

Annex 2 - Climate Change Action Plan Year 3: 2022/2023

Theme	Sub-Theme	Action	Lead Service Areas	Timescale
Policy and Engagement	Recognise climate change as a corporate commitment for the Council.	Ensure Climate Change is a key priority for the Council in the revised Corporate Plan, including measures to monitor and publish carbon data, lower carbon emissions at the Council and monitor and publish borough wide carbon emissions data.	Executive Services	Sep-22
		Investigate possible carbon literacy training for TMBC staff and members.	Executive Services	Mar-23
	Work with partners to address climate change issues, lower carbon and adapt to the effects of climate	Work with KCC and attend Climate Change Network (CCN) meetings to ensure collaboration and help meet targets in the Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy.	Executive Services	Ongoing
		Continue to feed into the Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy via the Climate Change Network.	Executive Services	Ongoing
		Continue to work with the Tonbridge and Malling Climate Change Forum to galvanise support for climate change initiatives and promote the climate change agenda.	Executive Services	Ongoing
	Monitor Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's carbon emissions.	Complete the 2020/2021 carbon audit.	Executive Services	Jul-22 - Sept-22
		Complete the 2021/2022 carbon audit.	Executive Services	Jul-22 - Sept-22
		Produce a TMBC carbon emissions pathway report.	Executive Services	Jul-22 - Sept-22
		Determine hierarchy of action plan actions, based upon emissions reduction impact.	Executive Services	Jul-22 - Sept-22
	Monitor Tonbridge and Malling carbon emissions.	Review Borough wide emissions data.	Executive Services	Jul-22 - Sept-22

Sustainable Development		Continue to pursue planning policies in the Council's emerging Local Plan that will facilitate the delivery of sustainable development through location, orientation, and design, and through the integration of measures such as Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), water efficiency and habitat creation.	Planning Policy	Ongoing
		Through the grant of planning permission, the Council will seek to deliver sustainable development outcomes in line with the adopted development plan, national policy and material planning considerations.	Planning Policy	Ongoing
Transport	Support the improvement of walking and cycling infrastructure in the borough	Complete preparation of the new active travel strategy which will include cycling and walking infrastructure recommendations.	Planning Policy	Summer-22
	Improve the environmental standards of licensed taxis operating in the borough.	Start the taxi licencing policy renewal process.	Licencing	Mar-23
		Provide wider information regarding taxi EV charging provision.	Licencing	Ongoing
	Continue engagement with KCC through the CCN regarding future taxi licencing.	Licencing	Ongoing	
ULEV	Provide electric charging points across the borough.	Progress the phase 2 programme of EV chargers in selected car parks as soon as practicably possible. Phase 2 will allow potentially up to 106 chargers across other council owned car parks.	Technical Services	Mar-23
	Decarbonise TMBC vehicle fleet.	Undertake a vehicle replacement schedule (transitioning to ULEV) for all parking vehicles, in line where possible with the capital renewals programme and expected lifespan.	Technical Services	Ongoing
Air Quality	Continue the full implementation of a borough wide Anti-idling Campaign, to reduce emissions from idling engines.	Continue the anti-idling and school area monitoring project work, following the successful DEFRA grant for new sensors and signage.	Environmental Protection	Mar-23
		Continue to monitor existing roadside nature reserves and add further if identified and brought forwards.	Leisure Services	Ongoing
		Proceed with Reed Bed creation at Haysden Country Park.	Leisure Services	Mar-23

Habitats & Biodiversity	Strengthen local protection and enhance protection of species, habitats and ecosystems	Proceed with Holly Hill hedgerow creation.	Leisure Services	Mar-23
		Proceed with the planting of spring/summer bulbs across the borough.	Leisure Services	Mar-23
		Coppicing at Taddington Valley Woodland.	Leisure Services	Ongoing
		Plant TMBC match funded 1000 trees/whips on TMBC land.	Leisure Services	Oct-22 - Mar-23
		Continue with the lakeside revetment works in liason with volunteers.	Leisure Services	Ongoing
Housing & Energy Conservation	Reduce the carbon emissions of residential homes.	Assist with removing barriers for private sector households by working with Kent County Council to target promotion of the second round of 'Solar Together' a collective solar group purchasing scheme.	Housing	Ongoing
	The Council is working in partnership with Fenland District Council, LB Merton and Clarion Housing Group having successfully obtained £5.2m Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator Wave 1 funding.	Deliver retrofit energy efficiency measures to up to 200 TMBC area Clarion homes focussing on hard-to-treat Wimpey No Fines. Clarion to provide £4.5m match funding across three local authority areas in the Wave 1 scheme.	Housing	Mar-23
	TMBC area has been allocated £1.227m Sustainable Warmth Funding to improve energy efficiency in low income/low energy efficient homes.	We will seek to signpost eligible households to the Sustainable Warmth scheme managing agents.	Housing	Ongoing
	Support our residents by signposting to information on energy efficiency and renewable energy measures and funding schemes so they can make informed decisions.	Financial assistance is available to assist circa 10 low-income vulnerable to cold households to access affordable warmth in the home while also encouraging these households to take action to reduce carbon emissions. TMBC will signpost households for advice on how to reduce energy usage in the home for example Simple Energy Advice website.	Housing	Ongoing

		Support any new provision of council owned temporary accommodation within the borough with feasibility studies to advise on potential for improved energy efficiency and any renewable potential.	Housing	Ongoing
Waste Minimisation & Recycling	Encourage more people to reduce their waste and make it easier for residents to recycle.	Continue with Kent Resource Partnership (KRP) re-use campaigns.	Street Scene	Summer-22
		Progression of waste and recycling contract, rolling out to flats / bin stores.	Street Scene	Ongoing
		Development of KRP website and working with national partners such as WAP and Recoup (plastic specific).	Street Scene	Ongoing
Community & Business Engagement	Support local businesses and encourage sustainable growth in the economy	Aim to identify external funding to deliver future rounds of the green business grant scheme.	Executive Services	Mar-23
		Launch a further round of Local Shops and Parades Fund Scheme.	Executive Services	Mar-23
		Promote the climate change strategy and its objectives via the council's e-bulletin.	Executive Services	Ongoing
		Work with KCC to promote and support the Lower Carbon Across the South East initiative.	Executive Services	Ongoing
	Raise awareness of climate change, providing regular updates and information.	Refresh the climate change webpage to provide a better resource for promoting climate change work, and information to the public.	Communications	Ongoing
		Seek to develop and provide more case studies to evidence and promote positive climate change work and opportunities in the borough.	Communications	Ongoing
		Provide a climate change progress report / news release.	Communications	Mar-23
	Reduce the environmental impact of the council's activities, increasing the sustainability of all our operations.	Complete construction of Leybourne Lakes facility which includes solar panels and lake source heat pumps.	Property Services	Summer 2022
		Embark on the wider decarbonisation of TMBC owned estate, with an initial focus of emissions intensive sites.	Property Services	2022 - 2030
		Procure a carbon descent plan for Larkfield Leisure Centre and Tonbridge Swimming Pool, bringing forward options to members.	Property Services	Mar-24

TMBC Estate		Evaluate Solar PV options to reduce energy crisis impact and electricity emissions at Larkfield Leisure Centre.	Property Services	Winter 2022	
		Develop a digital post room using the councils new corporate document management system.	Property Services	Mar-23	
	Progress the digitisation of services and reduce the amount of paper both internally and being sent out to clients.		Look to review the TMBC device policy to be more efficient with the devices used e.g. power of devices and amount used.	IT	May-23
			Contribute towards the working arrangements officer study group.	IT	Dec-22
			Reduce the number of multifunctional printing devices across TMBC.	IT	Sep-22
			Continue to contribute towards service efficiency through the digital strategy.	IT	Mar-23
			Mobile working solutions and the digitisation of paper records and business processes involving printing (correspondence, surveys, inspections, interviews, records management, my TMBC app etc), to improve efficiency and reduce carbon footprint.	IT	Ongoing