

Corporate Plan 2024

A thriving environment in the Derbyshire Dales

Aim: A thriving environment in the Derbyshire Dales						
1. Climate Change and Biodiversity						
Initiatives					Targets	
Scope out a detailed pathway to a net zero district					Expand climate action plan to become net zero district by 2040	
Create and maintain strong partnerships to push climate change measures					Continue to implement plans to meet the existing target for the District Council to be net zero in terms of its own emissions by 2030	
Review and develop a partnership approach to scope 3 emissions						
CORE PROGRAMMES	ACTIONS	WHEN				TARGETS
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Expand climate action plan to become a net zero district by 2040	Commission and complete fundamental review of the existing Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan					December 2025
	Set realistic evidence based target for whole district net zero					April 2026
	Develop a plan which sets out how the Council will support the generation of renewable energy					April 2025
	Prioritise and support the annual Green Event as a means of delivering these initiatives					Annual event
Continue to implement plans to meet the existing target for the District Council to be net zero in terms of its own emissions by 2030	Complete decarbonisation works to Arc Leisure					April 2025
	Complete decarbonisation works to Wirksworth leisure centre					April 2025

	Develop and commence implementation of the fleet decarbonisation programme					From April 2025
	Determine the feasibility of the potential solar farm and develop alternative option as part of the review of the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan					December 2025
	Review the Council's approach to scope 3 emissions as part of the review of the Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan					December 2025
Implement arrangements to respond to the District Council's duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity	Commission a fundamental review of the Council's opportunities to conserve and enhance biodiversity					April 2024
	Develop biodiversity implementation plan to respond to the recommendations of the review					April 2025
	Through the review of the Local Plan consider the opportunities to increase levels of biodiversity net gain achieved through the Planning system					April 2027
	Review commercial opportunities to buy poor value land and sell BNG units to developers					Ongoing
	Work with partners to contribute to DCC's statutory requirement to produce a Local Nature Recovery Strategy					Ongoing
	Facilitate and support community led biodiversity projects					Support the Derbyshire Swift Conservation Project in 24/25
	Review opportunities to manage District Council owned land for nature					Ongoing

2. Future of agriculture and land management

CORE PROGRAMMES	ACTIONS	WHEN				TARGETS
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Promote the increased	Work with town and parish councils to complete an audit of allotment and					April 2025

provision of allotments	community growing provision across the district and develop a policy for supporting the development of further provision					
Work to support and improve land management	Promote and support schemes provided by DEFRA and other agencies for sustainable farming and land management					Ongoing
	Review District Council owned SSSI assets from a land management perspective					April 2026
	Implement the agreed actions from the review of SSSI sites					April 2028

3. Pollution

CORE PROGRAMMES	ACTIONS	WHEN				TARGETS
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Improve air quality throughout the district by addressing air pollution	Use the review of the Local Plan to develop a policy that ensures that major developments have pollutant impact reports					April 2027
	Develop a simple and effective online tool to enable the reporting of air pollution incidents					April 2025
	Develop and implement a system for the monitoring of fine particulate matter in air					July 2024
	Agree and adopt an effective air quality action plan for the Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area					TBC
Work with partners to reduce water pollution throughout the district	Through its elected members the Council will take advantage of opportunities to lobby Government, Severn Trent and the Environment Agency to act on pollution control and to monitor and evidence pollution levels in rivers					Ongoing

	Continue to engage with partners such as Severn Trent, the Environment Agency and Derbyshire County Council over issues of water pollution and flooding					Ongoing
	Work with partners to assist in the development and promotion of a simple and effective online tool to enable the reporting of water pollution incidents to the correct regulatory authority					April 2025
	Publicise the existing online reporting of river water sampling results provided by the Environment Agency					April 2025
Promote community engagement in pollution issues	Review the resource implications and potential benefits of encouraging communities to become involved in pollution monitoring through citizen science					April 2026

4. Landscapes

CORE PROGRAMMES	ACTIONS	WHEN				TARGETS
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Protect and enhance the landscape	Through the review of the Local Plan ensure that policies and guidance relating to landscapes are reviewed and updated to maximise the protection and enhancement of those landscapes					April 2027
	Work with partners to identify opportunities to utilise landscapes for general benefit					Ongoing

5. Recycling

CORE PROGRAMMES	ACTIONS	WHEN				TARGETS
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Increase waste recycling rates	Review recycling participation rates through the use of Whitespace to identify low-rate hot spot areas. Develop an approach to engage with residents, set					April 2025

	targets for improvement and measure success					
	Work with partners to develop plans to support initiatives to reduce waste throughout the district					April 2025

6. Infrastructure						
CORE PROGRAMMES	ACTIONS	WHEN				TARGETS
		2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
Ensure that the necessary infrastructure is provided for new housing stock	Ensure that robust legal and funding mechanisms are in place to ensure that biodiversity net gain and landscaping schemes are fully delivered through the Planning system					April 2026
	Use the Local Plan review to pursue the goals of the climate change supplementary planning document					April 2027
Improve standards in the existing housing stock	Implement the private rented sector pathfinder project and evaluate the findings for potential further action to improve standards in the private rented sector					Complete study by April 2025, complete evaluation by April 2026
Ensure that the general infrastructure in the district is fit for purpose	Engage with distribution network operators and other partners to ensure that the electricity grid and other forms of infrastructure are fit for future demands					Ongoing
	Develop a local validation checklist to set out requirements in respect of critical infrastructure for major planning applications, including foul and surface water drainage					April 2025