

**Progress against the commitments set out in the Councils adopted Environment Policy with
further actions identified or suggested, November 2017.**

Commitment	We will – action commitment	Progress Please provide any examples or actions taken e.g. How much did we do? How well did we do it?
Leadership	Set a good example and adopt good practice	<p>Environmental Steering Group in place and proactively working on delivering action plan.</p> <p>Transport 2050 event held showcasing low carbon transport and various information provided to both staff, businesses and the public.</p> <p>Procured 20 electric vehicles as part of fleet replacement programme, along with the installation of electric vehicle charging points.</p>
	Support communities in North East Lincolnshire to find local solutions that benefit themselves and the environment	<p>A publicity campaign was undertaken on June 15th 2017 (Clean Air Day) to promote Air Quality and the measures that the public can undertake to increase air quality.</p> <p>Held Transport 2050 event and sought community views. Worked with local community interest company in relation to solar generation.</p> <p>The NELC website has been developed and expanded to include additional information to advise people about what their risk of flooding is and what measures they can take to reduce this.</p> <p>A series of community engagement events took place between the 21st and 28th October 2015 to promote self-help in relation to flood resistance. One Friday every August staff from NELC and the Environment Agency man a stand in Freshney Place to promote flood risk awareness in the Borough.</p> <p>The asset register on the NELC website has been updated to show watercourses, culverts and flood storage areas to the 'find my nearest' section.</p>

		<p>Held a roundtable discussion in Westminster to lead the way on developing a clean growth vision for NEL.</p> <p>Hosted a national “clean break” conference in Grimsby to develop our low carbon vision.</p>
	Consider the environmental impact of key decisions and policies	<p>Feedback was provided on the Housing Strategy and Action Plan.</p> <p>Social Value toolkit development which includes environmental aspects.</p> <p>Internal Audit completed to ensure policies and procedures are in place.</p> <p>Decision on new waste collection methods and introduction of alternate weekly collections took account of environmental impact in developing the options.</p> <p>Environmental Officer Group established to systematically review policies.</p>
	Fully comply with environmental legislation and statutory duties and prevent environmental pollution	<p>An Annual Service Report (ASR) was submitted in June 2017 in accordance with the Environment Act 1995, with appraisal from DEFRA received.</p> <p>Creation of legal register in progress.</p> <p>Pre planning advice provided for potential development.</p> <p>A number of actions have now been completed, progress continues to be made regarding the remaining actions in the action plan focusing on local flood risk and coastal defence where NELC are the lead.</p> <p>COSHH assessments undertaken.</p> <p>Council achieved Gold standard award for Health and Safety.</p> <p>Internal Audit completed to ensure policies and procedures are in place.</p>
	Set environmental targets and regularly publish information about our performance.	<p>Formation of the Air Quality Steering Committee.</p> <p>Environmental needs analysis undertaken and baseline data established where possible.</p>

		<p>Targets have now been adopted and set for Waste, Air Quality and Energy.</p> <p>Climate Local targets and actions have been adopted.</p>
<p>Further Actions for 2018/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue delivery of action plan. • Strengthening the links and actions of the Local Transport Strategy and Plan to take into account community consultation and recent governmental changes. • Evaluation of pilot scheme and consideration of a staff scheme. • Community energy work shop being planned to showcase examples and develop further ideas. • Continue development of NELC website to provide advice about potential flood risk and reduction methods. • Continue community engagement events. • Continue development of asset register on NELC website. • All policies and strategies to be reviewed by the Environmental Steering Group. • Delivery of ASR to be overseen by the Air Quality Steering Committee. • Complete legal register and check against council functions. • Provide a consultee role in future pre planning applications. • Continue the delivery of actions from the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan. 		
<p>Response to Climate Change</p>	<p>Take action to reduce our impact on climate change and make sure that the causes and effects of climate change and severe weather events are considered in decisions and policies</p>	<p>Environmental Steering Group consulted in relation to policies.</p> <p>Strategic commissioning lead for Energy and Environment is consulted on key cabinet reports.</p> <p>Energy and Carbon programme oversees delivery of key projects and activities to reduce our impact on climate change.</p> <p>Funding is being sought to carry out a more detailed study of the surface water drainage systems in Grimsby and Immingham. If successful, this will provide a clear picture of the flood risk locations and help plan mitigation measures. The study will also be</p>

		<p>supplemented by local and historical knowledge.</p> <p>Waste services are heavily promoting recycling of waste and have provided an extra 4000 recycling boxes since September 2017.</p> <p>Any replacement Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) have the latest Euro VI engines to ensure cleaner fuel technology and therefore reducing CO2 emissions.</p> <p>All vehicle procurement specifications now include:</p> <p>Environmental Policy – Supplier must have an environmental policy in place ensuring they committed to providing environmentally friendly, energy efficient vehicles and machinery. Must be evidenced, preferably ISO 14001 accredited or similar. Must comply with the Clean Vehicles Directive 2009/33/EC https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/3623/guidelines.pdf</p> <p>Fleet Management have replaced 20 of its old diesel fleet vehicles with new electric vehicles. This is estimated to reduce CO₂ emissions by approximately 500kg per vehicle per year.</p>
	<p>Assess the risks from climate change to our services and seek to recognise and address them</p>	<p>For all services, goods and works procured assessment is undertaken and contractually providers need to mitigate.</p> <p>Cabinet consider environmental risks.</p> <p>Emergency Planning framework includes responding to the impact of extreme weather events. Scenario testing has been undertaken and contingency plans are in place.</p>
	<p>Support environmentally responsive local economic growth recognising the increased stress on habitats.</p>	<p>Pre planning advice provided for potential developments.</p> <p>At planning stage, Environmental Management provides advice as a formal consultee.</p> <p>NELC is a partner in the Lincolnshire Biodiversity Action Plan and has undertaken assessments of all key ecological sites within the Borough.</p>

Further Actions for 2018/19

- Consult Environmental Steering Group in relation to relevant policies.
- Strategic commissioning lead for Energy and Environment to be consulted on key cabinet reports.
- Energy and Carbon programme to continue overseeing delivery of key projects and activities to reduce our impact on climate change.
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- For all services, goods and works procured, an assessment is to be undertaken and contractually, providers need to mitigate.
- Environmental Steering Group to consider environmental risks.
- Continue pre planning advice for potential developments.
- Provides advice as a formal consultee at planning stage.

<p>Transport & Travel</p>	<p>Reduce the overall need to travel and actively encourage sustainable options such as walking, cycling, public transport, car sharing, and the use of new technology</p>	<p>Delivery of 12 Business Travel Plans to local employers. Initial round of plans due for review in winter 2017/2018. This will identify how successful they have been in encouraging sustainable travel options.</p> <p>Over 700 people seen by Transport Officers as part of the “Dr Bike” and “Be Seen, Be Safe” programme of events during Summer 2017.</p> <p>Launch of Europarc car share scheme, over 200 registered members.</p> <p>Initial round of Residential Travel Planning project delivered in Summer 2017. 102 households on Freshney Green estate took part, 68 households received a personalised travel plan and 28 made a pledge to change travel habits.</p> <p>Several members of staff have joined the cycle to work scheme.</p> <p>Several members of staff have joined ‘lift share’.</p> <p>Total Transport, enabling group of users to join a one stop shop for moving people.</p> <p>Reduced the number of waste collection, street cleansing and grass cutting rounds.</p> <p>A behavioural insights approach has been drafted, exploring the potential for piloting a behaviour change campaign in 2018 and increase cycling as a mode of transport.</p>
	<p>Minimise the environmental impact of our fleet vehicles</p>	<p>The Council has begun a transition to an alternative fuelled fleet. 20 Electric Vehicles are now fully operational. This is estimated to reduce CO₂ emissions by approximately 500kg</p>

		<p>per vehicle per year.</p> <p>Any replacement vehicles have the latest Euro VI engines to ensure cleaner fuel technology and therefore reducing CO2 emissions.</p> <p>All procurement specifications now include:</p> <p>Environmental Policy – Supplier must have an environmental policy in place ensuring they committed to providing environmentally friendly, energy efficient vehicles and machinery. Must be evidenced, preferably ISO 14001 accredited or similar. Must comply with the Clean Vehicles Directive 2009/33/EC: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/3623/guidelines.pdf</p>
	<p>Improve access to and promote the use of sustainable transport solutions to enable communities to contribute positively to reducing carbon emissions</p>	<p>The Total Transport project was a cross-sector project that provided benefits to a wide range of passenger types, those seeking healthcare, jobseekers, those in education, employment, older and disabled by local transport services and operators. A Total Transport Group was set up to look at this and help the delivery of the project. This project has now concluded.</p> <p>Transport 2050 event held in partnership with ENGIE and NELC to promote awareness and consult with community about sustainable transport.</p>
	<p>Adopt a collaborative approach, working across sectors to achieve better outcomes for communities</p>	<p>Fleet Management are part of a 17 member regional fleet forum ‘YorLincs’, sharing best practice and knowledge, which identifies any areas for improvement.</p> <p>Waste services are members of a similar waste forum.</p>
<p>Further Actions for 2018/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of Grimsby “Commuter Plan” bus ticketing project to lower the cost of public transport travel for regular commuters to Europarc, South Humber Bank and for other selected local organisations. • Completion of Local Cycling & Walking Investment Plan (LCWIP) with the Department for Transport (DfT) by Summer 2018. Will fill existing gap in policy and support bids for additional investment in cycling and walking infrastructure. • On-going delivery of DfT funded “Access Fund” projects to 2020. 		

- Renovation works to be undertaken at Cleethorpes Railway Station to create Cycle Hub.
- Delivery of NELC annual Local Transport Plan capital programme for 2018/19.
- Roll out of School Travel Planning offer to identify and tackle issues associated with the “School Run”.
- Services are constantly challenged on the need for replacement vehicles and whether they can actually reduce the number of vehicles they operate.
- All future vehicle replacements will be specified with a minimum Euro VI engine and alternative, cleaner, vehicles will be explored and sourced where possible and cost effective.
- Funding to be found for Total Transport Group project.
- Develop a behavioural change marketing plan for the LTP during 2018.
- Finalise and deliver pilot behaviour change campaign in 2018 and increase cycling as a mode of transport.

Workforce	Raise awareness & understanding to instil and encourage good environmental behaviour	<p>Energy and Carbon newsletter distributed quarterly.</p> <p>Publishing and making council employees and elected members aware of climate local commitment, environmental policy and energy vision.</p> <p>Employees are incentivised to cycle through salary sacrifice loans</p> <p>Recycling leaflets, promotion campaign and raising community awareness.</p>
	Provide information and deliver support to elected members and employees so that they understand and comply with relevant environmental legislation and regulations.	<p>Recycling leaflets, communications and presentations provided to staff and community.</p> <p>Information on website regarding different aspects of environmental regulations.</p> <p>Information included in relation to commissioning and contracting with expectations clearly stated.</p>

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- Behaviour change awareness programme to be developed for planning staff, elected members, partners and schools/academies.

- Exploration of incentives for staff to lease Electric/Hybrid cars is integral to new salary sacrifice leasing scheme .

Built & Natural Environment	Take action to reduce carbon emissions from council activities, including meeting more of our energy needs from renewable sources	<p>Phase 1 role out of Solar PV panels on 6 buildings.</p> <p>Energy Opportunities assessment of business suits has been completed.</p> <p>Street Lighting LED replacement scheme completed with remaining small number of replacements planned for 2018.</p> <p>Commissioning and procurement activity includes reference to Environment Policy and checked accordingly via contracting proportionally.</p>
	Minimise pollution created by our estate and take action to reduce, reuse and recycle waste and water wherever possible	<p>A new road has been opened (Mathew Ford Way) that links Immingham/Stallingborough road with the A 180 and east gate into Immingham Docks – done to take large wagons out of Immingham and onto the docks, thus improving air quality.</p> <p>Encouraging the use of renewable technologies at Council owned properties. Review of Council owned sites to assess the possibility for increased use of renewable technologies (business centre review). Inclusion of renewable technologies in future projects.</p> <p>Recycling in main Council office accommodation.</p>

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- Further consideration of the public estate and further work on external funding application opportunities such as European regional growth funding (ERDF).
- Implementation of energy conservation measures in phase 1 of agreed public sector buildings.
- Continue the encouragement of renewable technologies at Council owned properties in relation to use.