

Action	Climate Change Group Action	Cost	Target	Date	Notes	Responsible Officer	October Update
Council Buildings actions							
Existing actions:							
Promote Building Research Establishment (BRE) Home Quality Mark				Ongoing	Planning		Nothing to report at present.
New Hatfield Commons multi-storey car park designed with low energy features and electric vehicle charge points				Currently being built	Development team	Rachael Walsh	8 EV Chargers installed. LED Lighting throughout the car park and control system to switch off when there is no occupancy.

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Planning actions							
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Submitted Local Plan spatial vision seeks to play its part in addressing climate change				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy	Matt Pyecroft	Local plan going through examination process.
Submitted Local Plan policies seek to achieve sustainable design and construction principles				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy	Matt Pyecroft	As above.
Submitted Local Plan policies seek to achieve BREEAM excellent standard for non-residential buildings				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy	Matt Pyecroft	As above.
Submitted Local Plan policies have been subject to sustainability appraisal and habitats assessment				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy	Matt Pyecroft	
Submitted Local Plan policies have been subject to viability assessment, to ensure developers can afford them				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy	Matt Pyecroft	

Future planning applications will be considered in terms of their sustainability and climate change issues				Ongoing	Head of Planning	Chris Dale	
Council is member of Herts Building Futures initiative to promote sustainable development				Ongoing	Planning Policy team	Matt Pyecroft	Nothing to report at present.

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Waste actions							
Herts County Council operates several household waste recycling centres around the borough				Ongoing	Herts CC	Durk Reyner/Kirsten Roberts	Ongoing
Council attends school and fresher events to promote waste initiatives				Ongoing	Environment	Durk Reyner/Kirsten Roberts	Nothing to report this time.

Submitted Local Plan policies prevent development from having unacceptable on environment and human health				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy	Matt Pyecroft	Nothing to report this time.
Council has installed equipment to check air quality at sensitive locations around the borough				Ongoing	Public Protection	Terry Vincent	Ongoing
Council is member of Herts & Beds Air Pollution Alert Scheme, which sends alerts if air pollution is high				Ongoing	Public Protection	Terry Vincent	Ongoing

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Governance actions							
Existing actions:							
Procurement Strategy that considers social, economic, environmental and climate change issues				Adopted	Procurement Manager	Andrew Harper	Achieved
Contractors and consultants to demonstrate their climate change credentials				Ongoing	Procurement Manager	Andrew Harper	Ongoing
Council purchases 100% recycled paper for printers				Ongoing	Procurement Manager	Andrew Harper	Ongoing
Recycling bins throughout council offices				Ongoing	Premises team	Mark Croft	Achieved
Council has phased-out disposable coffee cups				Ongoing	Procurement Manager	Andrew Harper	China mugs now used.
Council has Extreme Weather Plan for both hot and cold weather scenarios				Adopted	Risk & Resilience Manager/ Andy Cremer	Andy Cremer	Achieved
Councillors use tablets and Officers use laptops for most council meetings rather than printing papers				Ongoing	Client & Governance Services	Jonah Anthony	Ongoing
Council is member of Recycling Advisory Committee advising DEFRA on waste strategy to improve recycling rates				Ongoing	Head of Environment	Durk Reyner	Durk Reyner is Vice-Chair of the Recycling Advisory Committee.

All committee reports include section on climate change implications				Ongoing	Governance Services	Jonah Anthony	This change has been implemented.
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Transport actions							
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Council is working with Herts County Council to implement policies in Local Transport Plan and other transport plans				Ongoing	Head of Planning	Matt Pyecroft	Currently working on a local cycling and walking infrastructure plan with HCC.
Submitted Local Plan policies seek provision for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and electric vehicles				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy	Matt Pyecroft	Local Plan is still going through the examination process.
Council will maintain Green Travel Plan for council buildings				Ongoing	Scope to update as part of agile working modernisation review	Andy Cremer	Ongoing
Council is active member of A414 Group investigating merits of mass rapid transit options				Ongoing	Head of Planning	Matt Pyecroft	Feasibility work on Herts & Essex Rapid Transit (HERT), ongoing.
Council is active member of Intalink Partnership to encourage greater bus patronage				Ongoing	Head of Planning	Matt Pyecroft	No update at this time.
Council has applied for Government funding for new electric vehicle charge points in council-owned car parks				2021	Development team	Durk Reyner	£80k of funding was secured for 2020/21.
Council is supporting Living Lab project to trial electric and driverless vehicles in Hatfield business park				2021	Head of Planning	Matt Pyecroft	Workshop took place in October 2021.

Council has nominated Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield as sustainable travel towns for future investment projects				2021	Planning Policy	Matt Pyecroft	Unsuccessful in the first round, awaiting information of second round.
Council has reviewed car parking charges as part of budget setting process				Done	Parking Services		Achieved

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Water actions							
Existing actions:							
Submitted Local Plan policies state that new homes must achieve water consumption of 110 litres per person per day				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy	Head of Planning	Local Plan is still going through the examination process.
Submitted Local Plan policies state that development should consider flood risk and surface water management				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy	Head of Planning	Local Plan is still going through the examination process.
Council works with Herts County Council to respond to localised flooding events				Ongoing	HCC and WHBC	Risk and Resilience Manager	Ongoing

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Council Housing actions							
Existing actions:							
Council is seeking to replace 600 gas boilers per year in council houses				Ongoing	Gas boilers banned in new homes from 2025. Retrofit expensive. Alternative heat source industry not yet geared-up for mass use. Not yet enough skills within industry for installation and repairs. Industry requires massive investment before 2025. Scope for alternative heat systems will continue to be explored as industry opportunities	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing
Council is seeking to replace 400 windows per year in council houses				Ongoing	Housing	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing
Council is using EPC information to install cavity wall and loft insulation in council houses				Ongoing	Housing	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing
Council is seeking to replace 200 pitched roofs per year in council houses				Ongoing	Housing	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing
Council is seeking to replace 50 flat roofs per year in council houses				Ongoing	Housing	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing
Council is seeking to install 600 solar panels in council houses				Ongoing	Housing	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing

Council is upgrading communal lighting to LED movement detection lighting in all 560 council housing blocks				Ongoing	Housing	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing
Council is installing air source heat pumps in council houses in remote areas				Ongoing	Housing	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing
Council is using 'fabric first' approach in council houses, rather than mechanical or electrical systems				Ongoing	Housing	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing
Council supports initiatives to improve the thermal efficiency of council homes				Ongoing	Housing	Housing Maintenance Team	Ongoing
Council works with rented housing sector to ensure all homes have required EPC certification				Ongoing	Housing	Private Sector Housing Team/Jo Smith	Ongoing

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Energy actions							
Existing actions:							
Council is member of Greater South East Energy Hub to support low-carbon economy					Economic Development Officer	Lisa Devayya	<p>Council is working with the SE Energy Hub & the Herts Managing Agent for LAD 2 funding to promote the funding available to residents.</p> <p>Organisations that may come into contact with vulnerable adults have been invited to a workshop on the 2 November to find out about the eligibility criteria for receiving up to £10,000 for energy efficient works.</p>

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Environment and Biodiversity actions							
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Submitted Local Plan policies seek to protect countryside, open spaces, parks, green spaces, etc				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy		Local Plan is still going through the examination process.
Submitted Local Plan policies seek to protect and enhance borough's critical environmental assets				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy		Local Plan is still going through the examination process.
Submitted Local Plan policies seek to create and enhance strategic green infrastructure links across the borough				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy		Local Plan is still going through the examination process.
Submitted Local Plan policies seek to protect and enhance biodiversity assets and ecological networks				Hearing sessions	Planning Policy		Local Plan is still going through the examination process.
Council will maintain up-to-date management plans for our largest woodlands and open spaces				Ongoing	Landscape		Ongoing
Council will continue to work with volunteer groups to manage woodlands, trees and open spaces				Ongoing	Landscape		Ongoing
Council will continue to purchase ecological advice from Herts CC to inform Local Plan policies and planning decisions				Ongoing	Development Management		Ongoing

Council will maintain up-to-date Tree Strategy to guide management of woodlands and street trees				Ongoing	Landscape		Ongoing
Council will continue to plant 300 street trees per year				2021 planting season	Landscape		Ongoing
Tree Officers attend Herts Tree Health Network to monitor pests and diseases				Ongoing	Landscape		Ongoing
Council will continue to plant flowers in key town centre locations and wildflower meadows along key roads				2021 planting season	Head of Environment		Ongoing
Council will continue to manage and let stock of allotment plots				Ongoing	Landscape		Ongoing
Council will seek provision of new allotment plots as part of strategic development sites				Once Local Plan adopted	Planning		No update at this time.

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Behaviour actions							
Existing actions:							
Regular communication of climate change actions via social media posts				Ongoing	Communications	Communications	Key messaging will take place between 31 October & 12 November inline with COP 26. Lisa Devayya is the council's representative on the HCCSP Behaviour Change sub-group.