

List of Current BCKLWN Climate Change Strategies

Current strategies/work

1. In 2012 solar panels were installed onto some council owned properties (including King's Court).
2. The BCKLWN have commissioned a Re: fit of its estate through Ameresco. This will improve energy efficiency and provide over 400 tonnes of CO₂ reductions per year.
3. A small tree planting programme is taking place in early 2020, which will see a few hundred trees be planted in King's Lynn.
4. The lease car strategy has been updated, whereby from the 18th June 2019 lease cars can only be hybrid petrol/electric or fully electric.
5. The Mayor's car is now a hybrid.
6. There has been a push to reduce the ICT carbon footprint. "Free Cooling" was introduced, which allows DX AC Units to be turned off during the cooler periods throughout the year. ICT now only rely on DX AC units during the hot summer months now. ICT have also virtualised most of their server estate, which reduces the physical hardware in their datacentre. Both initiatives saw an electricity saving of £8k+ per year and a carbon reduction of 35 tonnes per year.
7. A climate change officer working group has been set up.
8. A graduate intern has been appointed to aid climate change work. This was initially a 4 month internship, which has now been extended to 12 months.
9. We have completed a carbon audit for the BCKLWN's 2018/2019 emissions, which highlights a 25% reduction in emissions since 2014/2015.
10. We will be using a green tariff for electricity for the 2020/2021 financial year. This will reduce our scope 2 emissions to 0 tonnes CO₂, which equates to a reduction of 31%.
11. We are working with the UEA Environmental Consultancy module, which will provide us will consultancy papers on ways to reduce our emissions.
12. The corporate business plan includes climate change as one of its priorities: "Protecting and enhancing the environment including tackling climate change".
13. A county group has been established to work with other Norfolk councils on our emissions reduction journey: The Norfolk Climate Change Partnership.
14. We have developed a draft climate change policy.
15. We have established a climate change work plan for 2019/2020 and will do the same for 2020/2021.

Future/ongoing work

1. We have set up a number of working groups to help reduce council emissions:
 - a. Tree planting and climate change working group.
 - b. Housing policy and climate change working group.
 - c. Planning policy and climate change working group.
 - d. Re:fit and climate change working group, which has started looking into a Re:fit #2
2. We are reviewing the district emissions bubble.
3. We will be developing a climate change strategy for 2021.