



Climate Local Kent

Our commitment to taking action in a changing climate

We recognise that we have an important role to help our residents and businesses to capture the opportunities and benefits of action on climate change. These include saving money on energy bills, generating income from renewable energy, attracting new jobs and investment in 'green' industries, supporting new sources of energy, managing local flood-risk and water scarcity and protecting our natural environment.

We will progressively address the risks and pursue the opportunities presented by a changing climate, in line with local priorities, through our role as:

- Community leader – helping local people and businesses to be smarter about their energy use and to prepare for climate impacts;
- Service provider – delivering services that are resource efficient, less carbon intensive, resilient and that protect those who are most vulnerable to climate impacts;
- Estate manager – ensuring that our own buildings and operations are resource efficient, use clean energy, and are well prepared for the impacts of a changing climate.

In signing this commitment, **we will:**

- **Set locally-owned and determined commitments** and actions to reduce carbon emissions and to manage climate impacts. These will be specific, measurable and challenging;
- **Publish our commitments, actions and progress**, enabling local communities to hold us to account;
- **Share the learning from our experiences and achievements** with other organisations; and
- **Regularly refresh our commitments and actions** to ensure they are current and continue to reflect local priorities.

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Kent Forum

Paul Carter, Chairman of the Kent Forum and Leader of Kent County Council

Climate Local Kent will be delivered through Kent Forum and partners. We have set locally-owned targets and commitments and these can be viewed on www.kent.gov.uk/climatelocalkent.

Kent Forum and partners include: Ashford Borough Council, Canterbury City Council, Dartford Borough Council, Dover District Council, Environment Agency, Gravesham Borough Council, Kent County Council, Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue, NHS Kent and Medway, Sevenoaks District Council, Shepway District Council, Swale Borough Council, Thanet District Council, Tonbridge and Malling District Council and Tunbridge Wells District Council.