

## Climate Change Action Plan 2023/24

## YEAR FOUR

Theme	Sub-Theme	Action	Lead Service Areas	Timescale
<b>Policy &amp; Engagement</b>	Recognise climate change as a corporate commitment for the Council.	Review Council's procurement strategy and develop guidance and/or tools to embed climate and environment within contracted works.	Executive Services	Mar-24
		Develop climate change training induction module and a course that can lead to Carbon Literacy accreditation for Members and TMBC staff. Deliver training to key staff by Jan 2024, offering the courses on an ongoing basis.	Executive Services	Ongoing
		Develop options for reducing car travel and emissions from TMBC own fleet, staff commuting and business travel.	Executive Services	Feb-24
	Work with partners to address climate change issues, lower carbon and adapt to the effects of climate	Engage with KCC and other councils through Climate Change Network (CCN) meetings, sharing case studies, best practice, and seeking areas of support and collaboration.	Executive Services	Ongoing
		Continue to engage with the delivery of the Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy through TMBC's actions and partnership working.	Executive Services	Ongoing

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	Monitor and report Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's carbon emissions.	Ensure all Climate Change Action Plans, Progress Reports and Carbon Audits are easily accessible and published on the climate change webpage.	Executive Services	Sep-23
		Produce a TMBC carbon emissions pathway report to inform policy planning for carbon neutral by 2030.	Executive Services	Jan-24
<b>Sustainable Development</b>		Continue to pursue planning policies in the Council's emerging Local Plan that will facilitate the delivery of climate change adaptation and mitigation, design measures and sustainable development patterns, progressing to the Regulation 18b Plan and public consultation, drawing on updated evidence, including on green infrastructure and climate change.	Planning	Jul-25
		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	Ongoing
		Adopt a Development Management Protocol for Biodiversity Net Gain ahead of the introduction of new requirements for developments and in line with Government guidance	Planning	Nov-23
<b>Transport</b>	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	Spring 2024

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<b>ULEV</b>	Provide electric charging points across the borough.	Deliver Phase 2 provision of an additional 60 chargers in the Councils car parks over 2 year contract.	Technical Services	May-25
	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
	Improve the environmental standards of licensed taxis operating in the borough.	Progress with taxi licencing policy renewal process through Licensing & Appeals committee followed by a minimum 6 weeks consultation with the trade and interested parties in Autumn 2023.	Licensing	Mar-24
		Provide wider information regarding taxi EV charging provision as those installations progress.	Licensing	Ongoing
		Continue engagement with KCC through the CCN regarding future taxi licencing. Share with trade and participate in schemes as appropriate, for example 'try before you buy'.	Licensing	Ongoing
		Progress strategy for future of licenced taxi fleet through Licensing & Appeals committee report on air quality, changes in the licenced taxi vehicle fleet, and proposals for vehicle requirements to 2030. Develop a consultation to inform strategy through Autumn/ Winter 2023.	Licensing	Ongoing
<b>Air Quality</b>	Anti-idling Campaign to reduce emissions from idling engines.	Continue the anti-idling project by expanding to other schools, and areas where idling is an issue, including bus stops and taxi ranks, working to raise awareness of idling and air quality impacts. Assess air quality monitoring data and any observed behaviour changes.	Environmental Protection	Mar-24

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<b>Habitats &amp; biodiversity</b>	Strengthen local protection and enhance protection of species, habitats and ecosystems	Proceed with Reed Bed creation at Haysden Country Park.	Leisure Services	Mar-24
		Proceed with Holly Hill hedgerow creation.	Leisure Services	Mar-24
		Coppicing at Taddington Valley Woodland.	Leisure Services	Mar-24
		Continue with the lakeside revetment works in liaison with volunteers.	Leisure Services	Jun-23
		Monitor trees planted to ensure establishment, and arrange necessary replacement planting where possible.	Leisure Services	Ongoing
<b>Housing &amp; energy conservation</b>	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 third round of 'Solar Together', a collective solar group purchasing scheme.	Housing	Mar-24
	Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 1.2	Work with Clarion Housing Group and Golding Homes to deliver retrofit energy efficiency measures using allocated funding from Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator Wave 1.2 for c 450 Clarion Housing properties across TMBC area and circa 60 Golding Homes properties in the Aylesford area.	Housing	Mar-26
	Home Upgrade Grant	Deliver retrofit energy efficiency measures through Home Upgrade Grant 2 targeting funding to c 60 low-income households living in low efficient 'off gas' homes (i.e., not using gas as main heating).	Housing	Mar-25
	Signposting	TMBC will continue to signpost households for advice on how to reduce energy usage in the home for example GOV.UK and Help for Households website.	Housing	Ongoing

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	TMBC-owned Temporary Accommodation	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
<b>Waste minimisation &amp; recycling</b>	Encourage more people to reduce their waste and make it easier for residents to recycle.	Continue with Kent Resource Partnership (KRP) re-use campaigns, including promotion of food waste & garden waste collections; and ongoing promotions aimed at reducing contamination & increasing recycling performance.	Leisure Services & Street Scene	Mar-24
		Progression of waste and recycling contract, including rolling out to flats and trial of food waste collections in a number of communal bin stores.	Leisure Services & Street Scene	Mar-24
		Launch KRP website and working with national partners such as WRAP and Recoup (plastic specific). <a href="https://www.kentresourcepartnership.org/">https://www.kentresourcepartnership.org/</a> Continue development of KRP website.	Leisure Services & Street Scene	Ongoing
<b>Community &amp; Business Engagement</b>	Support local businesses and encourage sustainable growth in the economy	Two further rounds of the Green Business Grant Scheme will make available a total of £95,000 in funding over the next two years. The current round (Round 3) launched April 2023. A further round will open in early 2024.	Executive Services	Mar-25

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		Allocation of funding and ensure project delivery for current round (Round 3) of the Shopfront and Vacant Unit Improvement Grant Scheme. Launch of further round in early 2024.	Executive Services	Mar-25
		Promote the climate change strategy and its objectives via the council's e-bulletin, with at least 2 articles per annum.	Executive Services	Ongoing
		Work closely with KCC and local business to share and signpost information, support and grants for business carbon reduction.	Executive Services	Ongoing
	Work with partners in the community to engage the public and identify areas of collaboration for climate change action, adaptation, protection and enhancement of the environment.	Build collaborative working and public engagement with the Climate Change Forum, identifying areas for joint Council and community climate and environment action.	Executive Services	Ongoing
	Raise awareness of climate change, providing regular updates and information.	To continue to provide local borough information to residents, identifying likely topics of interest.	Comms	Ongoing
<b>TMBC Estate</b>	Reduce the environmental impact of the council's activities, increasing the sustainability of all our operations.	Complete installation of LED lighting throughout Larkfield Leisure Centre and Tonbridge Swimming Pool	Property Services	Dec-23
		Complete installation of rooftop solar panels at Tonbridge Swimming Pool	Property Services	Dec-23

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		Complete assessment and design of heat pump potential at Larkfield Leisure Centre and Tonbridge Swimming Pool to implementation-ready stage.	Property Services	Oct-23
		Assess potential for further on-site solar generation on other flat roofs at Larkfield Leisure Centre	Property Services	Jun-24
	Progress the digitisation of services and reduce the amount of paper both internally and being sent out to clients.	New Digital Strategy 2023 - 2027 continues to contribute towards improving service efficiency, with emphasis on cognitive processes and automation	IT	Apr-24
		Complete development TMBC device policy to increase efficiency of devices used.	IT	Jun-24
		Business process re-engineering, mobile solutions and digitisation to improve efficiency and reduce carbon footprint continues across services.	IT	Ongoing