

**FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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**Report of the Strategic Director of Commercial Development, Asset & Leisure
Lead Member: Councillor Rollings**

ITEM 10 DELIVERY OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

Purpose of Report

To provide members with an update on the progress in implementing the Council's Climate Change Strategy.

Action Requested

The Committee is asked to consider the content of the report

Reason

To ensure that progress on the Action Plan is monitored, in accordance with the Committee's work programme

Policy Context

The Climate Change Strategy was approved by the Cabinet at its meeting in May 2018 (minute 113 17/18 refers). The Strategy sets out the Council's activities in response to the challenges of climate change and how it will encourage others in the Borough to take similar steps. The Climate Change Action Plan sets local targets and actions and the context for reporting regularly on progress.

A climate change 'motion on notice' was approved by Full Council on 24th June 2019. The motion set an aspiration for the Council to achieve carbon neutrality from its own operations by 2030. The Council also committed to work with residents, businesses and other public bodies across the borough and region to deliver this ambitious goal through all relevant technologies, strategies and plans.

The Climate Change Strategy was amended by delegated decision in November 2019 to include the aspiration to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Where applicable expired actions have been removed and updated where new programmes are in place.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

The strategy and action plan have been delivered within existing resources and through the pursuit and capture of external funding where appropriate.

Risk Management

The risks associated with the delivery of the Action Plan and proposed actions to mitigate those risks are set out in the table below.

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Risk	Risk Management Actions Planned
Council Service areas and operational managers not sufficiently engaged to deliver the climate change agenda, resulting in failure to achieve performance targets and objectives	Unlikely (2)	Significant (2)	Low (4)	Ensure there is corporate ownership and engagement with key stakeholders is coordinated across the Council. Report progress on the Climate Change Action Plan to the Performance Scrutiny Panel
Changes in government policy or funding affect the ability to deliver the action plan in its current form	Likely (3)	Serious (3)	Moderate (9)	Monitor for anticipated changes in the policy or funding landscape and adapt the action plan through regular reviews
Resources unavailable to achieve actions identified	Likely (3)	Serious (3)	Moderate (9)	Influence service planning and resources & prioritise projects identified if necessary

Sustainability

The Climate Change Strategy is a central pillar to the Council's progress on Sustainability.

Background Papers: Climate Change Strategy

[Climate Change Strategy Action Plan](#)

Appendices: Appendix A: Climate Change Strategy Action Plan

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Part B

1. Background

- 1.1 The Climate Change Strategy sets out the Council's approach to addressing climate change. It takes into account the Council's own ambitions to reduce carbon emissions from its own estate and operations as well as means by which the wider community can adapt to climate change and reduce carbon emissions.
- 1.2 The current Climate Change Strategy was developed in 2018 with a scope centred on reducing the Council's own carbon emissions rather than at a district level. The strategy is based on taking action under three strategic priorities being raising awareness, reducing our impact on climate change and resilience. Many of the actions set in the strategy are to be refreshed due to a number of factors being the Climate Emergency, Ecological Emergency and COVID-19 pandemic. These factors have changed working priorities, ways of working and national and local government agendas.
- 1.3 The UK hosted the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow in October/November 2021. The summit brought parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. A new global agreement, the Glasgow Climate Pact was reached, which aims to reduce the worst impacts of climate change. This has led to a wide range of new policies, initiatives and programmes that have not been captured within the current strategy.
- 1.4 A new strategy will set the direction for the Council to achieve carbon neutrality. Discussions with departmental heads will be required to understand current and future work programmes. The strategy will set the general direction for the Council to help combat climate change. The Climate Change Action Plan will be combined with the existing actions from the Carbon Neutral 2030 plan. Consultation with partner organisations will highlight work programmes in this area and identify co-benefits. An online consultation period of six weeks has been scheduled. The action plan will be a standalone document that can be updated and monitored regularly feeding into the corporate reporting system. Consultants have been engaged to support delivery of this piece of work.
- 1.5 A proposed timeframe is indicated in the table below.

Tasks	Date
Procurement	July 2022
Gather Evidence, data analysis	September/October 2022
Report writing	November 2022
Draft report	December 2022
SLT	January 2023
Consultation (six weeks)	01/02/2023 to 15/03/2023
Final report	March 2023
SLT	April 2023
CLT	April 2023
Members briefing	April 2023
Cabinet	May 2023

2. Monitoring Performance 1st April 2021 31st March 2022

2.1 Progress against the actions within the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan is set out in Appendix A. The appendix identifies progress through a RAG rating where:

- there is progress as expected or the action has been completed (green);
- there is progress in accordance with expectations with minor work or issues outstanding (amber); or
- the action has not and/or will not been met (red).

2.2 Commentary is also provided to explain progress or to provide additional information.

2.3 Overall, the status of the 67 actions is as follows:

- 41 actions are ranked green with progress as expected or the action completed
- 19 actions are ranked amber with issues outstanding and
- 3 actions are ranked red as not being met and
- 4 actions have been closed

3. Summary of Amber / Red Actions 2021/22

3.1 Actions ranked amber with issues outstanding

Awareness Raising

Action 1.2.2 Help residents save money on fuel bills and work towards alleviating fuel poverty

This was a new action added in 2019 to provide information and advice on energy efficiency measures at Charnwood Big Switch Roadshows. Roadshows took place in August 2019 and January 2020. A digital promotion took place in September 2020. No further roadshows have taken place. With the energy market in crisis, there's currently nothing meaningfully cheaper than the price cap, so for most people it will not be worth switching right now. This action will be updated once the Strategy is refreshed.

Action 1.3.1 We will encourage a low carbon economy

Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions and the impact on the events industry, very few face-to-face business events took place in 2021/22. Less people travelling to business events and more people working from home cut down on travel and therefore contributed to lower carbon emissions. The Council has and will continue to promote energy efficiency schemes to businesses where details of those are provided to us by the relevant Government departments, the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) or other funding bodies.

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Action 2.1.1 Implement actions in Carbon Neutral Plan

The Council's Carbon Neutral Plan, approved at Cabinet on 16th September 2021, sets out a series of actions to move the Council further towards its carbon neutral target. On 10th February 2022, Cabinet approved the use of up to £150,000 to commission feasibility work regarding Solar PV installations in the borough. This feasibility work was to examine the potential to generate energy via solar farm, rooftop installation and in carparks. The National Grid has informed the council that connection to the grid for the purposes of generation is not possible due to limitations up-stream, and works to increase generation capacity will not take place until after 2030. Therefore, the solar farm project cannot be progressed.

The focus is therefore now on smaller scale solar generation ideas, including investigating solar car parks. It is proposed that the £150k aligned to the feasibility of the solar farm work be reallocated to review other options and feasibility studies.

Other projects currently being investigated include the implementation of electric pool cars for use by staff when out in the Borough conducting business. Currently envisioned to be 6 to 8 vehicles, feasibility work is required to determine the affordability and practicalities (for example, charging infrastructure, cost, availability of vehicles). Other fleet possibilities will be investigated, specifically around the waste fleet and the potential use of HVO (Biodiesel) and/or electric vehicles. There are a number of challenges that remain to be addressed, such as the nature of the Council's contract for waste services as well as geographic/infrastructure issues.

Action 2.1.3 Review low carbon solutions across Council buildings, operations and fleet

There has been limited progress implementing carbon saving schemes. This is due to a review of Council assets. One project recently approved is the replacement of auditorium house lighting at the Town Hall, which has an estimated annual CO₂ saving of 4.43tCO₂e and cost saving of £4201.

Action 2.2.4 Collective Energy Switching: The council will encourage partners to continually review the current approach and to consider introducing a 'green' category to the supplier's auction

With the energy market in crisis, there's currently nothing meaningfully cheaper than the price cap, so for most people it will not be worth switching right now.

Action 2.2.5 Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) records for Council housing stock to be updated to give an average SAP value

EPC records are being updated to give an average SAP (Standard Assessment Procedure) value. This is the government approved system for assessing the energy rating for a new home. The target is to carry out EPC's at all void properties and upload to the Council's software programme. There are 1276 properties that currently have

an EPC. An external contractor was procured in May 2022 to undertake EPCs at void properties.

Action 2.2.6 Provide top-up roofing insulation, cavity wall and boiler upgrade programme for Council housing stock

As part of the Council housing stock investment programme forty-six heating systems have been installed from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. Eighteen roofs have been replaced and two insulation projects completed.

Action 2.2.7: Carry out stock condition surveys to monitor energy condition of Council housing stock

The Stock Condition Surveyor has completed relatively few inspections due to the need to divert the resource to other areas of the service. Savills UK has been commissioned to undertake a stock condition survey of 1000 properties in the Autumn of 2022.

Action 2.2.8 Ensure Charnwood standard is implemented and maintained for Council housing stock

The 2021-22 programme was interrupted when the capital works contractor ended earlier than originally planned. Procurement of contracts to deliver the capital programme will prioritise any back log from 2021/22.

Action 2.3.4 Include policies in our Local Plan that encourage developers to achieve high energy standards and to incorporate renewable and decentralised (on-site) energy generation

The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-2037 was submitted to government during December 2021 for Examination. Two Inspectors were appointed and the first week of Hearing Sessions commenced during June 2022. The remainder Hearing Sessions have been postponed while the issue of unmet housing need from Leicester and the evidence which supports this are given further consideration. The Council is working with the Inspectors to resume the Hearing Sessions as soon as possible and to update the timetable for adoption of the Local Plan.

Action 2.3.5 Include policies in our Local Plan that encourage new large-scale development to explore and incorporate low carbon district heating networks

Local Plan update as action 2.3.4.

Action 2.5.3: Increase the household recycling rate. Tonnages of green waste and recycling as a percentage

There is a target in the action plan to increase the household recycling rate and tonnages of green waste and recycling as a percentage to 50%. Charnwood has never got to a 50% recycling rate and, like recycling nationally, Charnwood's performance is in a very gradual decline. There are many factors in this including, lower newspaper circulation, light weighting of packaging, for example, coffee jars to pouches, cleaning products being more concentrated.

Going forward, the government is introducing the Environment Bill, which could make the separate collection of food waste (this is classed as recycling) mandatory from April 2023. Changes are also being considered to garden waste collections to make it a statutory and free service from 2023. If these changes are introduced and funded by Government, it is likely that Charnwood will exceed the 50% target.

Resilience

Action 3.2.1 Promote the community flood warden monitoring scheme

Three training events have been offered in the first half of 2022 with no uptake from CBC residents despite six expressions of interest (note that none of these events took place within CBC area). Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Prepared are currently looking at a more effective training strategy and will programme future events. Expressions of interest are still being collated.

Action 3.2.4: Development of community resilience plans with parish councils

Government funding is no longer on offer to Community Resilience groups. Awaiting funding, approval and recruitment of Community Resilience Engagement Officer within the Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Prepared who will provide more focus in this area.

Action 3.2.5 Promotion of climate resilient buildings through the revised Local Plan

Local Plan update as action 2.3.4.

Action 3.3.1: Work with partners to prepare and assess Council Business Continuity plans

The Leicestershire Resilience Forum are investigating the option for the district councils in Leicestershire to develop a shared business continuity resource under the management of the County Council's business continuity team.

Action 3.5.1 Protect and enhance native species and habitats monitoring the implementation of Local Plan policies on Landscape, Countryside, Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Geodiversity

The Annual Monitoring Report 2020-2021 was published in December 2021. It notes that in Local Wildlife Sites a minimum of 3% of the total resource has been lost since the last assessment in the early 2000's.

Action 3.5.2 Promote and support opportunities for environmental enhancement and regeneration with policies in the emerging Local Plan

Local Plan update as action 2.3.4.

Action 3.6.1 Promote the allotment and community orchard schemes

No new community orchards have been provided. Community work has been heavily impacted by the pandemic; however, activity in this area is starting to increase.

3.2 Actions marked red not met:

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Action 2.1.8: Support tree planting across Charnwood to offset CO₂ emissions, provide habitat for wildlife, enhance natural landscape and reduce flood risk

This target was to publish a Tree Strategy for the Council by 2020. Scoping for the format and content of a tree strategy has been completed. A Strategy has not been published to date.

Action 2.4.1: Prepare and implement a Sustainable Travel Plan

Due to significant changes in staff working arrangements, the new agile working policy and home working it has not been feasible to prepare a new sustainable travel plan for the Council. This will be reviewed once accommodation plans for the future of the Council are finalised.

Action 2.3.6 Promote sustainable design in buildings

The Charnwood Design Awards ceremony took place in 2019 where the overall winner achieved a BREEAM Excellent rating for sustainability. There are no plans for an Awards ceremony in the immediate future.

4. Forward look to 2022/2023

- 4.1 A refresh of the Climate Change Strategy has been programmed to reflect current Council priorities and partnership working. An online public consultation has been scheduled alongside a review of the Net Zero Carbon Leicestershire 2045 Strategy and Action Plan. It is expected the Plan will be completed by Spring 2023.

Appendix A

Climate Change Strategy Action Plan

Awareness Raising									
Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Timescale	Progress 2019/20 & 2020/21	Rank	Progress 2021/22	Rank
1.1	We will recognise climate change as a corporate commitment for the Council	Ensure climate change is recognised as a priority within the Corporate Plan	Climate change included in the Corporate Plan for 2020-2025 and 2025-30	Corporate plan published with Climate Change as a key priority	2020-2025 2025-2030	Climate Change is included in the 2020-2025 Corporate Plan.	Green	Climate Change is included in the 2020-2025 Corporate Plan.	Green
1.2.1	We will encourage environmental education and promote climate action through a proactive communication campaign	Encourage residents to adopt energy efficiency measures	Frontline services training and awareness taking place Information on website	Training provided Website updated	Annual	<p>One new HSC received training in 2020-2021.</p> <p>Virtual visits via WhatsApp video calls and Attend Anywhere replaced home visits during lockdown periods, but the same housing MOT survey was completed with residents virtually. Home visits were reintroduced when risk assessments permitted.</p> <p>Warm Homes information leaflets would have been subject to changes in delivery approach because of COVID risk assessments during 2020-2021. Leaflets were removed from reception as a result of COVID risk assessments. Fewer visitors to the Council Offices during appointment only slot times would have resulted in fewer take ups of information from this source.</p> <p>The Council Website https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/energy has been updated to ensure up to date signposting information for residents, landlords and tenants regarding any grant funding or benefits that they are entitled to, as well as advice on saving money on their fuel bills and reducing the energy that they use.</p>	Green	The Council Website https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/energy has been updated to ensure up to date signposting information for residents, landlords and tenants regarding any grant funding or benefits that they are entitled to, as well as advice on saving money on their fuel bills and reducing the energy that they use.	Green
1.2.2		Help residents save money on fuel bills and work towards alleviating fuel poverty	Provide information and advice on energy efficiency measures at Charnwood Big Switch Roadshows	Roadshows take place	3 times a year	Road shows took place in August 2019 and January 2020. A digital promotion took place in September 2020. No further roadshows have taken place due to the Covid 19 social restriction.	Amber	No further roadshows have taken place. This action will be updated once the Strategy is refreshed.	Amber

Awareness Raising									
Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Timescale	Progress 2019/20 & 2020/21	Rank	Progress 2021/22	Rank
1.2.3		Encourage residents to reduce waste to landfill and increase recycling	Awareness programmes in place #Recycle Right campaign Big Guide brochure delivered to all new properties	Two number of promotions	Annual	The amount of awareness work that has been undertaken since March 2019 has been negatively impacted by the pandemic. Some campaign work runs through schools and community groups which haven't been able to meet through this period. As restrictions ease, recycling awareness work will increase to pre-pandemic levels.	Amber	Two waste promotions took place.	Green
1.2.4		Encourage the improvement of our environment by taking part in Loughborough in Bloom	Resources and promotions in place to support and take part in competition	Maintain the number of Love Your Neighbourhood groups >30	Annual	There were 31 "In's Your Neighbourhood" groups entered for East Midlands in Bloom during 2020/21. The groups are supported by the Loughborough in Bloom Community Participation group and Bloom Board.	Green	There are at least 30 'In Your Neighbourhood Groups' as part of Loughborough in Bloom as well as groups operating in other parts of the borough.	Green
1.2.5		Encourage residents to cut down on meat consumption to within accepted health guidelines to help reduce the carbon emissions associated with meat production and to bring about health benefits	Work with Leicestershire Nutrition Dietetic (LNDS) as part of the Lifestyle Exercise Activity Programme for adults to raise awareness	Ensure key messages delivered through our dieticians	Annual	Adult Weight Management Programmes delivered by LCC have not taken place due to the Pandemic. The Council's Sport & Active Recreation team have created an Active Charnwood You Tube Channel with over 100 videos ranging from exercise classes, sports activities and stretch and mobility sessions to encourage people of all ages to stay active at home. The team have also distributed over 1100 physical activity packs to residents (the contents include a Public Health 'Active At Home' booklet, stress ball, theraband, seated activity leaflet/nutritional advice and Active Charnwood leaflet).	Green	Face to face Leicestershire County Council adult weight management programmes have resumed. To date 3 x 10-week programmes have been delivered to men and people with disabilities at Fearon Hall, Loughborough and 2 courses at Gorse Covert Community Centre, Loughborough. In total 22 participants have attended. The programmes include advice on diet and nutrition, portion control, boredom eating and introduction to physical activity and exercise.	Green
1.2.6			Awareness programme in place	Deliver 1 promotional campaign annually	Annual	In 2020 during the Pandemic the council's Choose to Move weight management/physical activity programme was delivered virtually. In 2021 this moved to face to face delivery. To date the following sessions have been delivered; 1 x block of 10 weeks virtual choose to move programme with 15 attendees per week and 1 x weekly choose to move maintainers virtual session Average of 8 attendees per week.	Green	Face to face Choose to Move sessions have resumed. (A physical activity session aimed at all ages and abilities with the goal of being more active). To date the following has been delivered; 1 x block of 10 weeks virtual choose to move programme with 15 attendees per week and 1 x weekly choose to move maintainers virtual session Average of 8 attendees per week.	Green

Awareness Raising									
Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Timescale	Progress 2019/20 & 2020/21	Rank	Progress 2021/22	Rank
1.3.1	We will encourage a low carbon economy	Work with partnership agencies to encourage businesses to adopt energy efficiency measures by signposting to relevant services and opportunities	Engage with Businesses to promote energy efficiency Details made available on website and publications	Deliver 1 promotional campaign annually	Annual	Promotional events have not been taking place during the pandemic. The Council has used its social media platforms to promote low carbon activities and programmes such as the Digital Skills Programme for the county and recently the Zellar initiative which enables businesses to apply for fully funded support around becoming more energy efficient and the 'greening' of business processes. Once physical or hybrid events start taking place again, carbon reduction initiatives will be promoted where feasible. Opportunities will be promoted through digital channels.	Amber	Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions and the impact on the events industry, very few face-to-face business events took place in 2021/22. Less people travelling to business events and more people working from home cut down on travel and therefore contributed to lower carbon emissions. The Council has and will continue to promote energy efficiency schemes to businesses where details of those are provided to us by the relevant Government departments, the LLEP or other funding bodies.	Amber
1.4.1	We will promote environmental behaviour change and showcase best practice	Develop and implement an environmental behavioural change programme and work with teams to show case positive changes in environmental practice	Programme in place Questionnaire to staff on feedback of scheme	Number of staff taking part 40	Annual	Green Impact did not take place during 2019/20 due to a review of the scheme and consideration of other programmes available. Green Rewards behavioural change programme was launched on a virtual platform whilst the majority of staff were home working on 1 st July 2020. There were 48 participants in the scheme. The scheme is based on a yearly programme with a second year to start 1 st July 2021. Green Rewards is a web platform and app where sustainability actions are logged to earn points and rewards. Points are awarded for actions that improve sustainability and wellbeing including reducing plastic use, switching off, taking outside breaks and active travel. The purpose of the scheme is to increase staff action on the sustainability agenda supporting the Council's commitment to the carbon neutral agenda and environmental policy.	Green	Over the last 12 months, Charnwood have made a total of 9,148 positive actions which have contributed to a huge 8,200kg of CO ₂ saved. That's equivalent to almost 18 flights from a London to New York. Additionally, 14,933kWh of electricity was saved, which is enough to power 1,493 homes for a day. The meat free activity saved 12,964 baths of water, by simply switching meat meals for plant-based alternatives. There are 76 users signed up to the programme since the launch. The most popular theme is wellbeing and most popular activities switch off, step challenge, and report your recycling.	Green

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Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Timescale	Progress 2019/20 & 2020/21	Rank	Progress 2021/22	Rank
2.1.1	We will measure and reduce carbon emissions across our buildings and operations, including our fleet	Implement actions in Carbon Neutral Plan	Reduction in carbon emissions from energy saving schemes	Carbon Neutral by 2030	2030	A Carbon Neutral Plan has been prepared to align with Council priorities. It is expected to be presented to Cabinet in September 2021. A small number of carbon reduction schemes have been implemented including updating LED lighting in Council owned car parks. The Plan has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and impact on Council priorities.	Amber	Cabinet adopted the Carbon Neutral 2030 plan on 16 th September 2021. A Climate Action Board has been established to take forward the actions in the plan, the Climate Change Strategy and other Council actions that contribute positively to climate change. Actions are being investigated to determine the affordability and practicalities of implementation.	Amber
2.1.2		Prepare annual monitoring report	Resources available to complete annual carbon monitoring report	Production of annual report	Annual	Annual monitoring reports have been prepared and published on the Council website. In 2018/19 the Council's carbon footprint was 1,130 tCO ₂ e. This is the baseline figure for working towards carbon neutrality by 2030. In 2019/20 the carbon footprint was 1,378 representing an 18% increase and in 2020/21 the carbon footprint was 1,092 representing a 3% decrease from the baseline.	Green	An annual monitoring report for 2021/21 will be prepared in Autumn 2022.	Green
2.1.3		Review low carbon solutions across Council buildings, operations and fleet	Number of schemes implemented	Carbon savings will depend on schemes implemented	Ongoing	Low carbon solutions have been reviewed as part of preparing the carbon neutral plan. A small number of schemes have been implemented such as electric charging points. Further schemes are expected once the carbon neutral plan has been approved by cabinet and resources in place.	Green	There has been limited progress implementing carbon saving schemes. One project recently approved is the replacement of auditorium house lighting at the Town Hall, which has an estimated annual CO ₂ saving of 4.43tCO ₂ e and cost saving of £4201.	Amber
2.1.4		Improve energy efficiency of Council IT equipment	Implementation of Office 365	Migrate all users by April 2020	Ongoing	With the exception of Planning and Legal Services (due to legacy back office systems), all users have been migrated onto O365. The single system for Planning is being upgraded with an scheduled implementation date of March 2022	Green	All users have been migrated onto O365. The Planning system has also been migrated from on-premises servers and onto the Azure Cloud environment. This action is closed	Closed
2.15		Investigate options for what systems can be migrated onto a network of remote servers hosted on the Internet (cloud)	Implementation of recommended approach	2020	Approximately two thirds of applications and Infrastructure have been migrated onto Azure (Microsoft's Cloud offering). The remaining servers are schedule to be migrated by January 2022. The next phase will then involve planning, consolidation, and possible relocation of the onsite Server environment is estimated to start in January (linked to the SWAP Workspace Group) – the onsite infrastructure will only include legacy equipment that can't be cloud migrated and relocation of onsite data connection/circuits	Green	The migration of the remain servers (QL, Lagan, Payment systems) will be completed by January 2023. The options for relocating the data centre will be undertaken post January 2023 after the migration of servers	Green	

2.1.6			Options identified for improving remote working systems, encouraging smarter, more efficient working	Carbon savings will depend on schemes implemented	Ongoing	Remote working access to systems have been available to staff since the start of the pandemic. The migration of systems to the Cloud will enable easier access (see point 2.5 above)	Green	Savings can be identified once the migration work of the remaining servers in action point 2.1.5 are completed.	Green
2.1.7		Support tree planting across Charnwood to offset CO ₂ emissions, provide habitat for wildlife, enhance natural landscape and reduce flood risk	Number of trees planted	Plant 100,000 trees	2020	The free tree giveaway did not take place during 19/20 and will not happen during 20/21. This is due to the pandemic and coronavirus restrictions. We are looking to reinstate this for 22/23. Funding has been obtained to plant 14,000 trees in Hathern. Officers are working with Hathern Parish Council to create a Community Woodland.	Green	Progress is being made in this area with planting being delivered through planning approval and on council owned land. New tree planting is in progress with the Hathern Woodland Scheme (14,000 trees) being delivered later this year.	Green
2.1.8			Prepare a Tree Strategy	Tree Strategy published	2020	Scoping for the format and content of a tree strategy is currently being carried out with a view to producing a strategy in 2021/22.	Red	A Tree Strategy has not been published to date.	Red
2.1.9		Assess the feasibility of electric or hybrid vehicles when the Council's existing fleet vehicles are replaced	Number of electric or hybrid vehicles leased	Minimum of 3 electric / hybrid vehicles leased	Ongoing	Severn electric vehicles are currently in use. Officers are looking at increasing this as vehicle contracts are renewed.	Green	There are plans to expand the number of electric vehicles, however, supply issues are making this difficult.	Green
2.2.1	We will encourage energy reduction, clean energy and energy efficiency and promote its benefits to our community and businesses	Update and implement the Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) report	Production of HECA report	Report published	Biannual	The HECA Progress Report is being completed for online submission. Increased workload within the Service due to COVID impacted on the resources available and delayed completion of the report.	Amber	The next report is due in 2023.	Green
2.2.2		Work in partnership to deliver government energy efficiency programmes	ECO top up grant contribution	Guidance available to support residents	Ongoing	In April 2020, the Private Sector Housing Grants Policy was reviewed. The ECO top up Grant criteria was updated to include other similar financial assistance to ECO, for example - Health through Warmth to maximise the investment of all energy efficiency and fuel poverty grant funding available in the area, where a resident contribution may prohibit take up. In 2019-2020 three grants were awarded and in 2020-2021, a further three grants were awarded to facilitate the installation of new efficient gas central heating boilers.	Green	Due to the impact of Covid there has been restrictions in home inspections in the past two years. An ECO4 Flex Statement is soon to be published. As part of this there will be a co-ordinated / comprehensive campaign for residents to take advantage of retrofit grants available to insulate their property to reduce their bills.	Green
2.2.3			Resources in place to signpost to first contact plus	Guidance available to support residents	Ongoing	Consideration was given to two schemes to assist mobile home residents in the Borough, firstly through LAD 2 and then through HUG 1 funding, in partnership with MEH.	Green	A new partnership between Leicestershire County Council and the district councils 'Leicestershire Green Living' aims to work together to deliver projects which help	Green

						Substantial survey work was undertaken on 4 sites to identify the suitability of the homes for retrofit insulation measures and to gauge interest from the residents in having their homes improved. However, the LAD 2 scheme was not taken forward due to the two key factors of timeframe and a lack of capacity in the market to deliver. Feedback was provided to MEH, requesting an extension of timeframes for the scheme, or for any other scheme that is introduced. HUG1 funding via MEH was also considered and although the timescales were improved, the funding available was reduced and concerns about lack of capacity in the market to deliver remained. As such the project was not carried forward.		Leicestershire residents go green, reduce costs and tackle climate change. Work is progressing on delivering energy efficiency improvements in eligible homes which will reduce energy costs as well as making households warmer and greener.	
2.2.4	Collective Energy Switching: The council will encourage partners to continually review the current approach and to consider introducing a 'green' category to the supplier's auction	Regular meetings with partners to review the auction categories	Meetings 3 times a year (to coincide with auctions)	Ongoing	Regular meetings take place with partners 3 times a year following the auctions. Since October 2020 - all suppliers who take part in the auctions must now supply a green energy tariff.	Green	With the energy market in crisis, there's currently nothing meaningfully cheaper than the price cap, so for most people it will not be worth switching right now.	Amber	
2.2.5	Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) records for Council housing stock to be updated to give an average SAP value	EPC records being updated on the streamline software to give an average SAP value	To carry out EPC's at all void properties and uploaded to software	Ongoing	All Council owned domestic properties have an EPC certificate at void stage. There are 2153 properties that currently have an EPC.	Green	There are 1276 properties that currently have an EPC. An external contractor was procured in May 2022 to undertake EPCs at void.	Amber	
2.2.6	Provide top-up roofing insulation, cavity wall and boiler upgrade programme for Council housing stock	Investment in programme	125 loft insulation installations based on £400 per property	2018/19	355 Heating systems have been installed from From 1/4/19 to 31/3/21 The 2019-2020 roofing programme one block of accommodation and six houses have received loft insulation alongside renewal of roofs. The 20-21 programme suffered a number of delays due to COVID -19. Roofing insulation was effected and will form part of the 2021-2022 programme.	Green	46 heating systems have been installed from 1/4/21 to 31/3 /22. 18 Roofs have been replaced. 2 insulation installations completed.	Amber	
2.2.7	Carry out stock condition surveys	Stock condition surveys	250 stock condition	Ongoing	Stock Condition Surveyor started mid-June 2021 and has started to undertake this task.	Amber	The Stock Condition Surveyor has completed relatively few inspections due to the need to	Amber	

		to monitor energy condition of Council housing stock		surveys per year				divert the resource to other areas of the service. Savills UK has been commissioned to undertake a stock condition survey of 1000 properties in the Autumn of 2022.	
2.2.8		Ensure Charnwood standard is implemented and maintained for Council housing stock	Charnwood standard in place and being maintained	No properties not meeting Charnwood standard Programmes created from the housing management system to ensure standard maintained	Ongoing	The 2019-20 programme has been completed. The 20-21 programme was partially completed due to the interruption caused by Covid 19.	Green	The 2021-22 programme was interrupted when the capital works contractor ended earlier than originally planned. Procurement of contracts to deliver the capital programme will prioritise any back log from 2021/22.	Amber
2.3.1	We will minimise the climate impact from development and encourage a low carbon economy through the planning system	Encourage a sustainable pattern of development supported by a low carbon transport infrastructure	New major developments provide walking, cycling and public transport access to key facilities and services	100% of major developments to provide walking, cycling and public transport links to key facilities and services	Ongoing	A draft of the local plan was consulted on during November and December 2019. Preparation of the draft local plan has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic, competing work priorities and the need for additional transport and infrastructure evidence. However, preparation of the plan is now well advanced and a Pre-Submission Version of the Charnwood Local Plan is currently been consulted on until the 23rd August 2021. The plan will be submitted to government in October 2021 and Examination in Spring 2022.	Green	The Annual Monitoring Report 2020-2021 which was published in December 2021 (the most recent monitoring report) notes that 100% of major developments have provided walking, cycling & public transport links and that there have been no decisions taken which are contrary to Policy CS17 (Sustainable Travel) and CS18 (The Local and Strategic Road network). Local Plan Update: The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-2037 was submitted to government during December 2021 for Examination. Two Inspectors were appointed and the first week of Hearing Sessions commenced during June 2022. The remainder Hearing Sessions have been postponed while the issue of unmet housing need from Leicester and the evidence which supports this are given further consideration. The Council is working with the Inspectors to resume the Hearing Sessions as soon as possible and to update the timetable for adoption of the Local Plan.	Green
2.3.2				100% of major development to have a travel plan	Ongoing	A draft of the local plan was consulted on during November and December 2019. Preparation of the draft local plan has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic, competing work priorities and the need for additional transport and infrastructure evidence. However, preparation of the plan is now well advanced and a Pre-Submission Version of the Charnwood Local Plan is currently been consulted on until the 23rd August 2021. The	Green	Whilst Policy CS17 (Sustainable Travel) notes that we will assess the impact of major development through travel plans, it is not included as a target in the monitoring framework and therefore isn't monitored. There is no target for this in the emerging Local Plan. Action is closed.	Closed

						plan will be submitted to government in October 2021 and Examination in Spring 2022.			
2.3.3		Encourage renewable sources of energy supply	Amount of new energy being provided from renewable or low carbon energy developments embedded in the emerging local plan	27.5MWe of energy provision from decentralised and renewable sources of energy supply	Ongoing	<p>A draft of the local plan was consulted on during November and December 2019.</p> <p>Preparation of the draft local plan has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic, competing work priorities and the need for additional transport and infrastructure evidence. However, preparation of the plan is now well advanced and a Pre-Submission Version of the Charnwood Local Plan is currently been consulted on until the 23rd August 2021. The plan will be submitted to government in October 2021 and Examination in Spring 2022.</p>	Green	The Annual Monitoring Report 2020-2021 notes that to the end of March 2021, 52.91 Mwe of new energy had been provided from renewable or low carbon energy developments and that the monitoring period to 2028 has yet to end but the target has already been significantly exceeded.	Green
2.3.4			Include policies in our Local Plan that encourage developers to achieve high energy standards and to incorporate renewable and decentralised (on-site) energy generation	Local plan policy and target evidenced and consulted on	2020	<p>A draft of the local plan was consulted on during November and December 2019.</p> <p>Preparation of the draft local plan has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic, competing work priorities and the need for additional transport and infrastructure evidence. However, preparation of the plan is now well advanced and a Pre-Submission Version of the Charnwood Local Plan is currently been consulted on until the 23rd August 2021. The plan will be submitted to government in October 2021 and Examination in Spring 2022.</p>	Green	The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-2037 was submitted to government during December 2021 for Examination. Two Inspectors were appointed and the first week of Hearing Sessions commenced during June 2022. The remainder Hearing Sessions have been postponed while the issue of unmet housing need from Leicester and the evidence which supports this are given further consideration. The Council is working with the Inspectors to resume the Hearing Sessions as soon as possible and to update the timetable for adoption of the Local Plan.	Amber
2.3.5			Include policies in our Local Plan that encourage new large-scale development to explore and incorporate low carbon district heating networks	Local plan policy and target evidenced and consulted on	2020	<p>A draft of the local plan was consulted on during November and December 2019.</p> <p>Preparation of the draft local plan has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic, competing work priorities and the need for additional transport and infrastructure evidence. However, preparation of the plan is now well advanced and a Pre-Submission Version of the Charnwood Local Plan is currently been consulted on until the 23rd August 2021. The plan will be submitted to government in October 2021 and Examination in Spring 2022.</p>	Green	The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-2037 was submitted to government during December 2021 for Examination. Two Inspectors were appointed and the first week of Hearing Sessions commenced during June 2022. The remainder Hearing Sessions have been postponed while the issue of unmet housing need from Leicester and the evidence which supports this are given further consideration. The Council is working with the Inspectors to resume the Hearing Sessions as soon as possible and to update the timetable for adoption of the Local Plan.	Amber
2.3.6		Promote sustainable design in buildings	Sustainable Design category in Charnwood design Awards	Design Awards scheme	Biannual	The overall winner of the 2019 Awards achieved a BREEAM Excellent rating for sustainability. Subject to suitable nominations it is anticipated that the 2022 Awards will contain a specific category for sustainability.	Green	There are no plans for an Awards ceremony in the immediate future.	Red
2.4.1	We will encourage reduced car use and promote	Prepare and implement a Sustainable Travel Plan	Prepare new Sustainable travel Plan	Plan in place	2020	Due to significant changes in staff working arrangements, the new agile working policy and home working it has not been feasible to prepare a new sustainable travel plan for the Council.	Red	This will be reviewed once accommodation plans for the future of the Council are finalised.	Red
2.4.2	Implement actions		2 new schemes introduced	2030			Green	A bike to work and electric car salary sacrifice scheme are being investigated.	Green

	sustainable travel					There have been no new travel schemes introduced. Due to home working arrangements staff travel has significantly reduced. There has also been a significant reduction in staff business travel during 2020/21.		Pool cars are also being considered for business use.	
2.4.3	Promote cycling, walking, running and other physical activity to our own staff and the wider community	Assess the feasibility of electric or hybrid pool car / bike	1 electric hybrid vehicle leased 1 electric pool bike	2030	Feasibility on pool cars and bikes will be considered once the new working arrangements at the Council are in place. This is on track, but not in place yet.	Green	1 hybrid pool car is being delivered in November.	Green	
2.4.4		Engage with workplaces in the Borough	Provide a bespoke physical activity package to 5 Charnwood based workplaces per year	Ongoing	Due to the Pandemic workplace health programmes have not been delivered. The Sport & Active Recreation team have supported Leicestershire & Rutland Sport to encourage local businesses to sign up to the 'Well Being at Work charter'. In total 20 Charnwood businesses have signed up to complete the Well Being At Work Health Needs Assessment and 11 organisations have signed up to the health pledge. In addition during 2021, The Active Charnwood Team have delivered 61 Charnwood based walks over 17 weeks, with 1,487 attendances and 221 participants. <u>CBC Work Place Health</u> CBC's SWAP Board have endorsed the councils Health & Well Being Action Plan 2021/22. The first draft of the CBC Health and Wellbeing Policy and Charter has been produced and is awaiting final sign off/ approval. A short staff survey is due to be sent to all CBC staff which will help to provide an insight into how staff have looked after their mental and physical health during the pandemic and will be a useful comparison to the results of the 2019 survey, which took place before Covid. The Council's staff newsletter features regular Wellbeing features including how to keep active in One Charnwood.	Green	The council's Active Charnwood team continue to support Active Together (County Sports Partnership) to encourage local businesses to sign up to the 'Well Being at Work charter'. To date 15 Charnwood businesses have signed up to the Workplace Health Pledge and 15 businesses have signed up to Well Being at Work Health Needs Assessment. A short staff health survey has been completed by CBC staff. Results from the survey will provide a useful comparison to the results of the 2019 survey and will support the corporate health and wellbeing group to update the CBC staff health and wellbeing action plan 2022-23. As part of Active Charnwood's guided walks programme guided walks have taken place at; Gorse Covert, Loughborough Town Centre Barrow and Shepshed. The sports team have also delivered Nordic walks from Queens Park, Walkie Talkie Business walks and walks for people with disabilities and longer countryside walks. To date 69 walks have taken place with 300 participants & 2034 attendances. All of these walks are available for businesses to take part.	Green	
2.4.5		Deliver and promote national physical activity / health campaigns to	In line with Public Health priorities deliver 3 campaign weeks per year and achieve	ongoing	The Active Charnwood Team have supported the following campaigns during the pandemic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One You • This Girl Can • We are undefeatable • Mental Health Awareness Week 	Green	As part of Mental Health Week 2022 Active Charnwood have put out a series of social media posts to support the campaign which achieved 353 engagements and 7967 impressions across the team's social media platforms.	Green	

			Charnwood residents	300 new participants annually				Through social media content Active Charnwood have promoted Active Together's Narrative of #LetsGetMoving, encouraging residents of Charnwood to get moving in their local spaces, through partner's sessions or through volunteering. Between 1st April-22 and 30th June-22 social media posts received 5,568 engagements across Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Active Charnwood continue to promote #ThisGirlCan campaigns where appropriate. Total 6,321 engagements.	
2.4.6			Provide support to Charnwood based cycling clubs and groups to deliver recreational and family bike rides	2 new ride leaders trained annually 10 recreational / family bike rides delivered annually	Ongoing	Due to the pandemic no family bike rides have taken place. The Active Charnwood Team have supported cycling programmes in Charnwood, working alongside B-Buddies to deliver Dr Bike Sessions and Bike skills clubs for children aged 18months to 3 years.	Green	The Active Charnwood Team continue to support cycling programmes in Charnwood, working alongside B-Buddies to deliver Dr Bike Sessions and Bike skills clubs for children aged 18months to 3 years. Loughborough based community group; B-BUDDIES CIC has been granted up to £3,750 towards the "Let's Get Cycling" scheme. The group works closely with schools and in the local community to get more children cycling. Active Charnwood are working with Active Together to provide Set, Pedal - Go!, a learn to ride programme supporting school aged children in Leicestershire to learn to cycle. Across Charnwood seven courses have been delivered. In total 84 children have accessed these courses.	Green
2.4.7		Promote non-recreational cycling for commuting as well as recreational cycling	Promote the choose how you move programme to encourage cycling for commuting	Promotional campaign in place	Ongoing	The Active Charnwood Team have continued to promote Choose how you move programme through Active Charnwood's social media channels. Encouraging residents to walk and cycle more.	Green	The Active Charnwood Team have continued to promote Choose How You Move programme through Active Charnwood's social media channels. Encouraging residents to cycle more.	Green
2.5.1	We will encourage an increase in the proportion of reuse and recycling and a reduction in waste to landfill	Update and implement the Zero Waste Strategy	New Zero Waste Strategy in place	Strategy published	Ongoing	This is on track. The Strategy will follow the requirements of the Environment Bill which is due to become statute in 2021.	Green	Officers are currently working with other local authorities in Leicestershire to produce a Joint Waste Strategy. This should be approved by the end of 2022.	Green
2.5.2			Zero Waste Strategy in place to divert waste from landfill and improve recycling	Compare tonnage of landfill waste with other LCC authorities as well as against recycling	Ongoing	Charnwood's residual waste is incinerated and does not go to landfill. This generates energy from waste. Increased tonnages for both residual waste (11%) and dry recycling (10%) have been experienced through the pandemic as people	Green	Charnwood's residual waste is incinerated and does not go to landfill. This generates energy from waste.	Green

				the national average		have spent more time at home that they would under normal circumstances.			
2.5.3			Increase the household recycling rate. Tonnages of green waste and recycling as a percentage	Contractors to achieve a 50% household recycling rate	Ongoing	The current recycling rate is 43.74% (June 2021)	Amber	The target is not currently being achieved. The Environment Bill may introduce new initiatives (and funding) to assist in reaching this target.	Amber
2.5.4		Implement waste education / promotional campaigns	Resources available to deliver educational campaigns on reducing waste to landfill and recycling	Deliver waste promotional programmes	Annual	The student waste and recycling campaign for 2021 has taken place. Educational workshops have been suspended due to the pandemic. These will be reinstated soon.	Green	The student waste and recycling campaign for 2022 has taken place. An evaluation Report is currently being produced.	Green
2.5.5		Phase out single use plastics within Council offices and buildings	Investigate use of single use plastics	Implement reduction of single use plastics	Ongoing	Due to buildings being closed due to Covid plastic waste has been reduced. Charnwood Museum have been actively trying to source non-plastic or more sustainable toys. The café has removed all single use, plastic straws from their business.	Green	Ongoing work has taken place to remove plastics from Council building.	Green
2.6.1	We will work in partnership to improve air quality	Monitor and review air quality across the borough to determine whether national air quality objectives are being met	Preparation of DEFRA annual monitoring report Air quality annual status report	Review annually	Ongoing	2020 Annual Status Report (ASR) submitted to DEFRA in July 2020. Report accepted August 2020. 2021 Annual Status Report (ASR) to be imminently submitted (Aug 2021). Authoised DEFRA extension due to Covid-19 service pressures.	Green	2021 Annual Status Report (ASR) accepted by DEFRA (Oct 2021). 2022 ASR submitted for appraisal June 2022.	Green
2.6.2			Production of monitoring report	National air quality targets being met	Annual	No exceedances of any National Air Quality Objective levels were monitored in 2019 (reported on in 2020). DEFRA will undertake evaluation of 2020 National Objective levels compliance through the 2021 ASR submission.	Green	No exceedances of any National Air Quality Objective levels were monitored in 2020 (reported on in 2021). DEFRA will undertake evaluation of 2021 National Objective levels compliance through the 2022 ASR submission	Green
2.7.1	We will ensure that services are delivered in a way that protects the quality of the environment	Consider environmental and broader sustainability issues throughout the procurement process	Follow guidelines in procurement toolkit	Guidelines met	Ongoing	Ongoing – procurement toolkit guidelines are adhered to for new systems and upgrades that involve contractual changes.	Green	Procurement toolkit guidelines are adhered to for new systems and upgrades that involve contractual changes.	Green
2.7.2			Promote environmentally friendly products available to order via the Councils' stationary provider	Promotional campaign delivered each year	Ongoing	The Council has undertaken a significant volume of procurement through framework. Framework organisations consider environmental sustainability through quality questions at tender stage. When procurement is undertaken issues relating to Climate Change are fully considered. There are questions included in tender documentation on whether companies tendering for the work	Green	In the procurement of consultancy services and contractors' details of environmental policies and sustainability practices are requested before a decision to award a contract is made.	Green

						have an environmental policy. In the 'quality' aspect of the tender evaluation process, we also include a question on environmental responsibility. To enable the Council to manage this risk, in the 'quality' questions we ask tenderers to provide evidence of the measures they employ to minimise their organisation's carbon footprint and environmental impact and enhance environmental and social benefits and how these practices will be applied to the delivery of the service being tendered.		
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Resilience									
Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Timescale	Progress 2019/20 & 2020/21	Rank	Progress 2021/22	Rank
3.1.1	We will work with our partners to understand the current and future risks of flooding	Review Charnwood Borough Council Flood Plan with Local Resilience Forum partners	Charnwood Borough Council Flood Plan and recommendations being implemented	Review biannually	Ongoing	Central Government issued new guidance to Local Resilience Forums on Multi-Agency Flood Planning. As a result of this CBC's pre-existing flood plan has been converted into an action card. This was issued in July 2021 and is designed to be used in conjunction with CBC's Incident Plan	Green	Action has been replaced.	Closed
3.1.2		Charnwood Borough Council attend the Leicestershire Flood Risk Management Board.	Ongoing attendance and engagement with the Flood Risk Management Board	Meetings held quarterly	Quarterly	New action			Green
3.1.3		Council Flood Plan to be replaced with Flood Action card to provide guidance to senior managers during a flooding event. The Flood Action Card compliments the LRF Multi-agency Flood Plan and CBC Incident Plan.	Flood Action Card kept up to date and reviewed annually.	Yearly	Annual	New action			Green
3.2.1	We will work with communities	Promote the community flood warden	Number of flood wardens in place	At least 1 flood warden for each	Ongoing	Recruitment and training was paused during pandemic response. Both virtual and face to face training is planned for September 2021.	Green	Three training events have been offered in the first half of 2022 with no uptake from CBC residents despite 6 expressions of interest (note that none of these events took	Amber

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	and businesses to increase resilience to future changes in climate	monitoring scheme		flood warning area		Training has been advertised to Parish councils.		place within CBC area). Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Prepared are currently looking at a more effective training strategy and will programme future events. Expressions of interest are still being collated.	
3.2.2			Flood warden scheme on Charnwood and Local Resilience Forum websites	Website updated on a regular basis	Ongoing	The flood warden scheme is promoted on Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) website at: https://www.llrprepared.org.uk/prepared-communities/flood-warden/ Under the 'Resilience Planning' webpage, viewers are encouraged to visit the LLR website.	Green	The flood warden scheme is promoted on Leicester Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) website at: https://www.llrprepared.org.uk/preparedcommunities/flood-warden/ Under the 'Resilience Planning' webpage, viewers are encouraged to visit the LLR website. The ongoing LLR Flood Risk Management Strategy rewrite includes a specific point to improve flood warden information and communication.	Green
3.2.3		Advise residents on steps to increase resilience	Up to date information made available on Charnwood and Local Resilience Forum websites.	Website Updated on a regular basis	Ongoing	Flooding advice and signposting can be found on the CBC website here: https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/flooding	Green	Flooding advice and signposting can be found on the CBC website here: https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/flooding The ongoing LLR Flood Risk Management Strategy rewrite includes a specific point to develop community awareness of individual responsibilities and opportunities to improve resilience.	Green
3.2.4		Development of community resilience plans with parish councils	Number of community resilience plans in place	5 plans in place	Ongoing	Four Plans in place: Quorn, East Goscote, Sileby and Syston. Barrow-upon-Soar have expressed continued interest but have struggled to establish a project group. Community based responses to pandemic should be explored in order to identify areas who could/would like to develop community resilience plans.	Amber	Government funding is no longer on offer to Community Resilience groups. Awaiting funding, approval and recruitment of Community Resilience Engagement Officer within the LLR Prepared who will provide more focus in this area.	Amber
3.2.5		Promotion of climate resilient buildings through the revised Local Plan	Embed policy in emerging Local Plan	Local Plan policy published and consulted on	2020	Preparation of the draft local plan has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic, competing work priorities and the need for additional transport and infrastructure evidence. However, preparation of the plan is now well advanced and a Pre-Submission Version of the Charnwood Local Plan is currently being consulted on until the 23rd August 2021. The plan will be submitted to government in October 2021 and Examination in Spring 2022.	Green	The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-2037 was submitted to government during December 2021 for Examination. Two Inspectors were appointed and the first week of Hearing Sessions commenced during June 2022. The remainder Hearing Sessions have been postponed while the issue of unmet housing need from Leicester and the evidence which supports this are given further consideration. The Council is working with the Inspectors to resume the Hearing Sessions as soon as possible and to update the timetable for adoption of the Local Plan.	Amber
3.2.6		Maintain an updated Strategic Flood risk Assessment to inform strategic policies and to manage flood risk	Updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment in place	Assessment supporting development decisions	Ongoing	A Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment was published in January 2021.	Green	The Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment remains up to date.	Green

Resilience									
Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Timescale	Progress 2019/20 & 2020/21	Rank	Progress 2021/22	Rank
3.3.1	We will ensure business continuity planning at the Council is resilient to climate impacts	Work with partners to prepare and assess Council Business Continuity plans	Annual assessment of Business Continuity plans and reviews of live incidents	Annual assessment complete	Ongoing	Paused during the pandemic.	Amber	The Leicestershire Resilience Forum are investigating the option for the district councils in Leicestershire to develop a shared business continuity resource under the management of the County Council's business continuity team.	Amber
3.3.2			Quarterly assessment of Strategic Risk Register	Quarterly assessment complete	Ongoing	A quarterly Risk Management Group involving CLT is undertaken. HoS review the Strategic Risk Register and also look at Health and Safety matters and Insurance Risks. An internal audit is currently being undertaken of Strategic Risk and the recommendations will be reviewed and implemented and can be reported at the next update.	Green	The Strategic Risk Register is monitored on a quarterly basis by the Risk Management Group and the Audit Committee. The recommendations from the Audit have mostly been completed with some training to be sourced and delivered.	Green
3.4.1	We will ensure that Council owned open spaces and habitat are well adapted to the changing climate	Work in partnership to carry out biodiversity and heritage audits in Charnwood	Full list of Council owned land and their wildlife features	2 Biodiversity and heritage audits conducted	Ongoing	Stonebow and Gorse Covert have been declared as LNR's Booth Wood is with awaiting legal declaration and registration as an LNR There is a rough draft of the Management Plan required for Pignut Spinney and this is in progress The status of Tom Long's Meadow is not known at the moment as this is a Parish Council asset.	Green	No change from previous update.	Green
3.4.2				Promote and enhance heritage, biodiversity, geology, history and cultural values of Charnwood sites		Projects being delivered			

Resilience									
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3.5.1	When new development is considered in areas with nature conservation value, we will ensure that risks can be managed through suitable adaptation measures	Protect and enhance native species and habitats	Monitoring the implementation of Local Plan policies on Landscape, Countryside, Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Geodiversity	Local Plan annual monitoring report published	Ongoing	Annual monitoring report April 2019 – March 2020 published December 2020.	Green	Annual Monitoring Report 2020-2021 was published in December 2021. It notes the following: Local Wildlife Sites - a minimum of 3% of the total resource has been lost since the last assessment in the early 2000's. Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) - No loss of a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Regional Important Geological Sites - No loss of Regionally Important Geological Sites. Areas of Local Separation - There have been no decisions taken which are contrary to Policy CS11 (Landscape and Countryside).	Amber in relation to Local Wildlife Sites
3.5.2		Promote and support opportunities for environmental enhancement and regeneration	Embed policy in emerging Local Plan	Local Plan policy published and consulted on	2020	A draft of the local plan was consulted on during November and December 2019. Preparation of the draft local plan has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic, competing work priorities and the need for additional transport and infrastructure evidence. However, preparation of the plan is now well advanced and a Pre-Submission Version of the Charnwood Local Plan is currently being consulted on until the 23rd August 2021. The plan will be submitted to government in October 2021 and Examination in Spring 2022	Green	The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-2037 was submitted to government during December 2021 for Examination. Two Inspectors were appointed and the first week of Hearing Sessions commenced during June 2022. The remainder of Hearing Sessions have been postponed while the issue of unmet housing need from Leicester and the evidence which supports this are given further consideration. The Council is working with the Inspectors to resume the Hearing Sessions as soon as possible and to update the timetable for adoption of the Local Plan.	Amber
3.6.1	We will support healthy and ethical local food initiatives	Promote the allotment and community orchard schemes	Number of new allotment schemes introduced Number of community orchards introduced	1 no of new allotment schemes introduced 1 no of community orchard scheme introduced	Ongoing	Work is ongoing in this area. No new community orchards have been provided since the last update.	Green	Community work has been heavily impacted by the pandemic; however, activity in this area is starting to increase.	Amber

Resilience									
Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Timescale	Progress 2019/20 & 2020/21	Rank	Progress 2021/22	Rank
3.6.2		Work with partners to support the Loughborough farmers market and locally sourced produce	Number of businesses participating in the Farmers market	Sustain the number of businesses participating in the farmers market	Ongoing	<p>A number of local craft makers have been invited to take up stalls alongside the traditional Farmers market and this combination of artisan makers and local Farmers worked well.</p> <p>However, at the onset of COVID and lockdowns, tiers only those traders selling essential goods were allowed to stand and we lost all of our regular traders apart from a few of our original traders. We now have the task of rebooting the Farmers market again.</p>	Green	Traders who had supported Loughborough Farmers Market have looked at alternative venues nearer to home. These opportunities arose with the start of pop-up markets during Covid offering local opportunities for fresh produce. CBC have continued to approach traders, with the hopes of rebuilding the Farmers Market. As an alternative we introduced a Sunday Vegan Market (through an independent event organiser) which had great success and they are due to return in October. Speaking to the organisers they would plan to attend twice a year, possibly 3 times depending on footfall and successes. Whilst this doesn't match our previous monthly offering - it generates a similar revenue and makes use of our Market Place on a Sunday. Plus, it attracts footfall from a wider demographic. So, more people from the wider community can see what Loughborough has to offer.	Green
3.6.3		Programme in place to support locally sourced produce	Deliver one promotion annually	Ongoing	Charnwood Museum have reviewed buying policy regarding shop stock to try and include more local suppliers of items.	Green		Green	
3.6.4		Work with partners to promote and support Fairtrade in the borough	Information provided on website	Deliver 1 promotion annually	Ongoing	Fairtrade was promoted during Fairtrade Fortnight via the Green Rewards programme.	Green	<p>Fairtrade is no longer a Corporate commitment.</p> <p>The action is closed.</p>	Closed

3.3.2			Quarterly assessment of Strategic Risk Register	Quarterly assessment complete	Ongoing	<p>A quarterly Risk Management Group involving CLT is undertaken. HoS review the Strategic Risk Register and also look at Health and Safety matters and Insurance Risks.</p> <p>An internal audit is currently being undertaken of Strategic Risk and the recommendations will be reviewed and implemented and can be reported at the next update.</p>	Green	<p>The Strategic Risk Register is monitored on a quarterly basis by the Risk Management Group and the Audit Committee.</p> <p>The recommendations from the Audit have mostly been completed with some training to be sourced and delivered.</p>	Green
3.4.1	We will ensure that Council owned open spaces and habitat are well adapted to the changing climate	Work in partnership to carry out biodiversity and heritage audits in Charnwood	Full list of Council owned land and their wildlife features	<p>2 Biodiversity and heritage audits conducted</p> <p>5 new Local Nature Reserves (LNR) to be accredited</p>	Ongoing	<p>Stonebow and Gorse Covert have been declared as LNR's</p> <p>Booth Wood is with awaiting legal declaration and registration as an LNR</p> <p>There is a rough draft of the Management Plan required for Pignut Spinney and this is in progress</p> <p>The status of Tom Long's Meadow is not known at the moment as this is a Parish Council asset.</p>	Green	No change from previous update.	Green
3.4.2		Work in partnership to deliver projects in Charnwood Forest Regional Park to enhance / promote heritage, geological and biodiversity assets	Promote and enhance heritage, biodiversity, geology, history and cultural values of Charnwood sites	Projects being delivered	Ongoing	<p>The Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership was successful in its bid for lottery funding. The 5-year programme has just completed its 1st year review with the lottery.</p> <p>There has been a slight delay in getting some of the projects started due to the pandemic</p>	Green	The 5-year programme has just completed its 2nd year review with the lottery. There has been a delay in getting some of the projects started due to the pandemic.	Green
3.5.1	When new development is considered in areas with nature conservation value, we will ensure that risks can be managed through suitable adaptation measures	Protect and enhance native species and habitats	Monitoring the implementation of Local Plan policies on Landscape, Countryside, Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Geodiversity	Local Plan annual monitoring report published	Ongoing	Annual monitoring report April 2019 – March 2020 published December 2020.	Green	<p>Annual Monitoring Report 2020-2021 was published in December 2021. It notes the following:</p> <p>Local Wildlife Sites - a minimum of 3% of the total resource has been lost since the last assessment in the early 2000's.</p> <p>Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) - No loss of a Site of Special Scientific Interest.</p> <p>Regional Important Geological Sites - No loss of Regionally Important Geological Sites.</p> <p>Areas of Local Separation - There have been no decisions taken which are contrary to Policy CS11 (Landscape and Countryside).</p>	Amber in relation to Local Wildlife Sites

3.5.2		Promote and support opportunities for environmental enhancement and regeneration	Embed policy in emerging Local Plan	Local Plan policy published and consulted on	2020	A draft of the local plan was consulted on during November and December 2019. Preparation of the draft local plan has been delayed due to the Covid pandemic, competing work priorities and the need for additional transport and infrastructure evidence. However, preparation of the plan is now well advanced and a Pre-Submission Version of the Charnwood Local Plan is currently been consulted on until the 23rd August 2021. The plan will be submitted to government in October 2021 and Examination in Spring 2022	Green	The Charnwood Local Plan 2021-2037 was submitted to government during December 2021 for Examination. Two Inspectors were appointed and the first week of Hearing Sessions commenced during June 2022. The remainder Hearing Sessions have been postponed while the issue of unmet housing need from Leicester and the evidence which supports this are given further consideration. The Council is working with the Inspectors to resume the Hearing Sessions as soon as possible and to update the timetable for adoption of the Local Plan.	Amber
3.6.1	We will support healthy and ethical local food initiatives	Promote the allotment and community orchard schemes	Number of new allotment schemes introduced Number of community orchards introduced	1 no of new allotment schemes introduced 1 no of community orchard scheme introduced	Ongoing	Work is ongoing in this area. No new community orchards have been provided since the last update.	Green	Community work has been heavily impacted by the pandemic; however, activity in this area is starting to increase.	Amber
3.6.2		Work with partners to support the Loughborough farmers market and locally sourced produce	Number of businesses participating in the Farmers market	Sustain the number of businesses participating in the farmers market	Ongoing	A number of local craft makers have been invited to take up stalls alongside the traditional Farmers market and this combination of artisan makers and local Farmers worked well. However, at the onset of COVID and lockdowns, tiers only those traders selling essential goods were allowed to stand and we lost all of our regular traders apart from a few of our original traders. We now have the task of rebooting the Farmers market again.	Green	Traders who had supported Loughborough Farmers Market have looked at alternative venues nearer to home. These opportunities arose with the start of pop-up markets during Covid offering local opportunities for fresh produce. CBC have continued to approach traders, with the hopes of rebuilding the Farmers Market. As an alternative we introduced a Sunday Vegan Market (through an independent event organiser) which had great success and they are due to return in October. Speaking to the organisers they would plan to attend twice a year, possibly 3 times depending on footfall and successes. Whilst this doesn't match our previous monthly offering - it generates a similar revenue and makes use of our Market Place on a Sunday. Plus, it attracts footfall from a wider demographic. So, more people from the wider community can see what Loughborough has to offer.	Green
3.6.3			Programme in place to support locally sourced produce	Deliver one promotion annually	Ongoing	Charnwood Museum have reviewed buying policy regarding shop stock to try and include more local suppliers of items.	Green		Green
3.6.4		Work with partners to promote and support Fairtrade in the borough	Information provided on website	Deliver 1 promotion annually	Ongoing	Fairtrade was promoted during Fairtrade Fortnight via the Green Rewards programme.	Green	Fairtrade is no longer a Corporate commitment. The action is closed.	Closed