recently made to this to reflect new initiatives, to target those most in need. This includes on-going 50 free Green Deal assessments as a pilot project and investigations to work with an energy company to target those in fuel poverty for free improvements to their home using the Energy Company Obligations funding (ECO).

### Climate Local Commitment

The council has agreed to sign up to this commitment and an action plan will be worked up to detail how this will be taken forward.

Action	Target (if applicable)	Responsibility (Business Unit)
<b>The council is committed to reducing its carbon emissions year on year and lead by example.</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the energy efficiency of the council's buildings through continual investment in cost-effective projects in the campus, such as improvements in lighting and heating systems, and the council's commercial and community property portfolio, including improved data management and its collection and analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15% reduction in carbon emissions by 2016 from a 2012 baseline.</li> </ul>	Property / planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the potential of and financial case for renewable energy installations on council property and land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an on-going piece of work, that will be taken forward in parallel with other improvement works and the accommodation review</li> </ul>	Property / planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrating Climate Change mitigation into Service Planning for individual business units within the Borough Council to ensure that account is taken of its impact and the manner in which team actions and work programmes can assist in addressing its impact.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include within all relevant Business Unit plans by March 2014</li> </ul>	Corporate policy / planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate whole life-costing decision making through the Procurement and Contract Management Strategy which includes environmental considerations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Already incorporated into Council's Procurement Strategy – continue to implement</li> </ul>	Commissioning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce carbon emissions from business travel and the council's fleet of vehicles, including reducing unnecessary travel, optimising the use of technology and other measures outlined in the Council Travel Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To increase the proportion of staff walking or cycling to work from 16.0% in 2013 to 20% by the end of 2016/17</li> <li>• To increase the proportion of staff car sharing on the journey to work from 15.3% in 2013 to 20% by the end of 2017/18</li> <li>• To reduce the proportion of single occupancy car journeys to work made by staff from 60% in 2013 to 50% by the end of 2017/18</li> <li>• To reduce the annual staff car mileage claimed by 15% by the end of 2017/18 from the 2011/12 baseline of just over 143,400 miles to 122,000 miles</li> </ul>	Planning policy / HR

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase staff and Councillor awareness of energy efficiency and low carbon actions in the workplace, through initiatives taken forward by the Environment Champions, widespread promotion via the council's intranet system and on-going reminders on climate change issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Environment Champions meet every three months to devise awareness raising campaigns, including specific council events and support for national events. This includes an annual 'switch off' campaign and support for the 'Fairtrade Fortnight'.</li> </ul>	<p>Planning policy / environment champions</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate climate change objectives into environment champion officers' annual appraisals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include in all relevant officers' objectives by March 2014 and monitor performance through the appraisal process.</li> </ul>	<p>Planning policy / HR / environment champions</p>
<p><b>The council is committed to encouraging and supporting residents, community groups and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions across the borough</b></p>		
<p><b>Overall target – To reduce carbon emissions in the borough by 34% in 2020 and 80% by 2050 (from 1990 levels)</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver a regenerated Green Business Park at Basing View, setting the examples for local business.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a long-term project over a 20 year period.</li> </ul>	<p>Basing View Strategic Project Manager / planning policy</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that all new development is built and designed to be resilient to climate change and incorporate features to minimise its impacts, such as the use of SUDS, high standards of water efficiency and appropriate landscape planting / species.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy included in draft Local Plan. Need to take the plan through to adoption in early 2015. Subsequent to adoption, the plan will need to be implemented through the planning application process.</li> </ul>	<p>Planning policy / residents services</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that green infrastructure is protected and enhanced, to enable habitats and species to adapt to climate change and maximise other benefits, such as the management of surface water run-off.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Infrastructure Strategy has recently been adopted.</li> </ul>	<p>Community services and includes actions such as the increase in area for key habitat types in the period to 2029. Specific tasks are set out in the action plan and will be monitored as appropriate</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the provision of appropriate open space, including allotments as a part of new development to provide opportunities for residents to grow their own produce.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated green spaces standards have recently been adopted and are being implemented through the planning application process.</li> </ul>	<p>Community services / residents services</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider renewable energy and local generation proposals positively, in line with national and local planning guidance in order to maximise the opportunities for alternative sources of energy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15% of energy demand to be provided from renewable energy sources by 2020</li> <li>Monitoring to be undertaken through an annual review of planning permissions granted and implemented</li> </ul>	Residents Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that walking, cycling and the use of public transport are facilitated and encouraged through good design in all development proposals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy included in draft Local Plan. Need to take the plan through to adoption in early 2015. Subsequent to adoption the plan will need to be implemented through the planning application process.</li> </ul>	Residents services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To support the delivery of electric vehicle charging points in key locations across the borough, in conjunction with Hampshire County Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To deliver four electric charging points in the borough by July 2014.</li> </ul>	Planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that all new community buildings in the borough are specified with the highest appropriate energy efficiency, and that management committees are encouraged to improve energy efficiency of existing buildings through the undertaking of energy audits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To take all opportunities as they arise, including improvements to existing halls and new facilities</li> </ul>	Community services / planning policy / facility management committees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver the actions in the Home Energy Conservation Act report (HECA) to assist those in fuel poverty, such as targeting low income households and off-mains gas properties to access funding for improvements to their domestic heating arrangements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The HECA report contains a range of individual actions and will be updated on an annual basis</li> </ul>	Planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish and promote on the website information, advice and case studies on latest climate change and energy efficiency schemes and offers, such as The Green Deal, Renewable Heat Incentive etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be added to the website within three months of completion of the scheme / pilot</li> </ul>	Planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with and support community groups to raise awareness and encourage local actions to tackle climate change, such as the Greening Campaigns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an on-going area of work, to be provided as and when required and in response to particular projects.</li> </ul>	Planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deliver actions as set out in Basingstoke and Deane's Climate Local Commitment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These actions are on-going and directly related to those actions included in the Climate Change Strategy.</li> </ul>	Planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with community groups and Parish Councils to promote means of tackling climate change at a local level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an on-going area of work, to be provided as and when required and in response to particular projects</li> </ul>	Planning policy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take advantage of EU funding to engage in climate change related projects, particularly with the business sector and retrofitting of commercial buildings and business parks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As and when opportunities arise</li> </ul>	Corporate policy / planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop, publicise and promote the Green Investment Fund</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee Autumn 2014 and commence in April 2015</li> </ul>	Planning policy / finance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require those bodies seeking grant funding from the Borough Council to commit to actions to minimise climate change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through review of grants scheme – March 2014</li> <li>• Individual grant applications will be monitored in accordance with their original agreement</li> </ul>	Commissioning
<b>Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council pledges to work with residents, businesses and partners to prepare and plan for the impacts of climate change and manage the associated risks.</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To deliver the identified actions in the Multi-Agency Flood Plan and give the appropriate advice in extreme weather conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an on-going area of work through regular liaison and in response to incidents as they arise, in addition to a review of the strategy in 2015.</li> </ul>	Hampshire County Council / emergency services / Environment Agency / other stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with other key service providers to raise awareness of climate change issues including the local housing associations, colleges and hospital</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an on-going area of work, and will progressed as an when opportunities arise, for example through the ECO funding.</li> </ul>	Planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Hampshire County Council, the Environment Agency and other partners to minimise the risk of flooding and to take action during flooding incidents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an on-going area of work through regular liaison and in response to incidents as they arise, in addition to a review of the strategy in 2015.</li> </ul>	Hampshire County Council / emergency services / Environment Agency / other stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide advice and raise awareness on preparing for severe weather events through behaviour change and home improvements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an on-going area of work, and advice will be provided on a day to day basis (e.g. planning applications and the management of surface water) and when incidents occur.</li> </ul>	Planning policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Hart and Rushmoor councils and The Chamber of Commerce to maintain the North Hampshire Sustainable Business Network and the business sector to provide information on the importance of carbon management and good environmental performance as well as preparing for severe weather events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organise at least three business meetings per annum across the North Hampshire area</li> </ul>	Planning policy

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