



Climate, Environment, and Biodiversity Delivery Plan

2025 - 2028

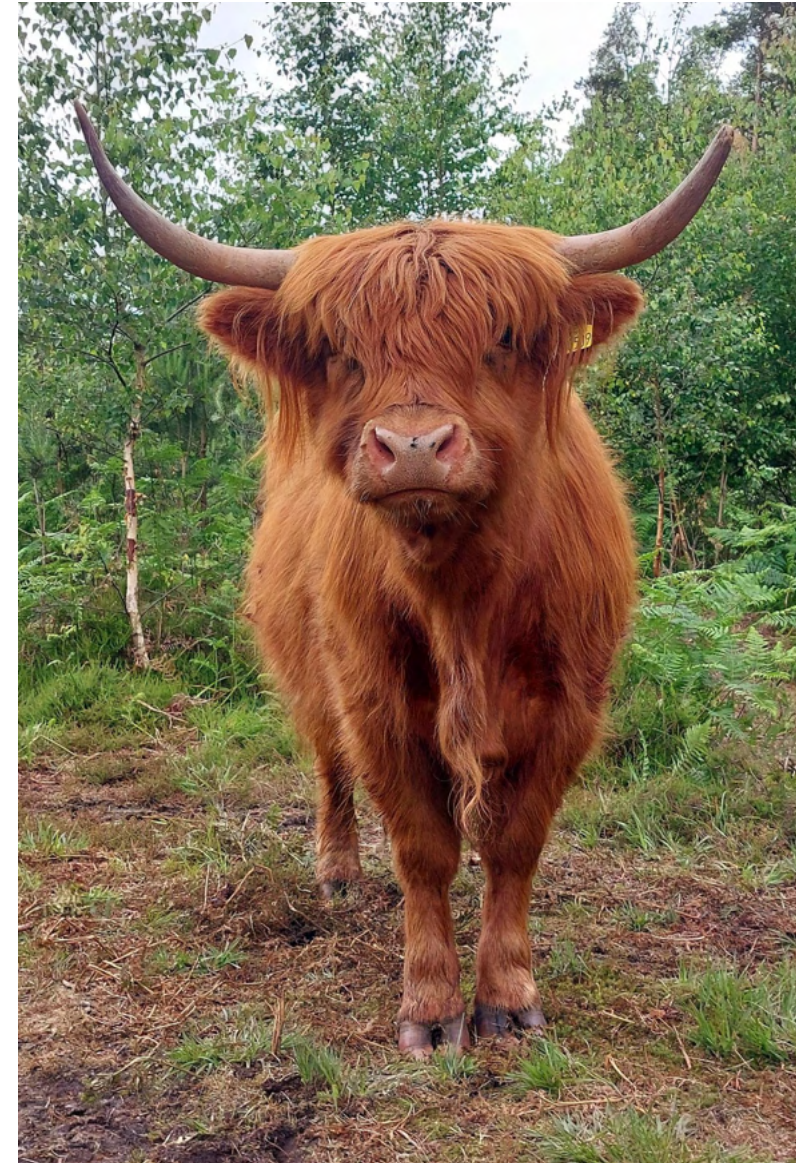
Our commitment:

In 2023, Broadland District Council formally declared a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency, underscoring the urgency of action in the face of environmental challenges. We are resolutely committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions as an organisation by 2030, and across the entire district by 2050. This Delivery Plan, covering the years 2025 to 2028, outlines the steps we will take to meet these critical goals. It addresses climate change, climate action, biodiversity and broader matters regarding environmental quality and protection.

Cleaner, greener Broadland is one of the four key priorities in [Broadland District Council's Strategic Plan](#), with the objective to think globally and act locally with low-carbon solutions and safeguards for the natural environment through working collaboratively and innovatively to respond appropriately and effectively to the climate and biodiversity crisis.

Our vision:

- **Leading by Example:**
Pursuing our organisational net-zero target by 2030 with steadfast dedication.
- **A Low-Carbon Future:**
Building a district that acknowledges the realities of climate change and proactively prepares for its impacts.
- **Biodiversity at the Core:**
Protecting, restoring, and enhancing natural habitats and green spaces for future generations.
- **Catalysts for Change:**
Providing strong leadership and fostering collaborative action among neighbourhoods, districts, and regional partners to advance climate and nature initiatives.
- **Partnership and Synergy:**
Working effectively with stakeholders across the public, private, and voluntary sectors to achieve shared environmental objectives.



Our responsibility:

The evidence on climate change is irrefutable. Alongside the climate crisis, the ongoing biodiversity emergency demands a decisive response. Our efforts must contend with the financial pressures faced by local governments and the broader cost-of-living challenges that affect our communities. Although the Council's own emissions account for less than 1% of the district's total territorial carbon footprint, our role extends far beyond reducing our own output. By achieving our 2030 net-zero target and championing innovative solutions, we aim to inspire residents and businesses to join us in envisioning and realising a sustainable, low-carbon future for all.

The mandate for change:

Our actions are guided by pivotal national legislation, including the Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019, which enshrines the UK's net-zero by 2050 target, and the Environment Act 2021, which addresses critical issues such as air quality, biodiversity, water management, and waste.

Our Delivery Plan:

The Delivery Plan for 2025–2028 lays out a comprehensive roadmap of initiatives that will help us fulfil our vision and meet our net-zero commitments. These targeted actions are not just steps toward our goals; they are a testament to our unwavering commitment to leading the fight against climate change and biodiversity loss.



The Net Zero journey:

Broadland District: territorial emissions



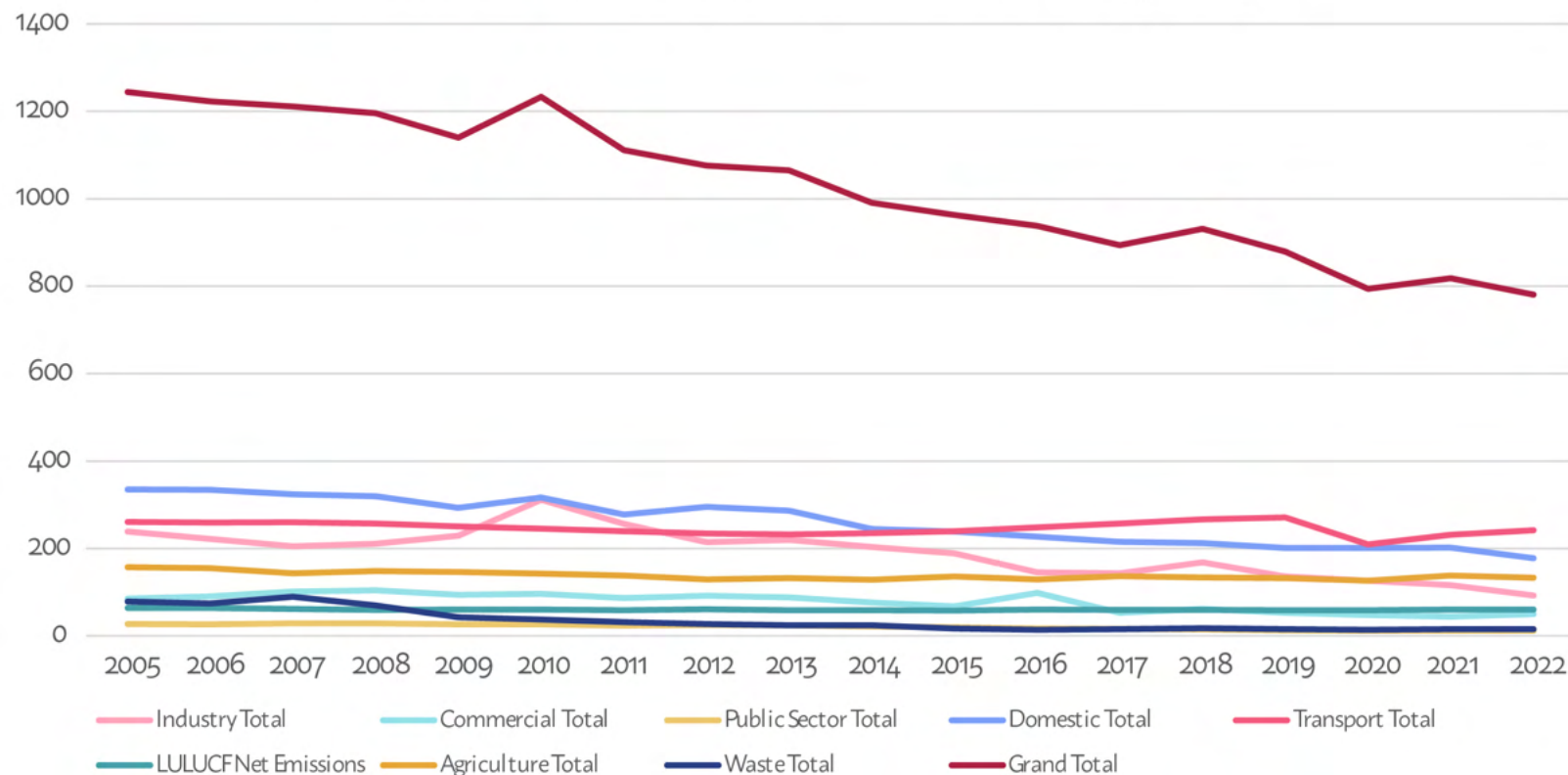
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domestic (residential properties), and agriculture. Although the Council does not have direct control over the majority of these emissions, we will actively leverage our influence to support and enable residents and businesses to reduce emissions within these sectors.

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Greenhouse Gas emissions for Broadland District (ktCO₂e)



Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-local-authority-and-regional-greenhouse-gas-emissions-national-statistics>

Broadland District Council emissions: organisational emissions

Broadland District Council is dedicated to achieving net-zero carbon emissions as an organisation by 2030. Our annual carbon footprint, which is published online, serves as the foundation for this objective.

In 2023/24, our carbon footprint was recorded at 395 tCO₂e, representing a significant reduction from 2021/22 and the lowest among all local authorities in Norfolk. While our carbon footprint remains relatively small, additional measures are necessary to fully achieve our target.

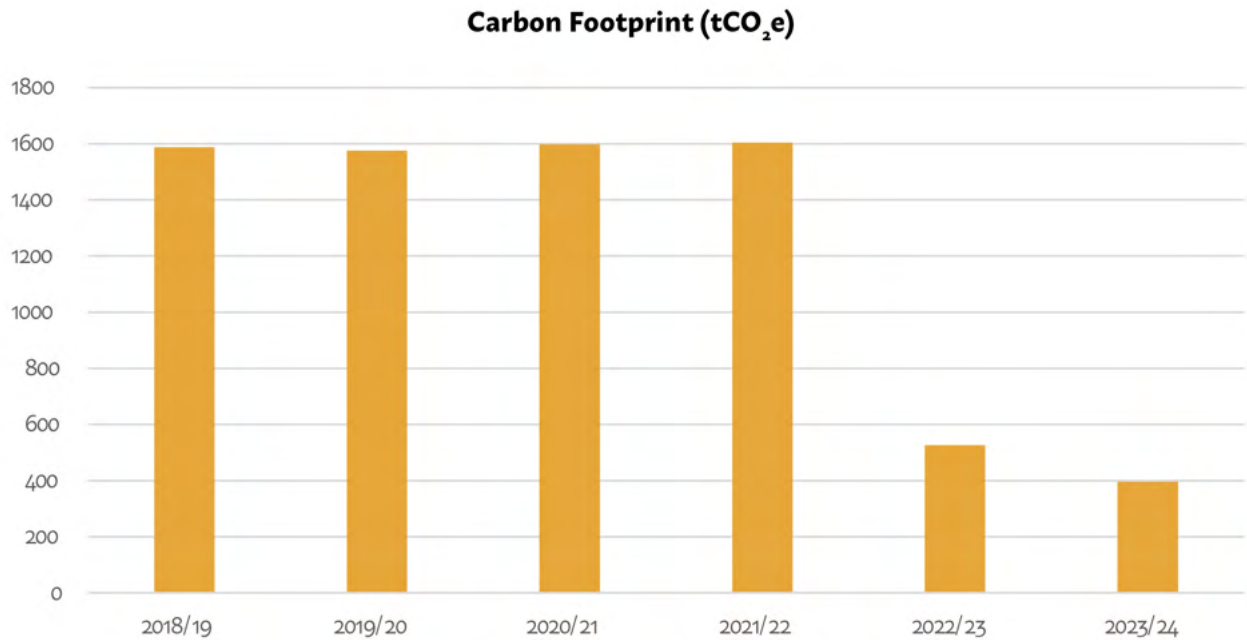


The accompanying chart illustrates our progress in emissions reductions since the baseline year. Since 2018/19, emissions have decreased by 73%.

Since 2021/22, substantial progress has been made in reducing our carbon footprint. A key milestone was achieved in 2022 with the transition of fuel used in our waste collection fleet from diesel to hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO), resulting in an approximate 75% reduction in emissions. This was followed by the relocation of our offices from Thorpe Lodge to the Horizon Business Centre in 2023, along with a partial transition to renewable electricity contracts, leading to a 34% reduction in emissions.

Further reductions are anticipated in the 2024/25 report, as gas boilers at the Horizon Centre have been replaced with air source heat pumps, and efforts are underway to transition more electricity contracts to 100% renewable tariffs.

Future initiatives will include the exploration of alternative vehicle options for the waste fleet, such as electric or hydrogen-powered vehicles. Additionally, work is progressing on exemplar projects that demonstrate low-energy building techniques and renewable energy integration, including the development of the new visitor centre at Broadland Country Park.



Core aspect one: Net Zero 2030 Council - reduce CO₂e emissions and adapt to climate change

Context:

This section addresses the emissions associated with the council's estate, including owned buildings and vehicles, staff business travel, and our outsourced waste collection service. In 2023/24, our carbon footprint was measured at 395 tCO₂e, representing a significant reduction from 2021/22 and the lowest among all local authorities in Norfolk. The emissions within this carbon footprint form the basis for our net-zero target by 2030. The initiatives outlined in this section are crucial to achieving net-zero emissions by 2030.

In addition to mitigating climate change to meet our net-zero objective, we acknowledge the need to adapt our services to the evolving climate. To this end, we have incorporated a key action to integrate climate considerations into the council's emergency plan. Furthermore, we have introduced an action to incorporate environmental considerations into a new procurement strategy, which will assist in reducing the impact of our purchased goods and services.



Previous achievements:

Our carbon footprint is already lower than that of other local authorities in Norfolk, both in total emissions and emissions per capita. This has been achieved through significant reductions, such as the transition from diesel to HVO fuel, the relocation to the Horizon building with its solar array, and the installation of air source heat pumps. When expanding our estate, for example, through the addition of temporary housing accommodation, we have incorporated plans to retrofit these buildings to reduce their emissions.



Ref	Project objectives	Outcome	How it is measured/report progress	Timescales	Lead (team)
NzC1	Report on annual carbon emissions and publish reports on our website	Demonstrates progress from the baseline year, 2018/2019 and measures progress against the net zero 2030 target	Detailed reports which outline the specifics of the council's emissions published online annually	Reports are published annually	Economic Growth
NzC2	Independently verify the process of calculating the council's carbon footprint and scrutinize the 2023/24 carbon footprint report	Independent verification of the council's carbon emissions to ensure best practice is being upheld	<p>Verification of figures published in carbon report</p> <p>Recommendations to be adopted and any methodology to be adopted in subsequent reports</p>	2025	Economic Growth
NzC3	Publish a decarbonisation roadmap	A year-by-year roadmap that outlines the actions required to achieve net zero by 2030	Report published online annually	Published December 2025	Economic Growth

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NzC4	All council led construction projects will be highly energy efficient. Design standards will aim to reduce embedded carbon and ensure buildings are operationally net-zero	<p>All projects achieve high efficiency standards such as BREEAM Excellence, or EPC A rating</p> <p>As a minimum, all new projects shall have high thermal performance and include renewable energy generation</p>	<p>Each new council project to be monitored by the Capital Programme Board to ensure this standard is met</p> <p>100% of council construction projects to meet this criteria</p>	2028	Council wide
NzC5	Ensure that the procurement of goods and services consider environmental impacts and assist in reducing the council's carbon emissions	Develop a new procurement strategy which embeds environmental considerations and sustainability	Adoption of one new strategy	End of 2026	Finance and Resources

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NzC6	Understand how the council's residual carbon emissions might be managed, or offset	Explore available opportunities, and options, for dealing with residual carbon emissions by offsetting in Broadland	Production of a carbon offsetting options appraisal	End of 2026	Economic Growth in collaboration with Norfolk Environmental Credits
NzC7	Transition all council electricity contracts onto a renewable tariff	Reduction in emissions from electricity consumption	Removal of scope 2 emissions measured on the net carbon footprint and 100% of contracts on renewable supplies	End of 2025	Economic Growth/ Resources



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NzC8	Reduce all CO ₂ e emissions resulting from council owned housing stock	<p>Audit and work programme for improving the energy efficiency of council own housing stock</p> <p>This will consider necessary upgrades to reduce CO₂e emissions across council owned housing stock</p>	<p>Audits complete</p> <p>Development of work programme and plan for improving energy efficiency of council owned homes with an initial target to decarbonise two homes per annum</p>	<p>Audit and programme adopted 2025</p> <p>Ready for implementation in 2026</p>	Economic Growth and Housing
NzC9	Reduce emissions incurred through staff travel	<p>Provide a range of low emissions options for both staff travel and commuting</p> <p>Reduce the need for staff to travel</p> <p>Provide more sustainable options for business miles, such as electric pool cars</p>	A 20% annual decrease in staff travel/ business mileage emissions measured in the annual carbon footprint report	2028	Economic Growth, HR, Facilities

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NzC10	Climate change adaptation fully considered in the council's 'Emergency Response Plan'	The council's emergency response plan considers the impacts of climate change and suggests actions for climate change adaptation	Update to the 'Emergency Response Plan'	End of 2025	Emergency Planning
NzC11	Quantify the social and environmental value of council projects	Develop a tool and process to calculate social and environmental value of Council projects	Embedding of methodology into council decision making processes	End of 2025	Economic Growth
NzC12	Understand the 'next steps' for the Refuse Collection Vehicle (RCV) fleet in line with the ban on all new Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) by 2040	An electric RCV trial to consider the future of the council's waste collection service in line with our net zero target and the 2040 ban on all new ICE HGVs	An annual trial of one electric RCV in Broadland	2026	Veolia and contracts manager Economic Growth to check contracts with Veolia and commitment to a sustainable fleet

Core aspect two: Net Zero 2050 Broadland - reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change

Context:

Broadland District Council has set an ambitious target to achieve net-zero carbon emissions across the district by 2050, aligning with the UK Government's commitment under the Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019. While the council does not directly control the majority of emissions within the district, it plays a crucial role in influencing, enabling, and encouraging action across all sectors. Broadland's main sources of emissions are **transport, domestic housing, agriculture, and industry.**

This strategy prioritises action in the domestic housing and transport sectors, as they are key contributors to carbon emissions. The Norfolk Warm Homes team continues to maximise funding opportunities from the national government to help residents improve energy efficiency and heating systems. Transport, the largest emitting sector in Broadland, accounts for 31% of the district's territorial emissions, compared to 26% nationally. The Government's Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) mandate, which phases out internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle sales, will be a significant driver of change. This national legislation, coupled with local initiatives, will help accelerate our progress towards a cleaner, greener Broadland.





Previous achievements:

The Norfolk Warm Homes team has delivered substantial improvements since 2022, upgrading 519 homes across the Norfolk Warm Homes project area. These improvements include installing air source heat pumps, solar PV systems, and a wide range of insulation measures such as loft, cavity wall, and flat roof insulation. Broadland District Council leads this successful programme and is actively seeking additional funding through the Department of Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) to expand its reach.

In transport, we have committed to ensuring that all taxis licensed in the district transition to electric vehicles by 2030. We are also collaborating with Norfolk County Council on a project to install electric vehicle charging points (EVCP) in local car parks, supporting residents to make the shift to zero-emission vehicles. Operationally, we have achieved significant reductions by transitioning our waste fleet from diesel to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), cutting emissions substantially. Recognising HVO as an interim solution, we are now exploring long-term options, including electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles, to ensure sustainable future operations.

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NzB1	To develop a Local Area Energy Plan	An energy plan to be used to plan for, and deliver, major projects on renewables, retrofit and transport charging networks	One completed LAEP plan	2028	Economic Growth and Planning
NzB2	Support community resilience and preparedness for the future effects of climate change	The council will provide expert resilience advice and support to communities in Broadland. This will support the development of community resilience plans	<p>Ongoing work with communities to advise on plans</p> <p>Officers of Climate Change Team will attend the Norfolk Resilience Forum meetings - four meetings per annum</p>	By 2028	Emergency Planning

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NzB3	Seek to enforce standards that specifically address fuel poverty through proactive and reactive programs using (Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard) MEES Regulations and any other relevant legislation	Increase the Energy Efficiency of tenanted properties	By the number of energy efficiency measures installed in private rented properties following intervention from housing standards officers	2026	Housing Standards
NzB4	Encourage residents to switch to clean energy	Promote the 'Solar Together' group buying scheme to encourage the uptake of solar panels, battery storage and EV charging	Monitor number of registrations and acceptances for each annual scheme	2028	Economic Growth & Housing Standards

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NzB5	Deliver domestic retrofit projects which improve both energy efficiency and CO ₂ e emission reductions	Secure Department of Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) funding via the Warm Homes team to maximise delivery across housing stock	Reporting provided monthly to DESNZ Subject to funding 950 homes will be delivered over a three year period. These figures are for the whole project area, Broadland will receive a proportion of this funding based on eligibility and take up	2025-2030	Warm Homes Team
NzB6	Provide high quality energy efficiency and energy bill related advice to residents who enquire or participate in retrofit schemes	Consistent and trusted energy advice provided to residents requiring support	100% residents who enquire through Norfolk Warm Homes and require assistance will be provided with high quality, trustworthy, energy bill advice	2028	Warm Homes Team

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NzB7	Build partnership agreements with communities identified as most at need of support via the Government funded domestic retrofit schemes	<p>Using data to identify economically deprived communities and then create or join local support networks to help these communities to improve their resilience to climate change</p> <p>Community directories will be produced to provide a legacy of engagement for communities</p>	The Warm Homes Project as a whole aims to provide a full package of support/engagement to thirty communities. This covers the whole project area.	2028	Warm Homes Team & Partners
NzB8	Offer practical biodiversity enhancements for domestic dwellings through the Norfolk Warm Homes scheme	<p>Improved garden biodiversity and habitats for wildlife</p> <p>Better engagement with nature for Warm Homes recipients</p>	<p>Offer biodiversity enhancements to 100% of grant recipients.</p> <p>Photographic evidence of installation work will be collated</p>	2028	Warm Homes Team & Partners

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NzB9	Offer practical water saving enhancements for domestic dwellings through the Norfolk Warm Homes scheme	Improved water efficiency in domestic dwellings participating in the Norfolk Warm Homes scheme	Offered to 100% of grant recipients Photographic evidence of installation work will be collated	2028	Warm Homes Team & Partners
NzB10	Encourage the switch to electric vehicles	Increased provision of EVCP infrastructure across the district	Installation of 10x EVCP charging points across council owned car parks	2027	Economic Growth and Regulatory Services
NzB11	Support taxi drivers in preparing to phase out ICE taxis	All taxis licensed after 2030 must be powered without hydrocarbons	By the number of taxi drivers supported, and BEVs/FCEVs licensed	2028	Licensing

Core aspect three: Protect and enhance the environment

Context:

The Environment Act 2021 establishes clear statutory targets across four critical areas: air quality, biodiversity, water, and waste. Broadland District Council is at the forefront of delivering these objectives, taking proactive steps to meet environmental challenges while supporting sustainable growth in our community.

- **Air Quality:** The council's Environmental Quality Team continuously monitors air quality across the district, ensuring compliance with national guidelines. The UK Government's 2023 Air Quality Strategy outlines ambitious goals, including stringent targets for PM2.5, a fine particulate matter with significant health implications. In response, the council is preparing for the likely introduction of a mandatory local air quality objective for PM2.5, a measure with far-reaching implications. By leveraging advanced monitoring equipment and producing an interim Air Quality Strategy, we are actively working to understand and mitigate local pollutant levels and in doing so safeguarding public health.
- **Fly-Tipping:** Broadland District Council is dedicated to keeping public spaces clean and addressing fly-tipping—a persistent issue with hundreds of incidents reported annually. Our approach combines education, investigation, and enforcement to tackle this problem comprehensively. A dedicated officer leads efforts in raising awareness, engaging the community, and ensuring offenders are held accountable. This work is supported by routine waste collection, recycling services, and targeted campaigns to reduce fly-tipping at its source.
- **Water Management:** Flooding remains a pressing climate change challenge in the UK, with increasing frequency and severity of events. Broadland District Council plays a pivotal role in addressing flood risks, despite the fragmented responsibilities shared among various authorities. Our dedicated Flood and Water Management Officer spearheads local initiatives, including a robust Flooding Prevention Action Plan. This strategy provides practical support, fosters community resilience, and reduces the impact of flooding. As an active member of the Norfolk Resilience Forum, we contribute to emergency planning and encourage residents to prepare through individual and community-level measures.



Our achievements:

- **Air Quality** - We have procured state-of-the-art monitoring equipment that provides continuous data on pollutant gases and particulate matter. This technology enhances our ability to assess local air quality and its health impacts. Additionally, the development of our interim Air Quality Strategy positions the council and its partners to achieve national objectives while charting a clear path forward based on current information.
- **Fly-Tipping** - The council's holistic approach to waste management tackles fly-tipping at every level. This includes robust waste collection and recycling services, public education campaigns, and thorough investigation and enforcement processes. A dedicated officer leads efforts to engage with the community, ensure compliance, and remove waste promptly.
- **Water Management** - Our Flooding Prevention Action Plan delivers targeted interventions to reduce flooding risks. We actively contribute to the Norfolk Resilience Forum, which coordinates emergency planning for severe weather events. By promoting individual and community resilience, the council empowers residents to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of flooding.

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Pe1	To improve air quality in Broadland	Develop an air quality strategy which focuses on, and actively gathers, monitoring data	Publish and implement the strategy	2025	Environmental protection
Pe2	Protect dark skies in Broadland	Raise awareness of the importance of dark skies	Annual dark skies campaign	Annual campaigns	Comms Team
Pe3	Reduce incidents of fly tipping	<p>Raise awareness in communities regarding the impacts of fly tipping</p> <p>Make it easier to report incidences through use of social media</p>	<p>Recording of fly tipping investigation, reporting on prosecutions and other restorative interventions</p> <p>Measure engagement and use of the Where's The Fly-tip? Facebook page</p>	2028	Community Protection

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Pe4	Raise awareness of the environmental impacts of oil pollution and poor air quality	Run proactive communications campaigns specific to environmental issues. Work with the Air Quality Norfolk group	Bi-annual campaigns	2028	Environmental Protection
Pe5	Promote water conservation	Reduce water waste and miss-management	Bi-annual campaigns	2028	Environmental Protection
Pe6	Improve Water Management across the district by working with local stakeholders, particularly those that fall within flood risk areas	Improved local community resilience on water management Improved flood prevention and preparedness education delivered to stakeholders	Annual reporting into Scrutiny Committee	2028	Environmental Protection

Ref	Project objectives	Outcome	How it is measured/report progress	Timescales	Lead (team)
Pe7	Deliver high quality planning consultation responses to maximise positive influence on flood prevention, mitigation & protection	Responses to planning applications are focussed on preventing flooding for new developments	Engagement with the planning process	2028	Environmental Protection



Core aspect four: Waste and recycling



Context:

The Environment Act 2021 introduces several legislative changes regarding the management of waste and recycling in households, schools, and workplaces. These changes aim to enhance national recycling rates and encourage the development of a circular economy. The regulations, which will be implemented over the coming years, will significantly alter the processes for managing, tracking, and reporting waste and recycling. While these regulations represent a substantial step towards improving circularity in the UK, they also pose notable challenges and opportunities for the council. It is therefore crucial that the council remains well-informed and adequately prepared to capitalise on the benefits these changes offer while mitigating any potential negative impacts.

Our achievements:

- **Recycling and residual waste** - Broadland remains the top recycling authority in Norfolk, achieving a recycling rate of 53.5% in 2023/24, and the amount of residual waste per household has steadily declined each year since 2020.
- **Food waste collection** - In October 2022, the food waste service was successfully introduced to all kerbside residents, with a subsequent extension to selected flats in 2023. This initiative has contributed to an annual increase in the capture of food waste since 2021/22. Participation in the food waste program has remained consistently high, exceeding the target of 75%.
- **Broadland Bin app** - We have developed the Broadland Bin app; a mobile application to provide residents with up-to-date information regarding recycling and collection services.

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Wa1	Promote waste reduction	Reduce weight of residual waste per household on average by 5kg per household per year	Quarterly report generated through WasteDataFlow will monitor the average household reduction	2028	Waste and recycling team
Wa2	Increase capture of recyclable material	<p>Reduced level of recyclable material in residual waste bins by 20%</p> <p>Increase recognition rate of recyclable material</p> <p>Increased recycling rate</p>	WasteDataFlow details recycling rate and recycling tonnage in quarterly reports	2028	Waste and recycling team



Ref	Project objectives	Outcome	How it is measured/report progress	Timescales	Lead (team)
Wa3	Promote campaigns to reduce single use items	Higher usage of reusable items and alternatives for single use items	<p>Promote alternatives to common single use items at four events per year</p> <p>Six social media posts and six app notifications per year on single use alternatives</p>	2028	Waste and recycling team
Wa4	<p>Support and Encourage community recycle, repair and re-use schemes</p> <p>Offer further support and collaboration with community groups to promote repair and reuse</p>	Increased use of recycle, repair and re-use schemes	<p>Four recycle/ repair and re-use events each year.</p> <p>A record of the following will be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of bulky items reuse • Number of items repaired • Number of items delivered to bring/take events 	2028	Waste and recycling team

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Wa5	Increase recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and textile recycling service	<p>Expanding WEEE and textile collection service to flats and other properties with communal bins</p> <p>Increasing awareness of service to residents</p> <p>Retaining valuable resources from electricals from becoming waste</p>	Collect one additional tonne of WEEE and textiles per year	2028	Waste and recycling team



Core aspect five: Biodiversity, nature recovery and green infrastructure

Context:

The Environment Act 2021 sets out clear duties for local authorities to restore and enhance biodiversity, recognising the essential role of nature in addressing climate challenges and enriching communities. Broadland District Council is committed to meeting these responsibilities through forward-thinking and impactful projects.

Council duties under the Environment Act 2021

The Act requires councils to develop Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) to reverse biodiversity loss and safeguard ecosystems. These strategies include mapping existing habitats, identifying areas for restoration, and integrating biodiversity net gain and green infrastructure into planning processes. Broadland District Council is actively embedding these requirements into its policies and projects, ensuring all development contributes positively to local ecosystems.

Broadland Country Park: A Flagship Project

In partnership with the Greater Norwich Growth Board, Broadland District Council has delivered Broadland Country Park, a 140-acre exemplar Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG). The park includes a range of habitats including restored coppice woodlands, conservation grazed heathlands and is a vital wildlife corridor, providing a sanctuary for native species while allowing for sustainable public access. The careful design reduces visitor pressure on sensitive natural sites elsewhere in Norfolk while promoting outdoor recreation and environmental awareness. Planned improvements, including a new café, visitor centre, and enhanced facilities, will further strengthen its role as a community hub, outdoor destination, and biodiversity hotspot.



Our achievements:

- **Planning Policies** - We have integrated biodiversity requirements into planning, ensuring all new projects deliver a 10% net-gain.
- **Conservation Efforts** - The council has supported habitat restoration initiatives on its own sites, from improving pollinator-friendly meadows to preserving woodland biodiversity.
- **Tree planting** – Working with partners we have helped plant over 120,000 trees in Broadland since 2020 and we are confident that we can achieve a target of one tree for every resident by March 2025. These trees will provide habitats for wildlife, improve air quality and sequester carbon.

A commitment to nature recovery

Broadland District Council's proactive approach to biodiversity ensures that our district thrives both ecologically and socially. By developing our duties under the Environment Act 2021 we will ensure a greener, healthier Broadland for all. This commitment demonstrates that protecting nature is not just a statutory obligation—it is an investment in the well-being of our residents and the long-term resilience of our environment.



Southern Migrant Hawker Dragonfly at Broadland Country Park

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Bng1	Restore and enhance biodiversity in Broadland	Development of a council wide 'Biodiversity Plan'	Adoption and implementation of one strategy	2026	Climate Change Team
Bng2	Understand the Biodiversity Baseline in Broadland	Carry out a district wide biodiversity baseline	One completed Biodiversity Baseline	2027	Climate Change Team
Bng3	Increase access to green spaces in Broadland	Develop, promote, and improve new paths, open spaces and access to existing green spaces	Five new hectares of accessible greenspace with an annual review to increase this figure	2028	Climate Change Team



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Bng4	Encourage communities to take proactive steps to improve biodiversity	<p>A small grant scheme to fund biodiversity and greenspace projects for local communities and parishes</p> <p>Work in conjunction with other local schemes to ensure that funding is additional and not duplicated</p>	Five grants awarded annually	2028	Climate Change Team
Bng5	Work with the Greater Norwich partnership and other organisations to deliver biodiversity and nature recovery	Seek to adopt a range of documents, including the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and Green Infrastructure Strategy	<p>An adopted LNRS</p> <p>An adopted Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure Strategy</p>	2026	Economic Growth
Bng6	Reduce the impact of nutrient levels in water courses	To develop a nutrient management mitigation fund	Nutrient mitigation facilitated via Norfolk Environmental Credits	Ongoing	Place Directorate

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Bng7	Achieve a biodiversity net gain on all new developments	To ensure that through development and land management the natural world is in a measurably better state than it was beforehand	All planning applications where Biodiversity Net Gain is a requirement will meet the 10% gain	Ongoing	Planning
Bng8	Promote biodiversity on council owned land	Creation of a biodiversity improvement regime for specific council owned sites	Regimes developed for two new sites per annum	2028	Community Assets
Bng9	Optimise use of Broadland Country Park (BCP) for environmental outreach projects	A series of promotions or events held at Broadland Country Park providing opportunities for residents to engage with the outdoors	Twelve events delivered at BCP	2026	Economic Growth

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Bng10	Continue to promote Broadland Country Park as a Sustainable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)	Delivery of new visitor infrastructure and facilities at BCP, including café, toilets, visitor information, waymarking, new footpaths and trails	Delivery of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1x visitor centre and café • New paths • Toilets 	March 2026	Economic Growth



Core aspect six: Empowering communities to tackle climate change

Context:

Achieving a net zero target of 2050 will require strong engagement with both our local communities and our businesses. Raising awareness about climate change impacts and providing support for practical action are essential steps. Broadland District Council is committed to developing community leadership, empowering individuals, and organisations to reduce their environmental impact while driving local solutions to global challenges.

Through initiatives such as carbon literacy training the council equips residents and businesses with the knowledge and tools, they need to lead on climate action. By promoting collaboration and sustainable behaviour, we aim to create a district that is informed, resilient, and united in addressing climate change.



Achievements to date:

In 2024, the council delivered:

- Three Community Carbon Literacy Training Sessions: These sessions provided residents with essential climate knowledge and tools to champion sustainability locally. Feedback from participants highlighted the effectiveness and inspiration gained from the training.
- Three Net Zero Go Events for Businesses: These events offered practical advice on reducing emissions and improving environmental efficiency, helping local enterprises align with the district's climate goals.

Looking ahead:

Broadland District Council remains dedicated to expanding climate engagement efforts, with plans to:

- Deliver more carbon literacy training to reach a wider audience of residents and community groups.
- Host additional business-focused events to support sustainable operations and innovation.
- Provide resources that inspire long-term change and highlight local success stories to motivate others.



Ref	Project objectives	Outcome	How it is measured/report progress	Timescales	Lead (team)
Ec1	Improve understanding and raise awareness of climate change and environmental issues to drive positive behavioural changes	Carbon literacy training for staff, members, and town & parish councils	Three sessions delivered annually for each group	2028	Climate Change Team
Ec2	Climate change and net zero support for businesses	<p>'Net Zero Go' & sustained net-zero support for businesses</p> <p>Education and awareness on renewable energy technologies available for commercial buildings</p>	<p>Three sessions delivered annually</p> <p>Social media and website communications</p>	2028	Climate Change Team

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Ec3	Support the development of green skills and jobs through supporting the Building Futures apprenticeships support scheme	Continued support of the Building Futures scheme	Five apprentices supported	2026	Economic Growth
Ec4	Active participation in the Norfolk Climate Change Partnership	Partnership working with other Norfolk local authorities to achieve local net zero ambitions	Attend the Norfolk Climate Change Partnership meetings six times per annum	2028	Climate Change Team
Ec5	Identify and work alongside the largest emitters in Broadland to identify ways in which they can reduce their carbon emissions	Engage with the largest emitters within Broadland	Annual engagement with emitters to provide update on net zero commitments and actions	2028	Climate Change Team

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Ec6	Deliver a Net Zero Norfolk Communities project alongside NCCP	Delivery of project through Innovate UK funding	Project delivered with one community and learnings disseminated district wide	July 2025	Climate Change Team
Ec7	Help businesses reduce their carbon footprints and improve the efficiency of their operations	Support the take up of solar by local businesses by understanding the barriers to solar installations and developing a solar for business programme	Carry out a research project into the barriers which prevent the adoption of solar Develop a solar for business programme	2027	Climate Change Team

