







## Climate Change Strategy 2023 – 2030: Delivery Plan 2025/26

<b>Our strategic aims</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To decarbonise the council's operations to become carbon neutral by 2030</li> <li>To work towards decarbonising the wider borough by 2050.</li> </ul>			
<b>Our strategic themes</b>		Buildings and Energy Use		Communications, Engagement and Training
		Travel		Council Influence and Partnership Activity
		Green Space, Land Use, Offsetting and Waste		Data, Monitoring, and Corporate Activity
<b>Our priority areas</b>	Priority 1	Decarbonise the Council's commercial and operational assets	Priority 7	Reduce and manage waste
	Priority 2	Decarbonise and adapt housing in the borough for climate change	Priority 8	Communicate climate change messages, facilitate the Chesterfield Climate Change Forum, and support wider community action on climate change.
	Priority 3	Low carbon procurement	Priority 9	Embed climate change awareness and activity across the Council
	Priority 4	Decarbonise the Council's vehicle fleet	Priority 10	Adapt council policies and strategies to account for a changing climate
	Priority 5	Support sustainable travel	Priority 11	Horizon scanning for new methods to address climate change and how they apply to CBC
	Priority 6	Climate friendly land management	Priority 12	Report on our climate change activity and progress towards strategy delivery.

Priority 1 – Decarbonise the Council’s commercial and operational assets and maximise energy generation opportunities.



<p><b>Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26</b></p>	<p>Take steps to decarbonise the Council’s commercial and operational assets by assessing maintenance requirements, energy efficiency, decarbonisation and renewable energy generation.</p>	
<p><b>Why is this important?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ In order to meet the 2030 target we need to decarbonise our commercial and operational buildings which are largely dependent on gas and are the source of most of the Council’s emissions.</li> <li>✓ Renewable energy generation improves the Council’s resilience to rising energy costs.</li> <li>✓ To make our buildings sustainable and resilient to the impacts of climate change.</li> <li>✓ Estimated carbon savings to the Council - High</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Activities for 2025/26</b></p>		<p><b>Outputs and measures</b></p>
<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>Assessing the condition of our operational buildings and considering business cases for decarbonisation and renewable energy generation.</b></p>	
<p>1.1.</p>	<p>Complete stock condition and decarbonisation surveys on the following operational assets (in priority order) by spring 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chesterfield Town Hall</li> <li>• Dunston Innovation Centre</li> <li>• Queens Park Sports Centre</li> <li>• Tipton Innovation Centre</li> <li>• Stonegravel Depot</li> <li>• Crematorium</li> <li>• Winding Wheel</li> <li>• Pavements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stock Condition and Decarbonisation Surveys – 8</li> </ul>
<p>1.2.</p>	<p>During summer 2025, present asset management plans (including decarbonisation and energy generation options) to discuss with Corporate Property Board with a view to bidding into the 2025/26 Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (or similar funding scheme).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report to Corporate Property Board – 1</li> </ul>

1.3.	Update the Staveley Healthy Living Centre decarbonisation scheme following outcome of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding bid, presenting funding options, additional maintenance requirements, and solar energy generation to Cabinet. (Expected Summer 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet Report – 1</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Renewable energy generation</b>	
2.1.	Install and monitor solar PV system at the Northern Gateway Enterprise Centre (April 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar Installation, and energy generated, carbon saved (expected to offset around 27% of the building's energy consumption)</li> </ul>
2.2.	Install and monitor solar PV system at the Pavilion Building as part of Staveley 21 (November 2025).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar Installation, and energy generated, carbon saved</li> </ul>
2.3.	Approve the corporate Energy Generation Action Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Generation Action Plan – 1</li> </ul>
2.4.	Continue to assess renewable energy generation potential on Council sites in line with the Council's Energy Generation Action Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specification for renewable energy requirements</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>External funding sources</b>	
3.1.	Through horizon scanning and partnership working with organisations such as Midlands Net Zero Hub, maximise funding opportunities and identify policy changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding opportunities identified</li> </ul>
3.2.	Apply for appropriate grants (e.g. Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and Low Carbon Skills Fund)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Funding Applications (apply for appropriate grant funding available for 8 priority operational assets)</li> </ul>
3.3.	<b>Best practise sustainability standard for new developments and retrofit/refurbishment projects</b>	

3.4.	Establish most appropriate sustainability standard for new developments and refurbishment projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard agreed</li> </ul>
3.5.	Complete new development and refurbishment projects during 2025/26 maximising sustainable features including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Derbyshire Rail Industry Innovation Vehicle (DRIIVe)</li> <li>Staveley 21</li> <li>Stephenson Memorial Hall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy efficiency and/or thermal performance</li> <li>Low carbon heat sources</li> <li>Renewable energy generation</li> </ul>
<b>What we will be using to inform decision making and priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asset Management Strategy</li> <li>Asset Management Delivery Plan</li> <li>Stock Condition and Decarbonisation Surveys</li> </ul>		

## Priority 2 – Decarbonise and adapt housing in the borough for climate change



<b>Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26</b>	Invest £31.3m in our housing capital programme for 25/26, including a range of activities to improve the energy efficiency of our Council homes, and distribute grant funding for homeowners and landlords.	
<b>Why is this important?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ More energy efficient homes will reduce carbon emissions across the borough</li> <li>✓ The Council has committed to decarbonising our six independent living schemes as part of its 2030 carbon neutral target.</li> <li>✓ More resilient and future proofed homes</li> <li>✓ Energy efficient homes will have positive benefits for residents (e.g. reduced energy bills and better health and wellbeing).</li> <li>✓ Estimated carbon savings to the Council and wider Borough - High</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities for 2025/26</b>		<b>Outputs and measures</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Standards for newly built and acquired Council homes</b>	
1.1.	All new homes built by the Council will continue to be designed to achieve EPC band A, and a range of other sustainability measures including cycle stores, electric car charging points and rainwater recycling through collection points in gardens. Water usage will be calculated and features such as perforated taps and low flow baths introduced to reduce consumption.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of new homes built to EPC A</li> <li>• Case studies on additional sustainability measures</li> </ul>
1.2.	All homes acquired by the Council from 2025 to be retrofitted to achieve a minimum EPC rating of B (for acquisition of new newly built homes) or C (acquisition of older homes).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of homes acquired including number acquired at EPC C or above and number requiring improvements to achieve EPC C or above</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Invest in existing council homes to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon as part of the Housing Capital Programme</b>	
2.1.	Deliver improvements to council homes as part of our £31.3m capital programme. This will include £14.5m investment in decent homes and decarbonisation work - £2.3m on heating solutions, £2m on Wave 3 funded improvements (see 3.1 below), £370,000 for Brocklehurst Court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Home Improvements delivered</li> </ul>

	decarbonisation scheme (see 5.1 below), and £3.7m on roofing, windows and doors which help to improve energy efficiency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case studies to demonstrate impact of improvements (windows, doors, roofs, heating solutions) – 2</li> </ul>
2.2.	Communicate co-benefits to tenants (e.g. cost of living and health and wellbeing).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenant Impact Report (co-benefits)</li> </ul>
2.3.	Provide general training and awareness raising around green skills and new technologies (links to LARA project in priority 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green Skills Training</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>External funding sources for decarbonisation and increasing energy efficiency in Council Homes</b>	
3.1.	Subject to the bid being successful, deliver £6m of energy efficiency improvements across approximately 825 Council Homes during 2025/26 and 2026/27. This is expected to include: heating replacements, heat pumps, roofs, loft insulation, window replacement, external wall insulation, LED lighting, and taking 75 properties off gas) as part of the Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund Wave 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total number of homes receiving improvements through Wave 3 programme (target 825) including number of homes taken off gas (target 75)</li> </ul>
3.2.	Through horizon scanning and partnership working, continue to identify external funding opportunities to deliver improvements to social housing stock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding opportunities identified</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Council housing decarbonisation plan</b>	
4.1.	Develop a long-term plan for decarbonising heating in our council homes supporting the 2050 target.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Term Plan (visual map)</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Decarbonisation programme for the Council's independent living schemes</b>	
5.1.	As part of the housing capital programme (2.1 above), complete decarbonisation and energy generation project at Brocklehurst Court and monitor and quantify the impact, which is anticipated to reduce carbon emissions at the site by 80% (69 t CO <sub>2</sub> e).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Energy generated</li> <li>Carbon savings</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Features installed (air source heat pumps, solar panels, solar battery storage)</li> </ul>
5.2.	<p>Consider options to decarbonise the remaining five independent living schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkside at Newbold</li> <li>• Catherine Court at Brampton</li> <li>• Glebe Court at Old Whittington</li> <li>• Markham Court at Duckmanton</li> <li>• Mallard and Leander Court at Staveley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ground source heat pump feasibility studies</li> <li>• Business case for decarbonisation and energy generation project at Parkside</li> </ul>
5.3.	Transfer the learning from shared domestic heating decarbonisation activity and utilise it to inform future planning and assessment of district heating network decarbonisation, reporting findings to corporate property board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared Domestic Heat Learning and Future Plans Report</li> </ul>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Management and distribution of grants for homeowners and landlords</b>	
6.1.	Continue to distribute and maximise government funding for home improvements and decarbonisation initiatives (e.g. Warm Homes: Local Grant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schemes taken part in</li> <li>• Funding distributed</li> <li>• Improvements funded and carbon savings</li> </ul>
6.2.	Support residents to reduce energy usage and direct homeowners to retrofitting advice to reduce carbon emissions, energy bills and promote healthier homes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications, information and advice available</li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Renewable energy on Council Homes</b>	
7.1.	Monitor solar PV on existing and new council homes to evaluate emission and cost savings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing Solar Review – energy generated, carbon savings, and feed-in tariff (FiT) payments</li> <li>• New Solar Review</li> </ul>

	<p><b>What we will be using to inform decision making and priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council Homes stock condition data</li><li>• Derby and Derbyshire-wide housing stock data across all stock types</li><li>• Shared domestic heating feasibility study from 24/25</li><li>• Housing performance information available on the website</li></ul>	
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### Priority 3 – Low carbon procurement



Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26	To ensure low carbon energy purchasing and contracts with external suppliers.	
Why is this important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To ensure the Council delivers sustainable procurement</li> <li>✓ To reduce environmental impacts within the supply chain – commissioning, purchase and management of goods, works and services</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities for 2025/26</b>		<b>Outputs and measures</b>
1.	<b>Social value and sustainability in procurement</b>	
1.1.	Adopt a new procurement strategy aligned to the National Procurement Policy Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement Strategy including social value commitment – 1</li> </ul>
1.2.	Undertake local needs analysis to establish the priorities for Chesterfield Borough Council's social value approach and measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Value policy and approach</li> </ul>
1.3.	Develop supplier codes of conduct to work towards minimum standards in areas such as climate change, modern slavery, equalities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplier code of conduct</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Purchase low carbon electricity for 26/27</b>	
2.1.	Continue to purchase electricity generated from carbon-free sources by confirming arrangements for 26/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tariff approved</li> </ul>
<p><b>What we will be using to inform decision making and priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Procurement Policy Statement</li> <li>• Best practice examples via sector support organisations including LGA, EMC and ASPE</li> </ul>		

## Priority 4 – Decarbonise the Council's vehicle fleet



Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26	Implement the Council's Fleet Decarbonisation Plan to remove the reliance on fossil-fuelled vehicles and equipment, develop infrastructure, and participate in trials of emerging technology and solutions.	
Why is this important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Around 20% of Council's emissions relate to fleet – use of diesel and petrol</li> <li>✓ Continue to invest in green fleet sustainability – Council fleet, assets and infrastructure to reduce the use of fossil fuel</li> </ul>	
Activities for 2025/26		Outputs and measures
1.	<b>Evaluate and capture lessons learnt from Phase 1 fleet decarbonisation activities.</b>	
1.1.	Capture feedback from Council services on the transition from fossil fuel to Electric Vehicle (EV) fleet to inform future phases (e.g. retrofitting, equipment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 Evaluation Report – 1</li> </ul>
1.2.	Using available data and addressing gaps to understand the full impact of the transition to EVs (e.g. fuel cost, energy usage, and usage of charging points, range.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 Evaluation Report – 1</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Prepare for Phase 2 of the Council's Fleet Decarbonisation Plan “replace all medium sized vans (currently 45) with electric vehicles” to be implemented in 26/27.</b>	
2.1.	Review the council's fleet decarbonisation plan in line with the council's Medium Term Financial Plan, drawing on updated estimated costs, data analysis and emerging technology (eg. vehicle usage and EV charging analysis).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated fleet decarbonisation plan report</li> <li>• Dynamic Resource System</li> </ul>
2.2.	Develop and approve a corporate Tracker Policy during the first quarter of 2025-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracker Policy – 1</li> </ul>
2.3.	Following the stock condition surveys of Council owned buildings, work with Corporate Property to understand fleet decarbonisation infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fleet Decarbonisation Infrastructure Report (Stock Condition and Decarbonisation Surveys, LEVI programme)</li> </ul>
2.4.	Following 2.3, identify additional sites for overnight vehicle storage, charging and battery storage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sites identified</li> </ul>

2.5.	Engage with Distribution Network Operator to better understand our electric power requirements and limitations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacity Report</li> </ul>
2.6.	Establish Council's position to the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) as an alternative to diesel, informed by feasibility activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HVO Report</li> </ul>
2.7.	Explore Derbyshire County Council's Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funding opportunities, to install electric vehicle charging points at key sites for residents, tenants, Motability vehicle users and the Council's Housing Property Services (HPS).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of charge points on sites benefiting tenants and HPS</li> </ul>
2.8.	Continue to trial different vehicle and fuel types and learn from other organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Technology Trials</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Prepare for Phase 3 and further activity within the Fleet Decarbonisation Plan</b>	
3.1.	Develop plan to replace all 'large' sized vans and tippers (currently 119) with electric vehicles or HVO in 2027/28 (Links to 2.1 above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3</li> </ul>
3.2.	Develop plan to replace the 34 electric vehicles once the 2024 lease expires with a new fleet of electric vehicles in 2029 (Links to 2.1 above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 3</li> </ul>

## Priority 5 – Support sustainable travel



Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26	To support sustainable and active travel across the Borough.	
Why is this important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improved air quality and healthier streets</li> <li>✓ More reliable and sustainable transport networks</li> <li>✓ Maximising opportunities for communities to make greener travel choices</li> </ul>	
Activities for 2025/26		Outputs and measures
<b>1.</b>	<b>Travel to work campaign</b>	
1.1.	Use feedback from the travel to work study to encourage employees and councillors to make greener travel choices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Plan</li> </ul>
1.2.	Develop a travel to work campaign providing solutions and opportunities to reduce emissions and travel sustainably.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel to Work Campaign</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Wider borough public charge points strategy</b>	
2.1.	<p>Partner with Derbyshire County Council (Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI)) to build capacity for public electric vehicle charging points to be installed at sites within the borough. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lamp column chargers to increase on-street charging (2500 3-5kw overnight chargers across Derbyshire)</li> <li>• residential area on-street chargers (around 700 7-22kw fast chargers across Derbyshire, including CBC owned sites)</li> <li>• rapid charging (including CBC car parks in Chesterfield town centre)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEVI – Lamp Column Based Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure</li> <li>• LEVI – On-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure</li> <li>• LEVI – Private Sector Funded Rapid and Ultra Rapid Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Active travel</b>	

3.1.	Maximise opportunities for active travel and use of public transport through planning and partnership working.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chesterfield Town Centre Framework</li> </ul>
	<p><b>What we will be using to inform decision making and priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Planning Policy Framework</li> <li>• Chesterfield Local Plan</li> <li>• DCC Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy</li> </ul>	

## Priority 6 – Climate friendly land management



<b>Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26</b>	To further develop plans for climate friendly land management including the Council's woodland, grassland, and opportunities for carbon sequestration and storage.	
<b>Why is this important?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Well managed land copes better with the pressures of climate change (e.g. ecosystem change and flooding).</li> <li>✓ Trees provide many benefits for nature and people (e.g. green spaces to provide shade and support improved wellbeing).</li> <li>✓ Trees sequester carbon and provide offsetting opportunities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities for 2025/26</b>		<b>Outputs and measures</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Woodland management</b>	
1.1.	Finalise a woodland management policy compliant with the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodland Management Policy</li> </ul>
1.2.	Develop specific action plans aligned to the Woodland Management Policy to be implemented 26/27.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodland Management Action Plan</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Deliver tree planting and maintenance</b>	
2.1.	Utilise £12,000 from the Urban Tree Challenge Fund and £5,000 from the Coronation Living Heritage Fund to maintain 110 standard trees at four sites and the newly established Miyawaki Forests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree and Miyawaki Forests Maintenance</li> </ul>
2.2.	Subject to EMCCA approval, provide funding through the 2025/26 UKSPF programme for tree planting as part of the parks and open spaces investment, taking into consideration the 'right tree, right place' initiative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be confirmed subject to EMCCA approval of UKSPF programme 25/26.</li> </ul>
2.3.	Apply for additional external funding (once compliant with UKWAS) for additional tree planting and maintenance detailed in specific action plans (1.1 above).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding applications made</li> <li>• Funding received</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Nature Recovery</b>	

4.	Contribute as a Supporting Authority to the Derbyshire-wide Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• agreeing priorities for nature's recovery</li> <li>• mapping the most valuable existing areas for nature</li> <li>• mapping specific proposals for creating or improving habitat for nature and wider environmental goals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derbyshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy</li> </ul>
5.	Agree actions to conserve and enhance biodiversity by building on the recommendations in the Council's Plan for Nature, which will enable the council to meet Biodiversity Duty in the Environment Act (2021).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan for Nature Delivery</li> </ul>
5.1.	Communicate with residents and communities about nature recovery as part of the Council's Plan for Nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with communications and climate change forum activities</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Council Land</b>	
6.1.	Develop an understanding of the requirements for housing development, renewable energy generation, environmental purposes, carbon sequestration, biodiversity net gain (BNG), and other on Council owned land (also links to energy generation action plan, priority 1, action 2)	
6.2.	Raise awareness of the grassland management plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement and communications material around grassland management</li> </ul>
6.3.	Progress plans for a natural burial site for the borough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site established</li> </ul>
	<b>What we will be using to inform decision making and priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodland Management Policy</li> <li>• UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS)</li> <li>• Chesterfield Borough Council's Energy Strategy</li> <li>• Derbyshire Tree Strategy and Community Forests</li> </ul>	


## Priority 7 – Reduce and manage waste



Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26	To minimise and manage waste at the Council and across the Borough, promoting waste reduction, recycling and reuse.	
Why is this important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To reduce the amount of waste going to landfill or incineration</li> <li>✓ To increase recycling</li> <li>✓ To reduce carbon emissions associated with the collection of waste and recycling</li> <li>✓ To encourage a 'reuse' culture through refurbished technology</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities for 2025/26</b>		<b>Outputs and measures</b>
1.	<b>Increased Recycling Rates and Range of Materials</b>	
1.1.	Share information on improved recycling service with residents regarding enhanced waste sorting and a reduction in contamination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Recycling Service</li> <li>• Domestic Recycling Communications</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Domestic Food Waste Collection</b>	
2.1.	Consider the most appropriate options for food waste collection vehicles to ensure effective service delivery in line with the Corporate Fleet Decarbonation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Food Waste Fleet Plan</li> </ul>
2.2.	Implement domestic food waste collections by end of March 2026.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Waste Collection Service</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Reduce and manage electronic waste, print and postage</b>	
3.1.	Work with community groups to make use of refurbished electronic equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbished Technology Action Plan</li> </ul>



3.2.	Identify areas of high print and postage within the organisation and establish reduction targets linked to the hybrid mail transformation project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print and Postage Service Improvement Plan</li> </ul>
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Priority 8 – Support community action on climate change.		
Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26	Proactively communicate with key stakeholders on climate change issues, through a range of internal and external communications campaigns and projects – delivered under the Climate Action Now (CAN) campaign.	
Why is this important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improved community resilience</li> <li>✓ Community action supporting equity and social cohesion</li> <li>✓ Promotion of green skills, training employment and careers</li> <li>✓ Encourage behaviour change within the boroughs population</li> <li>✓ To promote the Council as a community leader through meeting own climate change commitments</li> </ul>	
Activities for 2025/26		Outputs and measures
1.	<b>Deliver the Council's climate change communications plan</b>	
1.1.	Regular communication channels and publications supporting the Council's climate change themes and national initiatives in line with the Council's CAN communications plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAN communications plan</li> <li>• Your Chesterfield – residents' newsletter</li> <li>• CAN email newsletter</li> <li>• Council social media channels</li> <li>• Internal communications and campaigns for staff and members</li> <li>• Proactive media work</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Support and facilitate the Chesterfield Climate Change Forum</b>	
2.1.	Support the Chesterfield Climate Change Forum to develop and deliver its action plan for 2025/26.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Plan</li> </ul>

2.2.	Engage with the Chesterfield Climate Change Forum on the Council and wider Borough's progress towards 2030 and 2050 decarbonisation targets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chesterfield Climate Change Forum – themes, activities and events delivered</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Community grant fund and community development support for climate projects</b>	
3.1.	Support local community groups to undertake climate change projects through the Community Grants Fund during 25/26, ringfencing a minimum of £20,000 of grant funding (combination of CIL neighbourhoods and UKSPF) for climate related projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding allocated to climate projects (minimum £20,000)</li> </ul>
3.2.	Provide advice and support to local community groups to apply to the Community Grants Fund and other funding sources for climate change projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice provided regarding climate change related projects and interventions</li> </ul>
3.3.	Include climate change training and engagement as a key element of the Council's support to the wider community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sessions offered to wider community</li> </ul>

## Priority 9 – Embed climate change awareness and activity across the Council



<b>Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26</b>	To ensure that climate change awareness and activities are embedded across the authority by providing training, impact assessment and collaboration across Council services.	
<b>Why is this important?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To ensure employees are aware of the Council's climate change strategy</li> <li>✓ To ensure employees are working together to realise climate change ambitions and targets</li> <li>✓ To provide support and added capacity to a growing and challenging climate change agenda</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities for 2025/26</b>		<b>Outputs and measures</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Deliver the Council's climate change training programme.</b>	
1.1.	Continue a programme of climate change training for elected members and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fresk Training</li> <li>• Carbon Literacy Training</li> </ul>
1.2.	Deliver an online climate change awareness module for staff as part of induction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Climate Change Awareness Training (induction and refresher course)</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Include Climate Change Impact Assessments (CCIAs) in the Council's decision making</b>	
2.1.	Support and advise colleagues on the completion of CCIAs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change Impact Assessments</li> <li>• Mitigating actions identified</li> </ul>
2.2.	Ensure CCIAs are reviewed if value and cost reductions are required, planning issues arise, or a legal issue emerges when delivering projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring and review of CCIAs</li> </ul>
2.3.	Consider updating the CCIA tool to include consideration of impact of air, water and noise pollution, and relevant social issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated CCIA Tool</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Engage with service areas and elected members on climate change.</b>	

3.1.	Continue quarterly strategic climate workshops for directors and operational leads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project and monitoring updates</li> </ul>
3.2.	Continue an internal Climate Action Now (CAN) campaign to highlight best practise behaviour and habits (e.g. switching lights off and printing less) and to reinforce the Council's commitment to addressing climate change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal CAN campaign</li> </ul>
	<p><b>What we will be using to inform decision making and priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee Engagement – initiatives including surveys, e-bulletins, articles</li> <li>• VIPs, and learning and development data</li> </ul>	

## Priority 10 – Adapt and plan for a changing climate



<b>Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26</b>	To support extreme weather adaptation for council service delivery, residents and businesses. Consider local climate-based risks and incorporate climate considerations into our forward planning and economic growth activities.	
<b>Why is this important?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To adapt to warmer and wetter winters and hotter and drier summers</li> <li>✓ To deal with an increase of intense rainfall and more frequent heatwaves</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities for 2025/26</b>		<b>Outputs and measures</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Support extreme weather adaptation for residents and businesses</b>	
1.1.	Working with the Derbyshire Local Resilience Partnership and others to ensure that extreme weather risks and adaptation are considered in the Derbyshire community risk registers and associated mitigation activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derbyshire Community Risk Register</li> </ul>
1.2.	Ensure that local protocols and arrangements are in place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Protocol</li> <li>• Strategic Risk Register</li> <li>• Service Area Risk Register</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Climate risk review using Met Office Local Authority Climate Service and other data sources</b>	
2.1.	Use the Met Office Local Authority Climate Service and other data sources to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform a review of the Council's resilience to climate change and update strategic and service area risk registers</li> <li>• Raise awareness of vulnerabilities and impact of climate change in Chesterfield Borough</li> <li>• Inform the development of future climate work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chesterfield Climate Change Forum action plan</li> <li>• CAN Communications plan</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Adaptation plans</b>	
3.1.	Work with local partners to develop opportunities for adaptation activities across the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adaptation Action Plan</li> </ul>
3.2.	Consider a bespoke climate change adaptation plan for Chesterfield borough.	

<b>4.</b>	<b>Local Plan review</b>	
4.1.	Ensure that climate change is embedded throughout the Local Plan update, including measures to promote a pattern of growth and urban design that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitigates and manages flood risk</li> <li>• Aims to reduce emissions and increase energy efficiency</li> <li>• Promotes renewable and low carbon energy</li> <li>• Protects the best and most versatile farming land</li> <li>• Helps to promote nature recovery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Plan Review</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Chesterfield Town Centre Framework</b>	
5.1.	Maximise opportunities for carbon reduction and environmental adaptation in the emerging town centre framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Framework developed</li> </ul>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Long-term plan for towns</b>	
6.1.	Following new government guidance, work with partners to explore opportunities to align the Long-Term Plan for Towns (LTPfT) programme with climate change related activity, including the delivery of project feasibility studies during 2025/26.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised LTPfT</li> <li>• Feasibility studies</li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<b>East Midlands Investment Zone (EMIZ)</b>	
7.1.	Work with landowners and EMIZ partners to create a marketing strategy for the Chesterfield EMIZ sites that harness the potential for green and advanced manufacturing sectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marketing strategy</li> </ul>
7.2.	Support landowners to deliver site investigations to inform the future remediation of the former depot site to bring forward for economic use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remediation activity</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>DRIVE</b>	
8.1.	Complete the construction of DRIVE at Barrow Hill Engine Shed to enable the commencement of research and development activities within rail sector that will include a focus on greening the sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction completed</li> </ul>

9.	<b>Green Skills</b>	
9.1.	Work with EMCCA to lever support for green skills in the borough.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional green skills support</li> </ul>
9.2.	Subject to EMCCA approval, provide funding through the 2025/26 UKSPF programme for an additional classroom at the Construction Skills Hub, enabling 20 green skills course places to be delivered, and increasing space for employer engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom</li> <li>• Green skills course places - 20</li> </ul>
9.3.	Work in partnership across the region to develop green skills (Local Area Retrofit Accelerator)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LARA project co-design workshops attended</li> <li>• Regional retrofit skills strategy</li> </ul>
	<b>What we will be using to inform decision making and priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derbyshire Local Resilience Partnership</li> </ul>	

## Priority 11 – Horizon scanning to address climate change



Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26	Undertake horizon scanning to identify decarbonisation solutions, activities, and funding opportunities which support the Council and wider Borough to meet its 2030 and 2050 targets.	
Why is this important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To maximising use of funding opportunities</li> <li>✓ Ensure sharing and understanding of best practice</li> <li>✓ Work in partnership with others to create efficiencies</li> </ul>	
<b>Activities for 2025/26</b>		<b>Outputs and measures</b>
1.	<b>Research and development</b>	
1.1.	Explore and commission feasibility work and draw on examples of best practise via organisations such as Midlands Net Zero Hub to support Council targets and service areas to develop and implement plans (2030 target research)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and pilot projects</li> </ul>
1.2.	Horizon scanning for decarbonisation opportunities in the wider borough for businesses and communities (2050 target research)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and pilot projects</li> <li>• Chesterfield Climate Change Forum</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Continue to engage with partners and develop wider sector influence</b>	
2.1.	Following on from our engagement with Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board engage with the East Midlands Combined County Authority to support partnership projects with other neighbouring councils across the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership approach to projects</li> </ul>
2.2.	Engage with wider council and climate change officer networks to ensure we are following and promoting good practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change Officer Group</li> <li>• LAEP</li> </ul>
<b>What we will be using to inform decision making and priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best practice examples via sector support organisations including LGA, EMC and ASPE</li> <li>• Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Partnership Climate Change group activity</li> </ul>		



## Priority 12 – Report on our climate change activity and progress towards strategy delivery



Aspirations and commitments for 2025/26	Monitor and evaluate progress towards completing the current Climate Change Delivery Plan, Climate Change Strategy and 2023-2030 and 2050 decarbonisation targets.	
Why is this important?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ To report Council emissions data across all activities and track progress in decarbonising.</li> <li>✓ To review Council investment and return on investment</li> <li>✓ To promote any co-benefits of Council activities</li> </ul>	
Activities for 2025/26		Outputs and measures
1.	Report usage	
1.1.	Report use of Electricity, Gas, Water, and Road fuels. Report wastewater generated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fleet – Diesel</li> <li>• Fleet – Petrol</li> <li>• Fleet – Electricity (metred EV charging)</li> <li>• Fleet – Other (e.g. HVO)</li> <li>• Assets – Gas</li> <li>• Assets – Electricity</li> <li>• Housing / Assets – Solar</li> <li>• Assets – Water</li> <li>• Assets – Wastewater</li> </ul>
1.2.	Measure and monitor the impact of individual decarbonisation and energy generation projects within the delivery plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 fleet (34 electric vehicles)</li> <li>• Northern Gateway – solar installation</li> <li>• Staveley 21 Pavilion</li> <li>• DRIVE</li> <li>• Stephenson Memorial Hall</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Grants Fund – funded projects</li> <li>• Brocklehurst Court Scheme</li> <li>• Council Homes Capital Investment Programme</li> <li>• Wave 3 Council Homes improvements</li> <li>• Existing Council Homes – solar installation</li> <li>• Private sector housing – funded projects</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Report waste</b>	
2.1.	Report Borough-wide recycling rates and waste volume values to gauge the success of activities promoting waste reduction, recycling and reuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WasteDataFlow</li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Annual Report</b>	
3.1.	Publish an annual report to monitor progress against the Delivery Plan and Climate Change Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Report</li> </ul>
3.2.	Demonstrate overall progress towards the Council's 2030 carbon neutral targets through the Council's annual report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emissions estimates using the Local Partnerships – LGA GHG Accounting Tool</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Monitoring reports</b>	
4.1.	Produce regular update reports on progress to Cabinet, Scrutiny, Portfolio holder, members bulletin, Climate Change Forum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications Plan</li> <li>• Internal Reports – quarterly monitoring</li> <li>• Carbon Disclosure Project with Sustainability West Midlands</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate Emergency UK Scorecard</li></ul>
	<b>What we will be using to inform decision making and priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Greenhouse Gas Accounting Tool</li><li>• WasteDataFlow</li></ul>	