

October 2023 Update

The **purpose** of the Action Plan is to achieve a carbon neutral position for the Council.

The Action Plan will also be used to encourage others to adopt a similar approach. Whilst this is primarily an EDDC plan it recognises the influence we have on others who share our ambitions. We have an ambition to reduce our carbon use at every opportunity and work towards the **Think Globally – Act Locally** aspiration that is still relevant today.

The **themes** in this plan where the Council can make meaningful climate change interventions include: (1) **energy supply and consumption**; (2) **permitting and encouraging low carbon development**; (3) **improving the carbon footprint of existing buildings (public and private sector)**; (4) **protecting and enhancing the natural environment**; (5) **water supply and flood protection**; (6) **transport and travel**; (7) **purchasing and consumption**; (8) **community resilience**; (9) **education, communication and influencing behaviour**.

We need to be brave and bold if we are genuinely committed to reducing our carbon footprint, and ensuring residents and business adopt similar aspirations. We propose undertaking five yearly reviews to update and refresh the plan.

This Action Plan is about social and organisational responsibility, lifestyle change and consideration of future generations.

MITIGATION				
ACTION	WHEN	WHO	COMMENTS	Oct 2023 Update
Objective 1 Ensure that EDDC identifies realistic and deliverable plans and actions that contribute to reducing EDDC's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions so the Council can achieve its ambition of becoming carbon neutral.				
Establish a carbon footprint baseline for all Council buildings, activities and services (scope 1 & 2 emissions). This will enable us to accurately calculate the reductions required, set meaningful targets, and fully understand what it requires to be carbon neutral. It will also enable us to estimate a realistic timeframe in which to become carbon neutral, and where we can have the greatest impact in implementing mitigation and adaptation measures. The actions in the Action Plan need to be costed to ensure that plans are realistic and achievable.	December 2019	JG	To be completed by December 2019 and reported to Cabinet in January.	Annual Carbon footprints have been completed up to 2023. Full membership of SWEEG has given us the opportunity to run a 'carbon descent Plan' which should give us the ability to target key areas of work.

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MITIGATION				
Provide a realistic estimate of scope 3 emissions to provide a comprehensive and accurate footprint for the Council.	August 2020	JG	These emissions are harder to plot and accurately determine the quantum involved.	Included in carbon footprint work.
We will require our main contractors and partners to perform their own carbon footprint produce plans to become carbon neutral. We will support change and monitor progress. We will assist our partners and contractors perform this work using the knowledge that we in plotting our own carbon footprint.	December 2020	JG	This will cover our partners with high value contracts, including Ian Suez; LED and Strata.	Initial discussions with Ian Williams. Strata carry out own carbon footprints which apportioned to EDDC.
Adopt the Circular Economy approach of refuse; reduce; reuse and recycle, whilst continuing implement the Waste Strategy, which aims to continuously improve our recycling rate, and high environmental credentials.	December 2019	JG	This is intended to reduce the Council's consumption of materials, goods and consumables.	Principles are being used and we have one of the highest recycling rates in the Country.
Implement a Sustainable Environmental Procurement policy, which commits the authority to ensuring environmental risks and opportunities are considered at the outset of any procurement activity. We will ensure that the Council makes sustainable and informed purchasing choices. Support and encourage local purchasing and the development of local supply chains. Promote and encourage new business models focused around the Circular Economy. Build the commitment to sustainable procurement in both the public and private sectors.	December 2019	SD	We need to have a better appreciation of supply chain issues in relation to carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions.	We have signed up to the Devon procurement strategy. This is a high-level document and will require local Implementation. It is likely to be a priority area going forwards.
Include an agreed sustainability/environmental statement within all tender documents to ensure that suppliers consider climate change implications in their proposals. We will ensure that tender evaluation criteria gives weighting to tender submissions with strong climate change content.	December 2019	SD	This will demonstrate our commitment to climate change and require tenderers to factor this into submissions.	DCC leading on this but currently not resourced – need to chase this up.

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<p>Conduct a review of the carbon footprint of materials, products and services we procure to identify options to reduce carbon emissions from the Council's supply chain. Include specific low carbon alternatives, for example in civil engineering projects (low carbon concrete) and show the carbon benefits and cost implications of such decisions.</p>	March 2020	SD	This is part of the circular economy adoption with an emphasis on reducing consumption.	Not achieved overall. However individual services have applied to specific projects.
<p>Review our investments and satisfy ourselves that we are investing in ethical, environmental and green activities consistent with our climate change agenda. The Pension Fund investments should be subject to a similar review.</p>	December 2020	SD	This will ensure that our investments follow our environmental and climate change principles.	DCC manage the pension fund. They have a goal to be net-zero by 2050 at the latest and committed to "decarbonise all its current investments at a rate of seven per cent a year and to increase investments into carbon solutions".
<p>Be a signatory to the Devon Climate Change Declaration and deliver the commitments contained therein. Contribute towards the DCC Action Plan where relevant. Participate in Devon County Council led Themed Workshops and Citizens Assembly activities.</p>	July 2019	JG	Signed following the July Cabinet report and the subsequent full Council meeting.	Complete Currently reviewing in light of review of Strategy and Action Plan.
<p>Maintain a climate change Issues Log to capture difficult or unresolved issues that need solutions during the life of this Action Plan. Apply Systems Thinking techniques to the climate change agenda, where appropriate. Establish a purpose, what matters, and other aspects of Check & Redesign to our climate change journey.</p>	July 2019	JG	Systems Thinking Issues Log for matters with no obvious or immediate solution.	Green Team to pick this up.

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MITIGATION Objective 2 EDDC will contribute to the reduction of GHG emissions from buildings in the district by planning for new low-carbon development and to retrofit energy efficiency and low-carbon heating measures.				
Support the Cosy Devon Partnership, the Local Energy Advice Partnership, and similar to enable networking, project collaboration and the testing of new solutions between local authorities, community energy organisations, installers and other interested parties to deliver domestic energy retrofit measures by seizing opportunities for grant funding and market offers.	September 2019	MS	Encourage energy efficiency measures being installed in homes with financial incentives.	Ongoing. Supporting and promoting ECO3 and HUG2 schemes Private Sector Housing and Revs and Benefits working together on financial resilience. Officers make referrals to ECOE and Financial Resilience team to support residents experience damp & mould/excess cold Looking to offer 'green grants' through existing provider Lendology.
Use enforcement and education powers to improve the energy efficiency of private sector homes encouraging landlords, tenants and owners to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	September 2019	MS	Target the use of powers and educational measures towards private owners and tenants.	Ongoing. Private Sector Housing utilise powers as per the Enforcement Policy.
Continue to encourage new buildings in East Devon to meet high construction standards with new homes achieving high standards of energy efficiency/sustainability, and commercial buildings the equivalent of BREEAM Very good in accordance with Strategy 38 of the Local Plan.	Ongoing	EF	Having a robust policy for granting permissions for low energy buildings.	Ongoing. We continue to seek the highest standards we can under the current policies.
Work with Exeter, Teignbridge and Mid-Devon Councils on developing strategic planning policies for inclusion in the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan that set a framework for directly and indirectly reducing the risks of climate change on the communities of East Devon.	June 2020	EF	Developing a strong planning policy position to achieve carbon neutrality.	The GESp is no longer being pursued and so this action should be deleted.

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MITIGATION				
Deliver large scale zero carbon development comprising over 10,000 homes and 2m+ sq. ft. of commercial space in the West End of the District.	April 2023	AW	Demonstrating how new west end development can be delivered to a carbon zero standard.	Ongoing - we continue to progress the business case for investing in decarbonising the two district heating networks in the areas. This will underpin the large scale delivery of low and zero carbon development.
Gather evidence and develop policy ideas for consideration for inclusion in the review of the East Devon Local Plan for specific measures to address climate change in new developments in the district in the future. (September 2020).	September 2020	EF	Directing funding raised through planning contributions towards carbon reduction initiatives.	Complete – draft policies were consulted on in late 2022/early 2023.
Continue to require all major commercial developments and residential developments of 10 or more homes to manage surface water run off through sustainable drainage systems unless demonstrated to be inappropriate in accordance with Policy EN22 of the Local Plan (Ongoing).	Ongoing	EF	Managing surface water through engineered sustainable drainage schemes.	Ongoing. We continue to seek the highest standards we can under the current policies.
Progress the Cranbrook Plan DPD through examination and to adoption including policies that seek to encourage zero carbon development at the new town and requires connection to the existing heat and power network and a number of other measures to require low carbon development such as electric vehicles charging points, fabric first measures in all new buildings, the provision of high quality digital connectivity to minimise travel, the provision of good walking and cycling links, accessible services and facilities etc.	June 2020	EF	Encouraging zero carbon development in Cranbrook and facilities that encourage a low carbon lifestyle.	Complete – The Cranbrook Plan DPD was adopted October 2022
Continue to support the provision of new developments in sustainable locations where there is good access to services and facilities and resist developments in locations which would lead to occupants and users of the development to be reliant on private vehicles to undertake day to day journeys to access places of work, shops, health care and other services and facilities.	Ongoing	EF	Promoting low carbon development and sustainable behaviours on new build projects.	Ongoing – We continue to give substantial weight to these issues when considering planning applications and in assessing sites for allocation in the new Local Plan.

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MITIGATION				
Continue to resist planning applications that lead to the loss of high grade agricultural land other than in exceptional circumstances in order to protect sources of food and reduce reliance on imported food products.	Ongoing	EF	Protecting high grade agricultural land from development and encourage local food production.	We continue to give significant weight to the protection of the best and most versatile agricultural land in the district.
Require new developments of at least 1000 sq. m in floor area or comprising 10 or more dwellings to connect to any existing decentralised energy network and larger scale developments to explore options to deliver such a network as part of the development.	Ongoing	EF	Requiring connection to local energy networks and green energy suppliers.	We continue to require this and have seen the district heat network in the west end significantly expand in recent years as new developments at Cranbrook, Science Park, SkyPark, Tithe Barn etc have all connected.
Support and encourage both commercial and domestic renewable and low carbon energy projects through the granting of planning permission for developments such as solar panels, wind turbines and other renewable energy solutions where they comply with Strategy 39 of the Local Plan.	Ongoing	EF	Encouragement for renewable energy generation applications.	We continue to support new low carbon energy projects where appropriate.
Pilot the Council Tax and Business Rate discount scheme for those who install energy efficiency measures to their homes or business as funded by BEIS. Evaluate and report on the issues and recommend how this incentive might be rolled out more widely.	December 2020	LJ	This is a project to test the issues around incentivising home and business owners who install energy efficiency measures.	Awaiting update
Require the landscaping proposals incorporated within new developments in the district to incorporate a mix of new tree and other planting that can adapt to climate change and incorporate permeable surfacing and other measures that utilise run-off on the site and ensure that the landscaping is resilient.	Ongoing	EF	Encouraging tree and planting suitable for climate change and in particular on site drainage.	Ongoing
Provides support to the Low Carbon Task Force of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan that is evidencing the need for area-wide low carbon development policies.	September 2019	AW	Officer and member support for the strategy and actions	Stopped – The Low Carbon Task Force no longer meets

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MITIGATION				
Accelerate the upgrading of insulation and energy saving measures in the Council's housing stock. Install air and ground source heat pumps when upgrading of off-gas properties. Upgrade insulation to minimise fuel poverty. Complete an up to date stock condition survey to identify where interventions and improvements will have the greatest impact.	April 2020	AGJ	Update improvement and planned work programmes to accelerate the range and number of energy savings measures provided in Council homes.	A 100% Stock condition survey is nearing completion. This data will give us a comprehensive understanding of the investment required in the stock over the course of the next 30 years and an Asset Management Strategy will be developed that will centre around the need for us to ensure our properties are energy efficient. Work has continued on properties as a direct result of Government funding that we successfully secured in Wave 1 of funding and this has focused on insulating our properties- particularly where we have installed air source heat pumps.
Develop and acquire energy efficient Council housing or housing that can be improved to low carbon standards.	December 2019	AGJ	Ensure that the housing we acquire for the Housing Revenue Account is energy efficient or capable of being upgraded at reasonable cost.	Developing proposals for modular construction opportunities. Considering environmental issues during re/development, acquisition programme for increasing housing stock.
Ensure that housing repairs and improvement contractors are actively reducing their carbon footprints when performing work on Council homes. This includes efficient work scheduling, right first time repairs etc.	December 2019	AGJ	Ian Williams as main contractor to actively work on reducing their carbon footprint.	These principles are embedded within the Integrated Asset Management Contract and performance is captured against a number of KPIs.
Progress regeneration proposals that minimise the carbon footprint and use of natural resources.	December 2019	RC	Incorporate climate change ambitions in regeneration projects.	Is being included.
Encourage new business and economic development that operate to sustainable credentials and prioritises a minimal environmental footprint.	March 2020	RC	Advise and educate business on the carbon reduction projects that they could usefully undertake.	Ongoing – reducing carbon emissions forms a key part of our approach to deploying Shared Prosperity Funding.
Energy - Reduce electricity consumption within the commercial and public sectors. <i>Develop heat supply networks to deliver low carbon heat.</i> <i>Encourage the use of smart meters and energy storage solutions.</i> <i>Increase the amount of energy generated locally using renewable technologies.</i>	December 2020	RC	Provide support and leadership for business and public sector partners who share our desire of reducing the organisations carbon footprint.	Heat supply networks have been progressed. Local plan identifies areas for renewable energy.

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Objective 3				
EDDC will contribute to the reduction of emissions associated with transport and travel by supporting low-carbon vehicles, by promoting sustainable transport and communication choices, and through the sustainable planning of new development.				
Deliver a Fleet Management Plan which is part of delivering a low carbon future through smarter choices, including electric vehicle infrastructure.	July 2020	AE /AH	Create a change in personal travel.	FMP in progress. Applying for funding for EV infrastructure. 33% fleet now EV. Plans to get to 50% by 2024/25.
Actively investigate and switch to low carbon council operated fleet and equipment, taking into account increased costs of such fleet and installing appropriate charging infrastructure. May take up to 2030 depending on the speed of development of commercial vehicles.	Dec 2025/ 2030	AH	Reduction in Council carbon emissions.	See above. Have also introduced electric equipment in Street Scene. Approved funding for EV trials for 2 kerb side sort vehicles and 1 Refuse Collection Vehicle.
Update the Green Travel Plan for staff and members. Require staff to reduce travel and utilise sustainable modes of travel. Make electric pool cars available to travelling staff.	July 2020	AE	Changing options for personal travel and business mileage.	Green travel Plan has been updated and is due to be published soon. Work Smart has reduced staff travel (business and commute)
Support sustainable transport in East Devon to avoid leaving any community isolated taking into account public and community transport facilities.	December 2020	AE	Working with transport providers to improve public transport options.	VCSE are looking at community transport.
Support the emerging Exeter Transport Strategy being prepared by DCC which anticipates up to 50% of trips being made by walking and cycling— <i>NB: this is a very challenging figure which no city currently meets. It will be impossible to meet it in more rural areas but there is a question as to whether this is the type of modal split we should aspire to in the West End. Also we will need to support the delivery of a significant amount of the new infrastructure (e.g. Park and Ride) that will be needed to meet this target.</i> Support and enable the delivery of a passing loop on the Exeter/Waterloo rail line to double the frequency of rail services between Exeter and Axminster. Support and enable the roll out of the Clyst Valley Trail to provide a new multi-use trail between Killerton and Topsham.	April 2023	AW	Creating a shift in travel arrangements from the car to travel that has a positive health & wellbeing benefit.	Working with DCC on LCWIP. Clyst Valley Cycleway ongoing. We continue to engage with DCC, Network Rail and the Train Operating Companies to support the development of the Strategic Outline Business Case for the passing loop.

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MITIGATION				
Continue to promote the Connecting Devon and Somerset project, the aim of which is to provide superfast broadband speeds of over 24Mbps to all premises by 2020.	January 2020	RC	Improved broadband to enable more homeworking and improved business connections.	Ongoing – we continue to support the Connecting Devon and Cornwall program.
Implement WorkSmart principles to minimise staff travel and encourage new forms of service delivery and communication.	April 2020	KS	Spread the use of mobile working, Skype and other tools that reduce commuting and business miles travelled.	Ongoing post Covid. 66% reduction in commuting to office but may be increasing.
Through our Licensing activity, encourage the 'greening' of our licensed taxi fleet by promoting electric and other low emission vehicles.	April 2021	HGL	Use of our enforcement powers to increase the proportion of	Awaiting update
Encourage the development of a transport infrastructure that supports more low carbon travel options for people in East Devon. Reduce energy use and 'embodied energy' in the transport infrastructure. Encourage non-car travel for all sectors of the population, through targeted advice, incentives and enforcement. Support car share initiatives and low emission pool cars for essential business activities. Install electric car charging points in all car parks and explore the opportunities for charging points in other public spaces, street furniture etc. Campaign to reduce the air pollution from vehicles.	April 2022	AE	Link to the Green Travel Plan and improved public and personal transport.	LEVI (resident on street charging)/Deletti 1/2 (car park charging units) schemes.

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Objective 4				
EDDC will help reduce emissions from waste by encouraging a reduction in the amount of waste generated in East Devon and an increase in recycling rates, prioritising energy recovery technologies above landfill, and utilising any energy, fuels or compost that are produced as a result of processing waste.				
Ensure the Waste Strategy policies continue to promote the waste hierarchy and the efficient use of energy and fuels generated by Energy Recovery facilities, and that these are implemented effectively.	December 2020	AH	Refresh the waste strategy to ensure that we are optimising recycling and income from recycling.	EDDC part of DCC waste strategy. Own collection service is exemplar.
MITIGATION				
Encourage refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and reduction – The Circular Economy.	September 2019	AH	Embed the circular economy in the Council's thinking and actions.	Waste messaging
Ensure that recycling processors are based in the UK and that we work towards a transparent audit trail of destinations for our residents recycling, and confidence that the supply chain does not result in polluting recyclate being exported.	December 2020	AH	Working closely with Suez and DCC to satisfy ourselves that the recycling supply chain is UK based.	DCC control
Improve recycling facilities at our offices, streets and beaches.	December 2019	AH	Provide better facilities to recycle materials at locations where significant numbers of people congregate.	Complete but ongoing (continuous improvement)
Eliminate single use plastics from all Council premises, events and partners activities.	December 2020	TC	Encourage and require the ban on single use plastics where organisations use our land and premises.	Now banned. Meeting with Street Scene to discuss ref events.
Lobby for a solution for hard to recycle products and/or a ban on their use.	July 2021	AH	Continue to press for recycling solutions to products that are hard to recycle using our industry contacts.	Trialing absorbent hygiene products. Engaged with/lobbied DEFRA re Env Act duties
Enhance the green waste scheme and encourage composting of garden waste and use on our parks, gardens and nature reserves.	December 2019	AH	Continue to increase our customer base and subscribers to reduce the amount of green waste recycled.	19.5k people signed up to GWS

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Objective 5 EDDC will support low carbon energy by helping to identify new models for investment, reducing consumption and enabling lifestyle change, particularly those involving the community.				
MITIGATION				
Continue to support the delivery of regional energy initiatives such as the Local Enterprise Partnerships.	July 2010	AW	Explore investment opportunities in green energy generating companies.	Ongoing – we are engaged in helping to develop a Local Area Energy Plan for Devon
Continue to facilitate the growth of the community energy sector in Devon by assisting funding, partnerships, networking and training.	December 2020	AW	Scan the market for opportunities and funding to grow the energy generation	Ongoing – support has been provided to community groups through the Shared Prosperity Fund
Support the delivery of the FAB (France-Alderney-Britain) project where this enables low electricity to flow, assist the application of marine renewable energy, and enhance energy security.	2025	AW	Supporting a large infrastructure project which is due to be commenced in 2021 and completed in 2025.	The planning permission has recently been refreshed. The progression of the project is dependent on wider international agreements.
Utilise our Nature Reserves and green space for carbon offsetting projects, including tree planting and other carbon sinks.	December 2019	CP	Explore opportunities for carbon offsetting to enable us to achieve our carbon neutral goal.	Offsetting is no longer applicable and seen as a 'last resort'. Tree planting is part of wildlife improvement.
Build community activity relating to sustainable communities. Build community resilience to support climate change and self-sufficiency. Reduce consumption by building a 'sharing economy' such as tool and toy libraries. Build an 'alternative economy' focused on quality of life and emphasising sustainable communities.	July 2021	JG	Assist communities to become more self-sufficient	Currently evaluating project to deliver community support. Work with VCSE.
Further integrate sustainable behaviour promotion and practice throughout schools, colleges, universities and workplaces. Ensure that communication which is aimed at influencing climate change related behaviour is delivered in a consistent and targeted way. Engage organisations in the private sector, including residential and commercial landlords, in effective action to reduce their carbon footprint. Develop the market for climate change related local business and the skills to ensure that local jobs are created in line with the growing low carbon economy.	December 2021	JG	Encouraging behaviour change and lifestyle choices that are targeted at reducing the emission of greenhouse gases.	Talks to schools and workplaces. Referrals to SWMAS and EECO and ESD. See above ref Prosper. Exploring targeted business support to help enable the transition to a low carbon economy

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MITIGATION				
Improve the quality and connectivity of natural habitats. Encourage local community groups and businesses to become more involved in the management of local green spaces. Ensure that we address biodiversity and environmental issues as part of our climate change response reflecting the wider issues arising from our carbon neutral journey.	September 2020	CP/AH	Encourage the use of outdoors and the management of open spaces, developing the volunteering programme.	‘Friends of..’ groups being set up. Biodiversity campaign.
Manage demand for and supply of water to reduce the expected impact of water shortages on consumers and on wildlife. Encourage rain water harvesting. Reduce the risk of damage to infrastructure and assets due to flooding.	December 2021	AE	Work with water supply companies to ensure water security in the future.	Work with the LRF Promoted flood mitigation grants DCT.

ADAPTATION				
ACTION	WHEN	WHO	RESOURCES	
Objective 6 EDDC will ensure it remains aware of the implications for the district of the most recent projections of climate change.				
A briefing and workshops for the Council on Climate Projections will be prepared and the organisation to raise awareness and achieve buy in.	December 2019	JG	Briefing staff and members on climate change issues and responsibilities.	Complete. Training team set up to run again.
We will implement carbon offsetting schemes on our Nature Reserves, Wetlands and space. This includes a programme of woodland creation/tree planting and Nature Recovery Corridors.	December 2021	CP	Use our green and open spaces to carbon offset our reduced carbon footprint.	Carbon offsetting is now seen as a ‘method of last resort’.

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Objective 7 EDDC will continue to provide advice to the community about improving their resilience to a changing climate, and how they can prepare for and respond to extreme weather.				
ADAPTATION				
Ensure EDDC's online and printed advice to communities remains relevant and up to date.	Ongoing	KS	Maintaining a website presence that is both informative and accurate.	Currently being updated and published imminently.
Continue to support the Devon Community Resilience Forum to encourage communities to develop their own Emergency Plans and Flood Plans. Support Town & Parish Councils in their efforts	Ongoing	AE/AH	Supporting communities to be more self-supporting and resilient to climate change.	Support the LRF. EP Officer is arranging community events to support this work.
Assist partners, contractors, Town and Parish Councils, community and voluntary groups make meaningful contributions towards reducing their carbon footprints. Provide advice, guidance and support on reducing carbon use and how to lower the	Ongoing	JG	Spread the messages and actions that we learn in our carbon neutral journey.	Project currently being developed to support Towns and Parishes.
We will campaign for people to consume less, reuse and recycle. We will also educate on the need for food and water security, changes required to agriculture and diet.	Ongoing	SMT+	Implement the circular economy approach to waste and recycling.	Review
Promote local produce with low 'food miles' and educate on dietary and nutritional changes needed to ensure food security.	Ongoing	AE	Encourage behaviour change and initiatives that reduce food miles travelled.	Review
Objective 8 EDDC will continue to ensure it is prepared for and able to respond to weather and climate-related events affecting the district.				
Remain an active member of the Devon, Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Local Resilience Forum.	Ongoing	AE	Maintain links with the Devonwide group.	Ongoing membership.
Keep the EDDC Emergency Plan, Business Continuity Plans and Recovery Guidance under regular review. Ensure that there is good awareness of the plans to aid implementation in emergency situations.	Ongoing	AE	Maintain up to date plans to deal with emergencies and business interruptions.	Currently being reviewed, updated and exercised.
Enhancing EDDC's parks and open spaces to increase biodiversity. To assist species adaptation and dispersal. Encourage the use of native species.	April 2020	AH/CP	Adapt our open spaces having regard to climate change impacts.	Being implemented. Moved from annuals to perennials, peat free plants etc.
Progress plans for the Clyst Valley Regional Park as an opportunity for significant carbon offsetting in terms of tree planting. In the past 12 months 2,800 trees have been planted at Mosshayne and Bishops Court with 500 more planned at Cranbrook.	April 2022	AW	A demonstration tree planting project at scale contributing towards carbon offsetting in the district.	Ongoing – we have acquired the 25 acre Clyst Meadows site to become an area of publicly accessible

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ADAPTATION				
Ensuring that planting in open spaces owned or managed by the Council is drought less watering.	March 2021	AH	Adopt a fresh planting regime that has regard to climate change implications.	Complete
Objective 9 EDDC will continue to manage the risk of coastal and fluvial flooding in East Devon in collaboration with partners and work to improve flood resilience.				
Maintain and deliver flood and coastal defence schemes. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Management Plans and coastal defences • Sustainable drainage systems • Flood defence measures • Natural flood management • Partnership working and collaboration with other risk management authorities • Influence spatial planning to implement the principles of the Strategy 	September 2019	JG	Part of our ongoing flood and coastal protection work. areas of flood risk and produce plans to reduce the risk of flooding.	Being updated Promoting DCC grants for flood mitigation.
Introduce a climate adaptation risk assessment tool and provide a support service to undertake the assessment in their Services.	March 2020	JG	Develop a methodology to assist Service managers to assess the impact of climate change on their Service.	Reviewing options.
Identify where natural flood management approaches can be used to increase carbon sequestration and deliver improved catchment management. Identify opportunities for carbon sequestration and adaption in coastal areas where management of natural processes can aid flood defence and reduce coastal erosion.	December 2020	JG	Develop an approach that provides for carbon offsetting and carbon sinks.	See tree planting/planning/streetscene issues above.

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ADAPTATION Objective 10 EDDC will consider the effects of climate change on policy, decisions, projects and infrastructure.				
Implement EDDC’s Public Health Strategy, Green Space Plan, Housing Strategy, Waste Strategy, and Culture Strategy and Action Plan which will ensure climate adaptation is included in our thinking and actions.	September 2019	Service Leads	Ensure that all new strategies and policies have regard to the climate change agenda.	Ongoing
Align council strategies and policies with the climate change emergency and Devon Declaration.	Ongoing	Service Leads	Ensure the golden thread through all policies, service plans and objectives.	Ongoing
Embed the climate change priorities within the Council’s internal and external marketing, website narrative.	December 2020	Managers	Ensure consistency of messaging and a clear narrative towards the carbon neutral goal.	Ongoing
Update the committee report template and Service Planning template to include a the climate change and sustainability considerations of the reports content.	September 2019	HGL	Require report writers to consider climate change implications when preparing their reports.	Complete
Ensure that carbon management and stewardship objectives are included within staff and team performance management processes. Identify Service ‘Green Champions’ who are empowered to challenge Service policies and practices.	July 2020	Service Leads Managers	Objectives set at individual and team levels to achieve carbon reductions.	Complete Looking at including in PERS
Make available learning and development opportunities for staff to improve their carbon use and reduction opportunities.	March 2020	KS	To raise awareness of GHG emissions and opportunities for reductions.	Training team up and running
Deliver a cultural and behavioural change programme focused on enabling staff to footprint at work and at home.	December 2020	KS	Encouraging the making climate change personal theme.	See above ref training team
Deliver a Culture and Climate Change programme led by the Thelma Hulbert Gallery to of climate change through art and culture reinforcing the need to change lifestyle and acting now.	April 2020	CP	Raising awareness of the implications of climate change through art and culture.	Ongoing

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Devise a Sustainable Leadership programme as part of the Managers Competencies and Framework.	September 2020	KS	Managers equipped to lead the climate change challenges.	SMT+ did carbon Literacy Training. Possibly look to re-run.
EDDC will ensure all key services develop a suitable climate change risk assessment, and consider climate impacts and are reviewed at regular intervals.	September 2020	Service Leads	A service template will be produced.	Now part of Service Plan
<p>Develop assessment and tracking methods to monitor the environmental benefits of climate change actions.</p> <p>Perform further annual carbon footprint exercises to demonstrate carbon reductions from the baseline established.</p> <p>Create a climate change dashboard/scorecard and reporting methodology that are embedded in performance monitoring systems and Service Plans.</p> <p>Ensure that the climate change agenda and ambitions are resourced sufficiently to achieve the</p>	September 2020	JG	To monitor progress against the carbon reduction targets and have full visibility of where we stand against the targets set.	<p>Dashboard is being produced in association with the descent plan.</p> <p>This will be a fundamental part of the updated action plan.</p> <p>Footprint is annual.</p>