

Appendix 2: Climate Change Action Plan 2023/24

The action plan below details climate change actions planned during the 2023/2024 period. Where actions are expected to overlap financial years, these are indicated in the 'Target date' section.

PRIORITY AREA	KEY ACTIONS 2023/2024	TARGET DATE	SERVICE AREA
Monitoring and Reporting	Further develop accounting for scope 3 emissions arising from procurement activities and waste generated from Council operations in baseline and annual reporting data.	Dec 2023	Climate Change Team
	Use of scenario-based projection modelling to create a “roadmap to net zero,” outlining future projects/initiatives, their annual carbon savings, financial costs and projected future energy savings.	March 2024	Climate Change Team
	Development of an internal Climate Change Power BI Report Server to house and share key Climate Change Data including baselines, annual reports and projections.	March 2024	IT
Training	Investigate whether changes to the climate change impact assessments could improve accuracy of completion, general awareness and user friendliness.	March 2024	Climate Change Team
	Carbon literacy training to be rolled out across the Council, including in-person workshops and e-learning modules.	Ongoing	Climate Change Team
Management	Develop a mid to long term action plan scoping the full programme of decarbonisation works from 2023 to 2030 and 2040. This will allow for identification of gaps and should also consider work required in relation to the nature crisis and climate adaptation works necessary.	March 2024	Climate Change Team & Climate Change Leads
	Ensure Nature Crisis workstreams are fully integrated within the Climate Change work programme for reporting in 2024.	March 2024	Climate Change Team and Partners

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Decarbonising Buildings	Continued delivery of the proof-of-concept self-generated green electricity scheme to the Rotherham portfolio to enable a reduction in grid supply reliance; installation and operation to be completed in the coming years.	Ongoing	Energy Team
	Develop a building decarbonisation standard and working group for new and refurbishment of existing Council buildings to achieve delivery of NZ30.	March 2024	Energy Team
	Continue to support the private sector led development of Templeborough heat network	Ongoing – Private sector led.	Energy Team
Net Zero Modelling	Undertake a full decarbonisation modelling on a selected building to fully demonstrate the process utilising current and emerging technologies. This will allow assessment of indicative impact on costs subject to market changes.	TBC	Energy Team
Community Energy Support Scheme	Continue to promote and support the Energy Company Obligation 4 (ECO4) scheme and support residents to reduce energy and cost.	Ongoing whilst funding lasts.	Energy Team
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Promote Electric Vehicle Charging	Further analysis required to target areas of need for EV charging in relation to housing/EV density.	Ongoing	Energy & Transport Teams
	Continue roll out of EV charging infrastructure	Ongoing	Energy / Transport Teams
Transport Planning and Data	Funding options to be explored to facilitate a review of baseline model and allow further analysis and bridging of gaps in data	March 2024	Transport planning
	Delivery of Sheffield Road cycleways (phases 2 & 3)	As per project plan	Transport Planning

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	Delivery of Broom Road cycleway	As per project plan	Transport Planning
	Delivery of Wath to Manvers cycleway	As per project plan	Transport Planning
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Zero carbon housing	Delivery of 3 zero carbon new build properties in Thrybergh (2x 2bed houses 1x 1bed bungalow). This project will help establish an energy efficiency specification for new Council homes to be carbon neutral. (This action is carried forward from 2022 to 2023)	Ongoing	Housing
	Develop delivery plan for achieving Band C for all Council houses by 2030.	March 2024	Housing
	Complete Maltby SHDF project	March 2024	Housing
	Gain approval for and implement a policy for tenants wanting to install renewable technologies to their homes at their cost.	March 2024	Housing
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Waste from households	Development of high-level plan to deliver the new South Yorkshire Waste Strategy by April 2024.	April 2024	Waste
	Contamination policies to be reviewed to assist in the reduction of contamination.	March 2024	Waste
	Roll out of behaviour change campaign based on 21/22 HUBBUB Analysis	March 2024	Waste
Commercial waste	Completion of route optimisation for commercial rounds and develop recycling offer	March 2024	Waste

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Planning	<p>Partial update to the Local Plan Core Strategy including policies related to climate change. To be informed by the Council's October 2019 climate emergency declaration and May 2022 nature crisis declaration, and taking account of the critical friend review recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refresh of the 2019 Core Strategy Review • Consultation on a draft revised Core Strategy 	March 2024	Planning
	<p>Introduction of further SPDs relevant to climate change – SPDs elaborate on Local Plan policies, giving developers additional technical guidance, speeding up applications and resulting in better quality development for the community and environment. Adoption of further SPDs relevant to climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Net Gain • Trees • Preparing a Soils Strategy 	March 2024	Planning
Green spaces and trees	<p>Development of tree planting Strategy giving consideration to appropriate species delivery. Planting schemes should be more focussed on native plant species to enhance biological diversity but also needs to recognise the importance of non-natives in climate change resilience and disease tolerance.</p>	March 2024	Green spaces
	<p>Planting 10,000 new woodland trees and 500 new urban trees.</p>	March 2024	Green spaces
	<p>Commissioning of an i-tree ECO survey via Woodland Accelerator Funding.</p>	August 2024	Green spaces
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Employee Engagement	<p>Deliver additional opportunities for internal awareness via the creation of an employee climate change sub-group for the change champions employee network.</p>	March 2024	Climate Change Team
Local & Regional engagement	<p>Continue to engage with Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission, exploring ways in which the Council can contribute to the borough's Circular Economy Initiatives.</p>	March 2024	Climate Change Team

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	Further explore other local and regional engagement opportunities to share knowledge and resources for climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives. Ensure local groups and individual wards needs are captured with regards to the climate agenda.	March 2024	Climate Change Team
Children and Young People's Participation	Continue to engage the Youth Cabinet to hear their thoughts on the Council's plan and works in to 2023/2024. Involvement of Youth Cabinet in reviewing the climate change action plan. Feedback from cabinet on wider recommendations to be incorporated into workstream plan where feasible.	Ongoing	Climate Leads
Communication	Develop the website and intranet to include up to date and useful information to residents and employees.	March 2024	Climate Change Team/ Communication Team
	Involvement in the Rotherham show to showcase progress made and increase climate awareness.	October 2023	Climate Change Team/ Events
PRIORITY AREA	KEY ACTIONS 2021/22	TARGET DATE	SERVICE AREA
Flood risk	Further development of the 6 priority Flood Alleviation Schemes as per existing reported plan.	Various - as per project plan	Drainage & Flood Risk Teams
Climate adaptation	Develop an updated risk assessment and climate adaptation work plan alongside other local authorities participating in the YHCC's Adaptation Work programme. Include a plan for monitoring and evaluating effectiveness.	Pilot by March 2024	Climate Change Manager & Service Leads