

Framework for action

The Draft Action Plan is not intended to provide a step by step response to how the key targets or priorities set out are to be achieved. In addition to these initial priorities and actions, it is envisaged that a further, more detailed plan of action will be developed under the governance arrangements proposed.

Key Priorities

- Increase resilience to the changing climate so that Teignbridge remains a safe and healthy place to live and do business.
- Enable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from energy consumption in homes, transport and businesses in Teignbridge.
- Enable the development of secure supplies of renewable and low carbon energy by individuals, community groups and industry
- Support new development to minimise additional associated greenhouse gas emissions, incorporate low carbon technologies and build in climate resilience.
- Develop the low carbon economy

Transport

Action ongoing

- Development of an Agile Working policy and project
- Development of a Workplace Travel plan for Forde House to include car sharing, cycling, public transport and electric charging.

Requires investigation

- Transition of our fleet to electric vehicles

Planning

Action ongoing

- Development of a low carbon policy for new developments

Requires investigation

- Reducing the need to own and use a car through policies in the local plan
- Assessment of Carbon Emission targets for all new developments.
- Use policy to maximise onsite renewable energy generation in new developments

Buildings

Action ongoing

- Providing residents with energy-saving and affordable warmth advice and information on how to get an energy audit and insulation grants
- Identifying projects to reduce our energy consumption

Requires investigation

- Detailed projects to reduce our carbon footprint.

Waste

Action ongoing

- Work to maximise the level of recycling and to make it easier for residents who want to recycle more.

Requires investigation

- Assessment and minimisation of the carbon footprint of key council purchases

Energy

Action ongoing

- Reducing our energy consumption, with a focus on our top ten sites.

Requires investigation

- Cost and impact of changing our energy providers
- The feasibility of using our policies to shift to very low or zero carbon electricity generation, mostly renewable and much of it decentralised

Resilience -

Action ongoing

- Work to improve resilience in areas that will become more prone to flooding

Procurement - Teignbridge spends approximately £21 million per year on goods, works and services contracts. We recognise the impact that our contracts may have on the environment and that we can influence sustainable practices and policy in our area.

Action ongoing

- Review of the Sustainable Procurement Policy and Procedure

Requires investigation

- Consider increasing the weighting for environmental sustainability.

Influence - Teignbridge has an important leadership role in creating low carbon and climate-resilient communities. Individual councillors also have an important leadership role.

Action ongoing

- Developing guidance to ensure all Council decisions consider the climate impact.
- Continue work with the Devon Climate Emergency project

Requires investigation

- Continued lobbying of government to provide resources and legislation to deliver carbon neutrality.

Engagement

Action ongoing

- Developed a specific area of the website to promote the work and provide contact details for the local community.
- Attendance by the Portfolio Holder at the Teignbridge Climate Emergency event on the 4th July 2019.
- Regular meetings with representatives of Action for Climate in Teignbridge (ACT).

Requires investigation

- The ongoing mechanism for community engagement during the subsequent work on the Action Plan development and implementation.
- The role and training for staff to ensure carbon reduction is considered in all Council decisions.