

Appendix 2: The Climate Change and Nature Action Plan – Completed Actions end 2023-24

Ref	Action	Measure/Target	Working with	Timescale	Responsible Service	RAG	Update
1.1	Development of a Refreshed Climate Change Strategy to replace and consolidate the initial Climate Change Strategy and Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2013-20.	Climate Change Strategy Developed	Council & Partners	Q2 2022/23	Env Health	Achieved	The Strategy was completed October 2022.
1.2	To consider joining APSE energy to assist in the measurement and reduction of carbon emissions	APSE membership	Council	2021	Regulatory Services	Achieved	APSE membership commenced Q1 2021/22.
1.3	Review of staffing resources to deliver all aspects of the action plan and to increase partnership working	Resources allocated to fund a Climate Change Post.	Council	2021	Env Health	Achieved	0.5 FTE post created and Officer recruited in Q1 2021/22. Additional resource has been secured to fund an additional 0.5 FTE.
2.2	Carry out a carbon audit of all Council Buildings and assets* to provide a baseline for current carbon emissions.	Identify all Council Buildings and Assets Baseline carbon audit complete	Council Council	Q1 2022/23	Facilities Management	Achieved	The council's CO ₂ emissions for 21/22 have been calculated.

3.2	Audit all car parks and open spaces and develop an action plan to increase sustainability including the replacement of all lighting with LEDs and increased provision of recycling bins etc.	All Council lighting to be replaced by LED's Action Plan completed	Council & Partners	Q4 2022/23	Open Spaces	Achieved	LED lighting has been introduced on car parks. Double recycling bins continue to be introduced on a case by case basis subject to funding availability.
3.3	Work with contractors to promote the reduction of carbon emissions	Information on climate change reduction measures provided to all contractors Environmental Management Policies obtained for all contractors	Council & Contractors	Q4 2022/23	All Departments	Achieved	The climate change and wider environmental impacts of all procurement exercises are now considered when specifications are written and procurement exercises evaluated.
3.8	Introduce a specification and social value approach to our procurement process to ensure all contractors and suppliers have an environmental management policy to minimise their environmental impact.	75% of suppliers with an environmental management policy	Council & Contractors	Q4 2023/24	All managers who engage in Procurement	Achieved	The climate change and wider environmental impacts of all procurement exercises are now considered when specifications are written and contractors are requested to submit an environmental policy during procurement exercises.
4.3.2 (8.3)	Air Quality Management Plan Developed and Implemented	Plan developed and implemented	Council & Partners	Q4 2023/24	Env Health	Achieved	The previous AQAP has been updated setting out completely new measures that primarily addresses NO ₂ within AQMA 1, but also addresses more strategic issues to try and reduce emissions of NO ₂ , PM _{2.5} and carbon dioxide (CO ₂) across the Borough in order to

							<p>improve human health and the environment in a more equitable way.</p> <p>Alongside the updated 2024 AQAP, East Staffordshire Borough Council has also reviewed its 2015 Air Quality Strategy. The new 2024-2029 Air Quality Strategy sets out the overarching framework through which air quality will be managed within the Borough and includes the Council's responsibilities under LAQM. These documents have been approved internally through cabinet and by Defra and is due to go out for public consultation during summer 2024.</p>
4.3.3 (8.4)	Review licensing policy with the trade and ensure drivers are supported in the transition to Euro 6 emission standards.	Reduction in emissions from taxis	Council & Partners	Q2 2023/24	Licensing	Achieved	<p>Corp Target GND18 (2024/25)</p> <p>A revised 'Taxi and Private Hire Policy for 2024-2029' came in to effect on Wednesday 1st May 2024</p> <p>Any new vehicles from the date of adoption of this policy, being presented to East Staffordshire for licensing, will not be granted a licence if the vehicle does not comply with Euro 6 Emissions for Diesel and Euro 4 for Petrol vehicles.</p> <p>A Staffordshire-wide working group has been set up to develop a county-wide decarbonisation policy for taxis and will be carrying out a number of engagement activities to support drivers in making the switch to low-carbon vehicles.</p>
5.3.1	Promote new green technologies in the borough	Number of new green technologies	Council	Review of progress Dec 2023	Env Health	Achieved	<p>Progress report approved by cabinet Dec 2024.</p> <p>Going forward technologies will be incorporated into other projects related to energy generation, buildings, transport etc.</p>

6.1	Continue and improve on the Green flag awards-biodiversity	Green Flag Awards achieved	Council & Partners	Ongoing	Open Spaces	Achieved	Stapenhill Gardens and Bramshall Park have achieved Green Flag standard.
6.2	Develop and implement a Centenary woodland management plan (aimed at improving biodiversity) and use this as the basis for developing other areas within the Borough	Plan developed Plan implemented	Council & Partners	2022/23 2025/26	Open Spaces	Achieved	Woodland Management Plan has been agreed for the Centenary Woodland and provides a blue print for managing habitat.
6.4	Engage with the public to help identify potential public EV charging point locations	Opened a channel for public input	Council & Partners (SCC)	Q4 2023/24	Env Health	Achieved	Continuing working with Staffs County Council to develop an online 'expression of interest' form for EV charge point locations. EV charging will be discussed at the Climate Change Parish and Town Council Forum planned to take place in November 2024
6.8	Produce guidance on Biodiversity to support the planning process	Guidance produced	Council	Q1 2022/23	Planning	Achieved	Guidance for planning applicants published in March 2022.
6.11	Update the council's tree policy to provide guidance on increased levels of tree planting necessary to respond to climate change	Revised tree policy produced	Council	Q4 2022/23	Open Spaces & Env Health	Achieved	The Council's tree policy was updated and approved in March 2023.
6.12	Form a cross-party members group to discuss strategies and actions going forward	Cross Party Members group established	Council	Q4 2023/24	Env Health	Achieved	The new Climate Change and Environment Scrutiny Committee have been meeting regularly to discuss strategies and actions the Council is taking.
8.5	Work with schools to encourage use of public transport, walking and cycling to school	Increase in use of sustainable transport	Council & Partners	Q4 2025/26	Env Health & CCEO's	Achieved	The County Council Air Aware Scheme is now completed.

9.2	Partnership working with Staffordshire Warmer homes for the ongoing delivery of warmer homes funding to provide 1 st time gas central heating and replacement boilers.	Monitor the increase in the % of people provided with 1 st time central heating or replacement boilers	Council & Partners	Q4 2022/23	Env Health	Achieved	Staffordshire Warmer Homes have successfully completed delivery of 1 st time central heating and replacement boilers.
11.1	Consider the development of a Climate Change SPD as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications to provide high quality sustainable development that minimises the adverse impacts of climate change.	Climate Change SPD considered	Council	Q4 2022/23	Planning & Env Health	Achieved	The Climate Change SPD has been adopted.
12.5	Develop and deliver a communications and engagement plan	Social media advice and information on climate change	Council	Q1 2022/23	Programmes and Trans	Achieved	The Climate Change Communications and Engagement Plan was approved by EDR early in 2023.