

## Appendix 1 - Chichester District's Climate Emergency Initial Action Plan 2020 – 2025

### A) Cross-cutting themes:

**Putting our climate at the heart of decision making,  
Ensuring all decision-making and investments are sustainable.**

	Action	Target	Timescale
1	Complete recruitment to Climate Emergency officer post	Suitable qualified and experienced person in post	May 2020
2	Develop the Climate Emergency Full Action Plan, containing detailed targets and project milestones, from this Initial action plan. The full plan is to be reported to the Environment Panel and approved by Cabinet	Plan adopted by Cabinet and Council	September 2020
3	Set a Local Authority Area-wide target for District CO2 reductions of 10% year on year until 2025. Work with partner organisations across the District to co-ordinate actions towards meeting this target (see also action 22)	10% year on year reduction in emissions	Target in place by 2020, target to run to 2025
4	Quantify current carbon emissions from CDC operations. Set a CO2 reduction target for CDC operations (development of existing target)	Target to be set based on the outcome of further assessment work	Target in place by 2020, target to run to 2025
5	Put in place a system for identifying those CDC decisions with impacts on carbon emissions, air quality and biodiversity and ensure that negative impacts are avoided or mitigated.	That key decisions are identified in good time, impacts are assessed and any negative impacts are avoided.	Systems in place by June 2020
6	To report annually on the progress of this action plan	Report to Environment Panel, identifying progress, successes, any new funding opportunities for evaluation and any changes to national policy context that will affect delivery	Annually from the adoption of the detailed action plan

	Action	Target	Timescale
7	To align our council statutory and non-statutory plans, policies and guidance with respective carbon reduction pathways and biodiversity restoration plans, including procurement.	Review of plans and policies together with recommendations for changes, to be reported back to Environment Panel and Cabinet	By September 2021

## B) High Level Action Plan

Ref	Action	Target	Timescale	Services involved in Delivery
<b>Low Carbon Chichester Funding</b>				
8	Secure Low Carbon Chichester Funding from Homes England: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decide on areas of focus - energy efficiency/renewables within public sector / community buildings;</li> <li>Establish joint agreement with HE and Linden on criteria for funding applications; Carbon savings in Kg/year, Locations anywhere District-wide, Public ownership and/or public access, value for money £/kg CO2, Deliverability, Publicity;</li> <li>Establish match funding requirements from applicants.</li> </ul>	Legal agreement signed and funds transferred.  Funding criteria agreed	May 2020  July 2020	ESU -project officer to lead. Legal and PR to support the project
9	Report on the feasibility of establishing an ongoing District-wide fund for delivery of carbon reduction projects and biodiversity restoration projects. This will include: (1) a review of the opportunity to raise money from the UK Municipal Bonds Agency for low carbon infrastructure, and (2) the potential to use legal and planning mechanisms for offsetting residual carbon from new developments.	Report finished  Implementation of funding (continuation of LCC)	Sept 2020  End 2020	ESU – project officer to lead. Planning Policy Team
<b>Minimise emissions from new housing</b>				
10	Require new development to achieve high levels of energy efficiency and minimise carbon emissions through policies within the Local Plan Review. (subject to the outcomes of the Future Homes Standard consultation and implementation of any changes to the Building Regulations)	Highest viable level of carbon minimisation included in Local Plan review	2020 (submission)	ESU, Planning Policy

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<b>Minimise Corporate Carbon Emissions</b>				
11	Investigate opportunities to move to a Green Energy supplier within the existing LASER procurement framework	New supply contract in place	October 2020	Building Services
12	Report back on previous review of existing and identify new opportunities for carbon saving within the Council's estate including options for external funding through BEIS's Salix interest free loans.	Report on 5 major buildings Report on other CDC properties	2021 2022	Building Services, Estates
<b>Reduction in food waste</b>				
13	Develop local plans for reducing food waste within national policy frameworks and targets.	Dependant on national policy and funding developments	End of 2020	Chichester Contract Services (CCS)
14	Investigate opportunities for diverting food waste to anaerobic digestion.	Target to be set in terms of CO2 saved / year	End of 2020	CCS, WSCC
<b>Increase tree planting</b>				
15	Increased tree planting on CDC land through carbon offset funding, Woodland Trust funding, or other national policy initiatives.	Parks Vision to include target for tree planting	2021	ESU, CCS
16	Increased tree planting on non-CDC land through carbon offset funding, Woodland Trust funding and net biodiversity gain or other national funding streams	Dependent on announcements on national policy and funding schemes	End of 2020	ESU, Development Management
17	Investigate opportunities for multi-function use of any land acquired for the mitigation of nutrient inputs into on Chichester / Pagham Harbours. Wetland creation and tree planting would both act as carbon sinks and ensure that the land can't revert to high input agricultural use	Joint scheme of mitigation to be agreed with Partnership for South Hampshire and Natural England	End of 2020	ESU, Planning Policy, Development Management

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18	Identify land with opportunities for tree planting within the Strategic Wildlife Corridors.	Heritage Lottery Fund bid to be submitted	March 2020	ESU; implementation depends on outcome of funding for wildlife corridor enhancement project
<b>Sustainable Transport</b>				
19	Achieve enhancements to walking and cycle networks through partnership working.	Contribute to County's target of increasing the length of the cycle network by 15% per annum compared to a 5km base (across the County)	Spring 2022	Environment Protection (EP), WSCC
20	Enable the continued expansion of the electric vehicle charging networks.	Will be developed based on the demand metrics from the recent installations and developments in the EV market	Ongoing	EP
<b>Communication and Promotion of Lifestyle Changes</b>				
21	Promote, through various means climate change actions and lifestyle changes in the wider community including publicity campaigns such as the West Sussex Climate Change Pledge.	Produce details of a costed campaign on key environmental issues (Climate Change, Biodiversity, Plastics)	End of 2020	Public Relations/ESU

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22	<p>Evaluate benefits and costs of setting up a Climate Commission. A commission would bring together major public and private sector organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-ordinate and monitor actions that contribute to District-wide carbon reductions.</li> <li>• Share best practice and innovatory project ideas</li> <li>• Work together to improve sustainable transport networks, (including bus services , park and ride, car-share schemes and car clubs)</li> </ul>	Investigate opportunities for building on existing networks and partnerships	2022	Communities/ Corporate Improvement/ESU