

Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

Consultation Response

No.	Consultee Comments	Response	Action
1.	Redraft format and document length.	Our format follows the current policy format, to ensure a consistent approach. We believe the action plan section should remain as part of the main body of the report, as it draws the reader to the main purpose of the document. A non-technical summary might alleviate some concerns.	Partially taken forward.
2.	Section 9 is too defensive.	The current document is pragmatic and realistic regarding staff capacity and available funding.	Not taken forward.
3.	Revise policy and strategy and action plan every two years.	The standard practise is to review every 3 years. Significant national changes in legislation will be considered. We view this as a live document and any new approach or policy change will be review and considered appropriately.	Partially taken forward.
4.	Annual progress to be reviewed by a specific joint CPP/E&C meeting, then Council.	We have previously said that we will provide an annual report. Performance indicators to be agreed.	Partially taken forward.
5.	Fund a two-year award scheme for staff to promote staff actions.	The scale and scope of this will need to be provided for consideration in greater detail. Alternatively, the current PRP scheme could be used with the setting of targets for certain persons / teams. This will need to be considered with Unison.	Further consideration required.

6.	Concern with the speed of phase 2.	Phase 2 will be limited by the council's scope of influence and will rely on government funding and initiative in certain sectors. The current corporate emission pathway is not reflective of a district pathway, as district emissions reductions will be largely led by central government. As highlighted in the strategy and action plan, the council has its biggest scope of influence over the domestic emission sector, which will be largely tackled through housing standards. Other aspects of district emissions reduction work can be taken forwards through the Norfolk Climate Change Partnership (NCCP).	Partially taken forward.
7.	Concern that we will have used up our Tyndall Centre carbon budget within the decade.	This refers to the district emissions, for which we have highlighted that the council has limited scope of influence. Government funding, policies and initiatives will largely drive the speed in which the district decarbonises. We have also been to cabinet previously providing options for net zero target, in which the Tyndall centre 2041 target was considered (for council emissions). We are following the government 2050 target for net zero emissions.	Partially taken forward.
8.	What practical measures can we take to engage with the industrial and commercial sector.	This element of work will be led by the NCCP and partnership with the NA LEP. We will monitor through the BEIS annual data release. We will monitor national schemes and initiatives and promote as and when.	Partially taken forward.
9.	How are we working with the national farmers union to improve and implement sustainable farming methods?	NFU have a 2040 target for carbon neutrality. This could be taken forwards through the NCCP in the future work plan.	Partially taken forward.
10.	How are we working with Freebridge to look for funding sources for decarbonisation and energy efficiency?	There is current engagement through housing standards.	Partially taken forward.
11.	Are going to include natural regeneration and rewilding instead of just trees in tree guards.	This is to be considered as part of the green habitat strategy	Further consideration required.

12.	Can a copy of the tree strategy be provided?	No, the Green Habitat Strategy stated in the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan hasn't been written. The Tree and Woodland strategy can be found here	Not taken forward.
13.	Would the canopy cover build upon the county council work on the tree and hedge map?	Yes, we are in discussions with NCC through the NCCP regarding this work.	Agreed.
14.	What reassurance can be given that the borough is taking the matter seriously, in relation to section 9 of the strategy and action plan.	Elected members need to be realistic and pragmatic about projects only being delivered if suitable funding and staffing capacity is provided. External funding avenues are also competitive and not guaranteed. This is highlighted in section 9 of the strategy and action plan.	No change to section 9 required.
15.	Provide a simplified document for the public.	Non-technical summary already agreed. See no.1 above.	Agreed.
16.	Conduct a public consultation, using the simplified overview document with questions given for the public to answer.	A public consultation was not carried out for the climate change policy. If cabinet / MT wish for a public consultation to be completed, then additional staffing resources will need to be provided. Consultation would last a minimum of 12 weeks which could delay the adoption and implementation of the strategy and action plan into 2022. Public engagement needs to be discussed with cabinet / MT with input from comms. The publication of a non-technical summary may help the public to understand the council's commitment to climate change going forwards.	Further consideration required.
17.	Develop the policies that frame the report and further actions.	These will be carried out in due course.	Agreed.

18.	Training should be provided for council staff and councillors.	Agreed in principle. The has started with routine staff updates through internal affairs and member updates through member bulletins. We could consider e-learning packages for new starters.	Agreed - in principle.
19.	Concern about the NCCP being open and transparent.	The NCCP website is currently under review, along with the development of a workplan. This workplan will be published on the website once it is live.	Agreed.