

Cotswold District Council Climate Emergency Strategy 2020-2030

Annex: Indicative, high-level three year programme for priority action areas

The diagram in this annex illustrates in broad terms only the potential sequencing and prioritisation of different action areas identified in the Climate Emergency Strategy.

This diagram is not included in the main body of the Strategy since it looks only at a three year timescale, and the strategy is intended to be a more durable document with a ten year timescale.

The action areas here are broken down in line with the Council's leverage, or scope to act – that is:

Direct control

Actions in this category are aimed, ultimately, at achieving CDC's stated target of a minimum of two thirds reduction in net emissions from 2020 to 2030, reaching net zero by 2045. Illustrative action areas include waste fleet decarbonisation through new technology, delivering affordable and net zero carbon housing, widening carbon data capture, improving staff climate literacy, taking action at Trinity Road, and undertaking energy projects at commercial and non-commercial sites.

Indirect control

Actions in this category relate to projects, services etc procured or strongly influenced by the Council, including policies and incentives that encourage employees to act in a low-carbon way. Actions will contribute less directly to CDC's emissions target, affecting mainly 'scope 3' emissions, and will also impact district-wide emissions to some extent. Illustrative action areas include developing a sustainable procurement policy with climate considerations at its heart, putting climate considerations into key policy areas such as economic development and the Council's corporate plan, procuring 100% place-based renewable electricity, reducing carbon from staff home working and commuting, and co-investing in capital projects.

Place shaping

Place making relates to the Council's responsibility for Local Plan policies, but also partnerships where the Council is a key influencer or stakeholder. Illustrative action areas the review of the Local Plan to make it green to the core, creation of a renewable energy strategy for the district for incorporation into the Local Plan, and development of a sustainable travel strategy and action plan for the district.

Enabling

Enabling actions are those where the Council's role is proactive, helping others to take action by initiating new ideas, supporting new projects, promoting initiatives and social norming – helping to make low carbon business decisions and lifestyle choices easy and automatic. Illustrative action areas include promoting electric vehicle uptake, supporting whole-house energy retrofit, supporting renewable energy tariff switching and neighbourhood solar PV schemes, helping to build a community owned renewable energy co-operative, and initiating multi-stakeholder energy schemes.

Engaging

Engagement actions aim to achieve a closer dialogue with citizens and organisations throughout the district on the topic of the climate emergency, and our responses to it. Good engagement is particularly important in the context of the need for rapid and profound change to respond to what, for many, is still an invisible or hypothetical threat. Illustrative action areas include supporting citizen-led activities like Green Open Homes, developing a climate change communications strategy, building on existing good relationships with key organisations in the district, identifying a district-wide carbon target, establishing a climate panel and working with Town and Parish Councils.

Indicative high level plan of priority action areas, 2020-2022														
		2020				2021				2022				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Colour codes	Put in queue													
	Awaiting resolution of uncertainties													
	Early stage research and preparation													
	Planning / commissioning													
	Execution													
Council leverage / scope areas	Direct control	Waste fleet												
		Net zero carbon affordable housing												
		Data and carbon reporting												
		Staff knowledge, training, support and working practices												
		Trinity Road												
	Indirect control	Energy projects at commercial and non-commercial sites												
		Electric vehicles												
		Leisure centres												
		Sustainable procurement, commissioning												
		Renewable electricity procurement												
Place shaping	Economic development policies and strategy													
	Staff commuting and home working													
	Co-investment in capital projects													
	Sustainable transport													
	Renewable energy strategy													
Enabling	Local plan review													
	Supporting electric vehicle use													
	Supporting whole house energy retrofit													
	Supporting renewable electricity switching													
	Facilitating community energy													
Engaging	Other multi-stakeholder energy projects													
	Solar neighbourhoods													
	Climate panel													
	Climate communications strategy + digital platform													
	District wide carbon reduction target													
Engaging	Supporting citizen led initiatives													
	Signposting information and resources													
	Ongoing engagement with key stakeholders													
	Climate communications													
	TC and PC planning days													
	Engagement and consultation platforms													