

BROXBOURNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2021 – 2025

Action Tracker – September 2021

A SUSTAINABLE COUNCIL

This priority concerns reduction of the Council's own carbon footprint, and setting an example for others in the Borough. The objectives are:

1. Reduce the carbon footprint of Council buildings
2. Reduce the use of petrol and diesel by the Council and minimise emissions
3. Consider sustainability in use of materials and procurement decisions

Objective 1: Reduce the carbon footprint of Council buildings					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG Status
1.1 Undertake Carbon Emissions assessment to develop baseline figures for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions.	Sustainability Officer	Initial assessment by 31 October 2021	£25k budget agreed.	Sustainability Officer has started to measure baseline data. Cabinet agreed on 8 September that a specialist consultant would be employed to establish the carbon outputs from all the Council's current activities, the actions which would be needed to achieve net zero carbon and over what timescale and the cost of such actions.	
1.2 Obtain expert audit of energy use and recommendations for improvement.	Facilities Manager	December 2021	Basic asset survey for existing plant estimated	Full survey to develop a design to RIBA stage 3 sufficient to obtain	

			between £3k and £5k per major site to be funded from £50k Environmental Sustainability budget.	tenders from contractors estimated £24k for low carbon technology.	
1.3 Develop a programme of energy efficiency measures, which takes account of the recommendations from the audit and decisions about the long-term future of Council buildings.	Facilities Manager	<p>Begin implementation in 2020/21.</p> <p>Application submitted to Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund.</p> <p>Achieve improvement of at least one EPC grade band for Council offices.</p> <p>By April 2023, all new industrial and business premises let out by the Council meet at least Band E requirements for energy efficiency.</p> <p>Liaise with Thames Water to carry out a review of water consumption and conservation in all large Council premises.</p>	Capital programme or Public Sector Energy Grants.	<p>Phase 2 bid oversubscribed</p> <p>Use of GO Monitor at leisure facilities to monitor utility usage in real time.</p> <p>Portfolio Holder and Sustainability Officer unsuccessful in attempt to contact Thames Water.</p>	

<p>1.4 Reduce office space requirement by replacing PCs with laptops, introducing hot-desking, and promoting home working, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Director of Finance</p>	<p>Reduce office space requirement by 30% by March 2022¹</p>	<p>Existing</p>	<p>Refurbishment of Bishops College has begun. Sustainability Officer and Facilities Manager looking to re-allocate furniture or purchase second hand where applicable.</p>	
<p>1.5 Increase proportion of gas and electricity supply that are from sustainable sources.</p>	<p>Leisure Projects Manager</p>	<p>At renewal of current energy supplier contract, increase proportion of gas and electricity that has to be from sustainable sources. [Contract via Laser consortium ends in September 2024. Currently 30.7% of electricity is from sustainable sources. Feasibility study for increased use of Bio-mass boiler at Laura Trott Leisure Centre.</p>	<p>Could increase the proportion from sustainable sources but it could cost more than the current deal.</p>	<p>To commence at renewal of current energy supplier contract.</p>	
<p>1.6 Reduce waste and increase recycling from Council offices and leisure centres.</p>	<p>Facilities Manager Leisure Centre Manager</p>	<p>Higher percentage of waste recycled. Baseline data set in March 2021.</p>	<p>£15k capital for standardising bins / recycling points across all Council facilities.</p>	<p>Proposal presented to the Environmental Panel on 17/03/21 and agreed.</p>	

¹ Target likely to be reviewed due to impact of COVID-19 epidemic; possibly brought forward

	Strategy and Business Manager for Sport			Facilities Manager to order bins.	
1.7 Create Green Wall on the Monarchs Way external wall of the Pavilions Shopping Centre.	Director of Environmental Services Head of Community Infrastructure and Regeneration	Green Wall installed	S106 funding will be requested once a project has been developed.	Head of Community Infrastructure and Regeneration in dialogue with Biotecture who will install the green wall.	

Objective 2: Reduce the use of petrol and diesel by the Council and minimise emissions					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG Status
2.1 Develop and implement a staff travel plan to reduce car journeys by staff. This may include more use of online conferencing, setting up car sharing and providing bicycles for journeys in-borough – pool bikes for any officer to use, and bicycles allocated to officers in certain roles.	Treasury Insurance Risk Manager Parking Manager Personnel Manager, Sports Development Officer	a) Undertake review of home working arrangements b) Reduction in car mileage claims by staff c) Switch from car to bicycle for growing proportion of in-Borough journeys by officers d) Car share scheme in operation	Possible capital expenditure for creation of quiet zones for online meetings in Council offices; and for purchase of bikes/e-bikes.	a) In progress, prompted by lockdown restrictions. b) General reduction due to Covid-19. c) External funding schemes for e-cargo bikes being explored. d) on hold due to Covid-19	
2.2 Increase proportion of Council fleet journeys, including pool cars, made in electric or hydrogen powered vehicles.	Treasury Insurance Risk Manager Director of Environmental Services	a) Financially viable timetable for replacement of vehicles in place by January 2022	Capital programme – allocation would be required for fuelling or charging points	a) Installation of charging infrastructure for the use of pool vehicles in place. Three	

		<p>b) Annual reduction in use of fossil fuels by Council fleet</p> <p>c) Electric charging points or hydrogen fuelling points installed for fleet use as required</p>	<p>and for higher upfront costs of vehicles.</p> <p>Depot relocation may influence timescale.</p>	<p>electric vehicles available to staff. Intention is to replace the remaining diesel pool car when the lease expires in June 2022.</p> <p>b) BEST have confirmed they use trackers on fleet vehicles to ensure correct routes taken so no excess mileage, and use of dashcams so supervisors do not need to travel out to site.</p>	
2.3 Maximise fuel efficiency and minimise emissions from Council vehicles running on fossil fuels.	Director of Environmental Services	Council vehicles follow procedures to maximise fuel efficiency in operation, avoiding idling if possible for example. Ensure the Council's commercial vehicles are all Euro 6 compliant by 1 March 2021, with smaller vehicles (vans, etc)	Capital requirement to replace vehicles.	All LGV vehicles used by the Council are Euro 6 compliant.	

		compliant by 26 October 2021.			
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Objective 3: Consider sustainability in use of materials and procurement decisions					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG status
3.1 Reduce office paper usage by greater use of technology and development to sustained home working.	All heads of service Communications Manager	Reduction in amount of paper purchased. In 2019/20 a total of £17,733 was spent across the Council.	Existing	Spend on paper in 2020/21 was £4k.	
3.2 Purchase locally produced goods where possible and in compliance with financial regulations to secure value for money. Include a scoring criteria for locality/distance/environmental sustainability within the evaluation model for procurement of goods and services.	Economic Development Manager Head of Finance Procurement Officer	a) Local providers of goods and services purchased by the Council identified by March 2021 and circulated to purchasing managers b) Evidence of purchases made from new local suppliers c) Explore 'inclusive growth' concept of social value in procurement	Existing	Economic Development Manager and Procurement Officer have started work on this.	
3.3 Take account of sustainability in procurement of goods, including whole life and disposal costs, and favour renewable or recycled materials. . Include a	Head of Finance Procurement Officer	a) Procurement guidance and training modified for purchasing managers to	Existing	a) The Council has recruited a Procurement Officer who will action this task.	

<p>scoring criteria for locality/distance/environmental sustainability within the evaluation model for procurement of goods and services.</p>	<p>Waste & Street Scene Manager</p>	<p>ensure sustainability is taken into account, including whole life and disposal costs for goods, and sustainability practices of tenderers to provide services.</p> <p>b) Evidence of sustainability taken into account in purchasing.</p> <p>c) Seek locally sourced market offerings e.g. Farmers Markets and other local producers.</p> <p>d) Subject to affordability, introduce requirements to purchase commodities from Fair Trade sources to all contracts to provide food and beverages at Council facilities</p>		<p>b) As above.</p> <p>c) Farmers' Market traders have previously not wished to engage with the Council due to the lack of footfall in the town centres. The Council will continue to speak to these specialist traders to encourage attendance post Covid.</p> <p>d) See a).</p>	
<p>3.4 Increase use of environmentally friendly cleaning products in Council buildings,</p>	<p>Facilities Manager, Leisure Centres Manager, Strategy</p>	<p>Subject to affordability, evidence of</p>	<p>Existing</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	

subject to sanitisation requirements arising from COVID-19 epidemic.	and Business Manager (Sport)	increased use of cleaning products that do not contain environmentally harmful ingredients such as bleach.			
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A GREENER BROXBOURNE

This priority deals with protecting and enhancing the Borough's environment, tackling air pollution and providing more greenery to help offset carbon emissions and add to the enjoyment of residents. The objectives are:

4. Take action to improve air quality
5. Protect and enhance biodiversity
6. Carry out a tree and greenery planting programme

Objective 4: Take action to improve air quality					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG status
4.1 Implement an Air Quality Management Plan for the Borough's four Air Quality Management Areas.	Head of Environmental Health and Licencing	a) Complete Air Quality Management Plan for the Borough's Air Quality Management Areas. b) Milestones in the Plan are met.	Government funding is being sought for improvement works.	Broxbourne Council commissioned Bureau Veritas to develop an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) for the existing Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA). Previously postponed due to focusing on the development and progression of the Local NO2 Plan. BBC intends to have the AQAP progressed with a draft available for public consultation in late 2021/early 2022.	
4.2 Implement road junction improvements on the A10 as described in the Infrastructure	Head of Planning and Development and Head of Community	Junction improvements	Subject to availability of s106 funding, possible	HCC has prepared a Major Roads Network bid for	

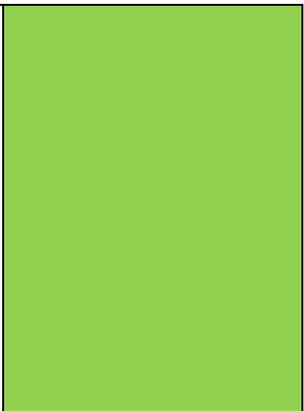
Delivery Plan in the new Local Plan.	Infrastructure and Regeneration Hertfordshire County Council	completed within 3-5 years at: a) A10 with A121 and B198, Waltham Cross b) A10 and College Rd, Cheshunt c) A10 and Church Lane, Cheshunt	Growth Deal funding, other sources of external funding and project management capacity.	submission to the Department for Transport. This would provide significant funding towards the junction improvements. If a bid is to be successful it will include measure for more active travel, i.e. easier crossing of the A10 by pedestrians and cyclists.	
4.3 In the programme to increase the number of trees in the Borough (see Objective 6) give priority to areas affected by poor air quality.	Director of Environmental Services	Evidence of planting on Council land near areas of poor air quality, e.g. parts of Waltham Cross.	A budget for tree planting has been established.	Hedgerow and tree scheme at WXPf undertaken as part of Urban Tree Challenge Funding bid in January 2021.	
4.4 Continue to monitor air pollution regularly and take appropriate action on the results in accordance with guidance from DEFRA.	Head of Environmental Health and Licencing	a) Monthly air pollution monitoring. b) Annual return to DEFRA.	Existing	On-going.	
4.5 Ensure that up-to-date warnings about poor air quality are available to residents.	Head of Environmental Health and Licencing, Communications Manager	Link to air quality alerts is made available via the Council's website (in place). Encourage residents to reduce their personal car use.	Existing	On-going.	

Objective 5: Protect and enhance biodiversity					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG status
<p>5.1 Implement the new Local Plan, including commitments to minimise the impact of developments on current wildlife habitats and to enhance biodiversity.</p> <p>Check the extent to which new developments are adopting the toughest Building Regulation water efficiency target of 110 litres per household per day and for non-residential development to achieve a rating of BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) excellent for water efficiency.</p>	Head of Planning	<p>Evidence that biodiversity net gain is considered in determination of all planning applications and in Council's own plans for new footpaths and cycle paths. Policy NEB1 states "Development proposals should result in net gains to biodiversity wherever possible."</p> <p>Evidence of work with developers to include environmental sustainability concepts in new developments e.g. solar panels, electric car charging points, on-site recycling facilities, cycle storage, cool roofs and pavements, permeable road surfaces etc.</p>	Existing	Net biodiversity enhancements are sought from all major developments.	
5.2 Continue environmental stewardship programme in Cheshunt Park.	Green Spaces Manager	a) Continued grazing by a traditional breed of Longhorn cattle	Existing	Extension to 2022 confirmed.	

		b) Continued grassland management and hedge restoration			
5.3 Continue land management to support bees and other pollinators.	Green Spaces Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Increased habitats for bees and other pollinators b) Increase plantings to attract pollinators c) Minimise use of pesticides, avoiding neonicotinoids completely. d) Beehives introduced to at least one park or open space. e) Explore potential for cemeteries to act as havens for wildlife. 	Beehives may require funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to be updated. Once HCC's Biodiversity Audits are completed (Sep 2021), they will identify habitats that need attention. b) First phase of planting undertaken at Cedars Park. Second phase to take place over Winter 21/22. c) No neonicotinoids applied. d) Beehives at Cedars Park and a number of allotment plots around the Borough. e) Not yet started. 	
5.4 Provide information to residents about local flora and fauna to encourage them to support protection of local biodiversity.	Green Spaces Manager, Communications Manager, Community Development Manager,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Information available on Council website by October 2021 along with social media posts. 	Existing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Scheduled for Autumn 2021. Article included in Summer 2021 edition of <i>Our Broxbourne</i>. 	

	Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust, Lee Valley Regional Park Authority	b) Walk leaders identify natural features of interest when leading guided walks.		b) Walk leader training completed and new walks commenced.	
5.5 Provide advice to residents on how they can support biodiversity in their own gardens.	Green Spaces Manager, Communications Manager, Head of Finance	Information available on Council website by October 2021, and a feature in <i>Our Broxbourne summer 2021</i> issue.	Existing	Included in Summer 2021 edition of <i>Our Broxbourne</i> . Website update scheduled for Autumn 2021.	
5.6 Encourage composting by residents.	Green Spaces Manager, Communications Manager, Head of Finance	Information available on Council website, social media channels and in <i>Our Broxbourne magazine</i>	Existing	Spring social media campaign. Article ready for Winter 2021 edition of <i>Our Broxbourne</i> .	
5.7 Review potential to expand introduction of retrofitted Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) on Council land to reduce surface water flooding, improve water quality and enhance the amenity and biodiversity value of the environment.	Head of Planning	Establish mechanisms for review in conjunction with Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership water sub-group and neighbouring authorities. Delivery of SUDS where appropriate on Council land subject to affordability.	Existing Joint procurement with other Hertfordshire authorities	Pending update.	

Objective 6: Carry out a tree and greenery planting programme					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG status
6.1 Submit a bid for funding from the Government's Urban Tree Challenge Fund.	Green Spaces Manager	Bid submitted by end of June 2020.	Existing	Bid submitted and approved, planting started January 2021 progress will be reviewed over forthcoming three year period.	
6.2 Implement a tree and greenery planting programme to achieve a significant increase in green cover in the Borough.	Green Spaces Manager	A net increase of 10,000 trees on Council land by 2024 and an improvement in quality and diversity of young trees. All trees planted to be of local provenance where possible. Use of environmentally friendly methods to protect young trees that limits use of plastic and minimises waste.	£60k funding from s.106	Phase 2 of the Council's tree planting programme is in progress and by the Spring of 2021 2,557 new trees were planted. Phase 3 scheduled for Winter 2021/22.	
6.3 Engage with local public sector and charitable landowners and with schools to encourage planting of trees and greenery on their land, and provide advice if required.	Green Spaces Manager, Community Development Manager New Sustainability Officer.	Evidence of more trees and greenery planted by others in the Borough.	Existing	Will use Queen's Green Canopy initiative to make contact with schools and other landowners.	

<p>6.4 Add colour to town centres, parks and roundabouts by planting more flowers and flowering shrubs.</p>	<p>Green Spaces Manager</p>	<p>Develop planting programme to improve visual evidence of flowers and flowering shrubs from spring 2022 onwards.</p>	<p>Environmental Sustainability budget subject to business case approval from Panel.</p>	<p>First phase of planting at Cedars Park completed, presentation given to members. Will commission landscape architect to start producing plans over summer for planting in the autumn.</p>	
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SUPPORTING ACTION BY BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS

This priority is about encouraging and supporting others in the Borough – businesses, organisations and residents – to become sustainable. As community leader, the Council is well placed to identify opportunities, to promote the importance of making changes and to advice on practicalities. The objectives are:

7. Reduce residents' reliance on petrol and diesel vehicles for travel within the Borough
8. Reduce waste and increase recycling
9. Encourage residents further in improving their local environment and adopting a sustainable lifestyle
10. Encourage local businesses to become more sustainable and to develop their resilience to climate risks

Objective 7: Reduce residents' reliance on petrol and diesel vehicles for travel within the Borough					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG status
7.1 Implement the Broxbourne Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan.	Head of Planning and Development and Head of Community Infrastructure and Regeneration Hertfordshire County Council	a) Increase parking facilities for bicycles in Town Centres by March 2021; b) Improve access to the Lee Valley Regional Park for walkers and cyclists in the Cheshunt Station area by June 2021; c) Work with Highways England to deliver a new shared path adjacent to the New River from the M25 to Church Lane, Wormley by end of 2022; d) Construct a section of the New River shared path in Essex Road as part of the Essex Road/New River Project by end of March 2021 e) Develop designs for the continuation of the New River shared path from	Subject to S106 funding Hertfordshire County Council and central government grants Other external funding sources including Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, SUSTRANS, and Highways England.	a) Complete. b) Proposals under development with the LVRPA/HCC and possibly Canal and Rivers Trust. c) Awaiting funding approval from Highways England. d) On track to be completed on time. e) Fee proposal sought from designers.	

		<p>Church Lane, Wormley to Rye House Station by end of 2021</p> <p>f) Consult stakeholders on an initial business case to build a new rail station in Park Lane, WX in Jan 2021</p> <p>g) Construct a new footway/cycleway bridge over the railway in Park Lane. Waltham Cross, including a possible rail station, linking the employment areas to the town centre and residential areas by end of 2025 subject to available funding</p>		<p>f) A stakeholder engagement took place on 1 March 2021 with Network Rail, TfL and HCC.</p> <p>g) Work in progress.</p>	
7.2 Help create a network of rapid charging points for electric vehicles.	<p>Parking Services Manager</p> <p>Head of Planning and Development</p>	<p>a) A network of 100 rapid charging points for electric vehicles across the Borough, sufficient to meet the needs of residents who cannot charge vehicles at home.</p> <p>b) Incorporation of electric vehicle home charging points into new developments.</p> <p>c) Work with businesses to increase the number of EV charging points in town centres.</p>	<p>Bid to be made to Office for Low Emission Vehicle grants</p>	<p>The Planning Service is requiring developers to incorporate charging points into all significant new housing and commercial developments. As a result, several thousand active (live) or passive (ducted) charging points will be installed in new developments across the</p>	

				Borough over the next few years.	
7.3 Promote walking and cycling to school and to work, especially in the town centres	<p>Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Hertfordshire County Council</p> <p>Parking Services Manager</p> <p>Sport Development Officer</p> <p>Sustainability Officer</p> <p>Planning Policy Officer</p>	<p>a) All schools to have dedicated travel plan to promote safer and sustainable travel Support schools to determine multi-agency parking enforcement plan to prevent dangerous parking near schools at start and end of school day if situation becomes very problematic.</p> <p>b) Cycling proficiency training for children (HCC)</p> <p>c) Develop and deliver cycling proficiency programme for adults</p> <p>d) Increase provision of bike racks in town centres.</p>	Existing	<p>a) Conversations began with HCC Road Safety and Sustainable Travel team. They are currently working with 13 schools.</p> <p>b) Delayed by Covid-19.</p> <p>c) Learn to Ride sessions commissioned for Summer 2021 from HCC. Ride Leader training to take place in Broxbourne in Autumn 2021.</p> <p>d) Included in plans for Waltham Cross development.</p>	
7.4 Lobby to improve public transport in the Borough and promote the use of low emission buses.	<p>Head of Planning and Development</p> <p>Planning Policy Manager</p>	Lobbying undertaken for bus routes to major housing developments and stations, for a new station at Wormley and Park Plaza, and for low emission buses.	Existing	No update	

Objective 8: Reduce waste and increase recycling					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG status
8.1 Continue public information campaigns to promote waste minimisation and recycling.	Communications Manager Waste & Street Scene Manager	Household recycling rate reduces gap with average for Hertfordshire.	Existing	Feature in Our Broxbourne Summer 2021 issue. Social media outreach	
8.2 Provide information on recycling and green waste collection along with the Council Tax bill to households moving into the Borough.	Waste & Street Scene Manager, Head of Finance, Council Tax Manager		Approximately £1k for double sided colour 15 insert	Was unable to dispatch insert along with Council Tax letters. Significant feature instead in Our Broxbourne Summer 2021 issue.	
8.3 Investigate, and develop, ways of minimising household waste for example, recycling textiles, and small WEEE.	Waste & Street Scene Manager Sustainability Officer		New routes for diverting household waste may require additional funding.	Have bid for funding for a repair café with emphasis on textile repair and recycling. Also exploring platform to offer excess furniture and other equipment across the public sector in Hertfordshire.	
8.4 Encourage schools to increase recycling, and to address waste	Waste & Street Scene Manager		Increased uptake of recycling collections by schools.	Existing	To be developed.

minimisation, reuse and recycling through the school curriculum.	Broxbourne Association of Secondary School Heads Broxbourne Youth Council Sustainability Officer.		Herts Waste Partnership - Waste Aware Group		
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Objective 9: Engage residents further in improving their local environment and adopting a sustainable lifestyle					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG status
9.1 Consider working with other local authorities in Hertfordshire to recruit enough households to hold an energy switch auction, to secure favourable energy tariffs for local residents.	Sustainability Officer	If viable, an energy switch auction is held with at least 100 participating households from Broxbourne. If not, the Council promotes the London Boroughs energy auction (which does not require London residence).	Existing	Sustainability Officer recruited.	
9.2 Increase allotment usage and promotion of the benefits of working an allotment.	Director of Environmental Services	Increase in allotment usage.	Additional funding required if a new site has to be cleared and facilities installed.	Increase in allotment usage across all sites.	
9.3 Participate in Clean Air Day, to promote awareness of air pollution and	Communications Manager	Greater engagement with Social Media	Existing	Aligned with the annual national campaign.	

encourage residents to join the Council in taking action to reduce it.					
9.4 Promote World Wildlife Fund's annual Earth Hour, encouraging residents to make pledges to improve the sustainability of their lifestyle, registering the Council's commitments to do so, and switching off lights on or in Council buildings and structures as a visible reminder.	Communications Manager	At least 100 households each year make sustainability pledges.	Existing	Aligned with the annual national campaign.	
9.5 Provide information on the Council's website to assist residents adopt a more sustainable lifestyle.	Communications Manager / Head of Finance New Sustainability Officer.	Conduct Social Media campaign in Spring 2021.	Existing	Programme of Environmental campaigns agreed with Communications to ensure maximum promotion. Webpages delayed to Autumn 2021. Content discussed.	

<p>9.6 Work with local community groups to tackle fuel poverty amongst residents on low incomes, helping them to obtain the winter fuel allowance and funding from energy companies to install energy efficiency measures.</p>	<p>Head of Environmental Health and Licencing Sustainability Officer.</p>	<p>a) Number of households receiving help with energy efficiency measures. b) Number of households assisted or advised on obtaining winter fuel allowance. c) The Council previously participated in a Hertfordshire wide 'Warmer Homes Project' which concluded in July 2020. YES Energy Solutions are now offering a similar scheme for free.</p>	<p>Existing</p>	<p>Bid submitted to Sustainable Warmth Fund in July as part of Hertfordshire consortia led by the Greater South East Energy Hub. Meeting scheduled for mid-September to take forward project in Broxbourne. Agreed participation in Energy Saving App for our residents in conjunction with HCCSP.</p>	
<p>9.7 Development of Community Gardens to increase environmental awareness, biodiversity and to provide opportunities for volunteering and emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>Community Development Manager, External Partners</p>	<p>Two community gardens established by December 2021 at Hoddesdon (Peace Cottage) and Rosedale (Rosedale Community Church).</p>	<p>External funding bids by community partners</p>	<p>Peace Cottage - fundraising campaign commenced. Open day held on 14/8. Rosedale – will start planting in Autumn 2021.</p>	

Objective 10: Encourage businesses to become more sustainable and to develop their resilience to climate risks.					
Task	Responsibility	Target	Resourcing	Programme update	RAG status
10.1 Organise an annual event on sustainability for local businesses, to learn about reducing energy usage, sustainable procurement, home working etc.	Economic Development Manager, Sustainability Officer.	Annual event held virtually	Existing	Events in association with Birch Communities and Herts Chamber of Commerce held in Spring and Summer 2021.	
10.2 Provide links to guidance for businesses on sustainability on the Council website.	Economic Development Manager, Communications Manager, Sustainability Officer	Guidance available on website by March 2021 Promote guidance via e-newsletters and social media.	Existing	Sustainability Officer working with LEP on producing Net Zero guide for businesses.	
10.3 Promote take-up of grants currently available for Hertfordshire businesses from Low Carbon Workspaces.	Economic Development Manager	Take-up promoted at business events and on Council website.	Existing	These are promoted as and when they are announced. Several e-newsletters and a printed newsletter that will accompany the business rates bills include details of available grants.	
10.4 Take account of growing opportunities in the low carbon sector in development of the Skills Strategy for Broxbourne with local partners.	Economic Development Manager	Skills Strategy references low carbon sector. By Quarter 1 2021/22/	Existing	Low Carbon Sector Skills to be discussed at Broxbourne Strategic Partnership for Skills meeting October 2021.	

10.5 Sponsor an annual award at the SME Hertfordshire Business Awards for sustainability in business.	Economic Development Manager	Award offered in 2020.	Existing	Awards for 2020 have been combined with 2021 due to the pandemic.	
10.6 Working with partners in the West Essex and East Hertfordshire Digital Innovation Zone (DIZ) to make the case for "fibre to the premises" (FTTP) infrastructure throughout the Borough.	Economic Development Manager	Evidence of reporting and lobbying for FTTP infrastructure.	Existing	Discussions taking place with delivery companies for FTTP.	
10.7 Encourage larger businesses in the Borough to develop plans to reduce petrol and diesel vehicle use.	Economic Development Manager	Evidence of guidance provided to local businesses.	Existing	Part of the Net Zero toolkit for businesses. Love Hoddesdon working with Eastern New Energy to offer businesses a free vehicle fleet audit.	
10.8 Explore viability of scheme to recognise shops that sell produce that is sustainably produced and packaged and is local, organic, animal-friendly and fairly traded (LOAF)	Sustainability Officer, Economic Development Officer	Feasibility of scheme to be explored by December 2021.	Existing	Conversations have begun.	