

## Notice of Meeting

### Joint Community Board

Councillor Mary Temperton (Chair), Bracknell Forest Council  
Councillor Tony Virgo, Bracknell Forest Council  
Councillor Adrian Haffegge, Bracknell Forest Council  
Councillor Tina Eberle, Bracknell Forest Council  
Lauren Lee, Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Working Group Representative  
Geoff Skeates, ESDP Infrastructure and Climate sub-group Representative  
Sean Griffin, ESDP Infrastructure and Climate sub-group Representative  
Ian Evans, Parish and Town Council Working Group Representative  
Councillor Tina McKenzie-Boyle, Parish and Town Council Working Group Representative  
Paul Adkins, Nature Partnership Representative  
Councillor Sheila Collings, Nature Partnership Representative  
Russell Julier, Transport Working Group Representative  
Samantha Gibbins, Transport Working Group Representative  
Alison Barringer, Education Working Group Representative  
Joey Gurney, Education Working Group Representative  
Dr Justine Alford, Health Working Group Representative  
Sarah Taylor, Health Working Group Representative



**Friday 13 October 2023, 9.30 am**

### Microsoft Teams

### Agenda

*All councillors at this meeting have adopted the Mayor's Charter which fosters constructive and respectful debate.*

Item	Description	Page
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <b>Reporting:</b> Councillor Mary Temperton, Executive Member for Council Strategy and Climate Change (Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive)	
2.	<b>Climate Change Motion</b>  Brief summary of the content of the revised Motion <b>Reporting:</b> Councillor Mary Temperton, Executive Member for Council Strategy and Climate Change (Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive)	1 - 2
3.	<b>Background of the Joint Community Board</b>  Explanation of the JCB and how its has come into being with brief description of the working model, couple with Working Group Updates and Diversity/Inclusion. <b>Reporting:</b> Kevin Gibbs, Executive Director: Delivery	3 - 8

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4.	<b>Working Group Expectations Q &amp; A</b> <b>Reporting:</b> Working Groups	
5.	<b>Community Climate Change Strategy</b> <b>Reporting:</b> Damian James, Assistant Director: Contract Services	9 - 18
6.	<b>Any Other Business</b> <b>Reporting:</b> Councillor Mary Temperton, Executive Member for Council Strategy and Climate Change (Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive)	

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# Climate Change Motion

19 Sep 2023

# This Council declares a Climate & Biodiversity Emergency

- Resolve to review, broaden and accelerate its Climate Change Strategy, and to commit to achieve net-zero CO2 emissions as close to 2030 as possible.
- Co-produce with the community a Community Climate Emergency Strategy, with the aim of making the wider Bracknell Forest area net-zero as close to 2030 as possible.
- Both the strategies should be done so in a financially transparent way to demonstrate accountability, affordability and economic benefits, with clear interim, smart targets.
- Explore the feasibility of raising a Bracknell Forest Local Climate Bond to support decarbonisation projects throughout the Borough.
- Revise the Biodiversity Action Plan to include audits of the State of Nature in the Borough and to highlight local biodiversity threats due to the Climate Change. Reports of these will be presented annually. Any expected ecological impacts will also be added to Executive and Council reports.

# Joint Community Board Working Groups progress

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

# Climate Change Joint Community Board

Goal: A Net Zero  
Bracknell Forest



**Key:**  
**Working group sector**  
 Initial facilitator of the group (subject to discussion in initial meetings)  
 Current/expected membership

Rep details



**Bracknell Climate Action**  
**Transport**  
 Bracknell Climate Action Group  
 10 members

2 reps

**Education**  
 Teacher and governor representatives  
 8 members

2 reps

5

**ESDP Infrastructure and Climate Sub-Group**  
 Economic and Skills Development Partnership  
 ESDP  
 c20 members

2 reps

**Nature Partnership**  
 Bracknell Forest Council Biodiversity Team  
 c20 members  
 (subject to confirmation)

2 reps

**Councillors**  
 Bracknell Forest Council  
 12 members

Cllr Mary Temperton  
 (Chair)

3 reps

**involve**  
 MAKING A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY  
**Voluntary, Community & Faith Groups**  
 Involve  
 18 members

1 rep

**Parish & Town Councils**  
 Leadership and membership tbc

2 reps

**NHS**  
 Berkshire Healthcare  
 NHS Foundation Trust  
**Health Working Group**  
 Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust  
 8 members

2 reps

**Council Officers**  
 Bracknell Forest Council  
 Membership tbc

4 reps



# Just Transition, diversity and inclusion for climate change action

## A just transition for Bracknell Forest

Bracknell Forest Council wishes to ensure that the transition to Net Zero in the borough is fair to all (a “**just transition**”) and does not disadvantage any particular group or entrench existing disparities.

## Why is this necessary?

1. Because all communities need to have access to suitable low-carbon solutions in the future
2. Because disadvantaged households and communities are most at risk from the effects of climate change
3. Because addressing climate change links to other key challenges such as the cost of living crisis

## What does this mean for us?

In order to ensure a fair response to the climate crisis, it is vital that all communities in the borough can participate. This is only possible with a genuinely inclusive JCB which has diverse representation.

The current JCB and working groups have limited diversity arising from attendances at the climate summits. The council is already working to address this, but **we would welcome any suggestions on what this group can do together to ensure it is an inclusive space and invites participants from a wide range of backgrounds.**







# Purpose of the working groups

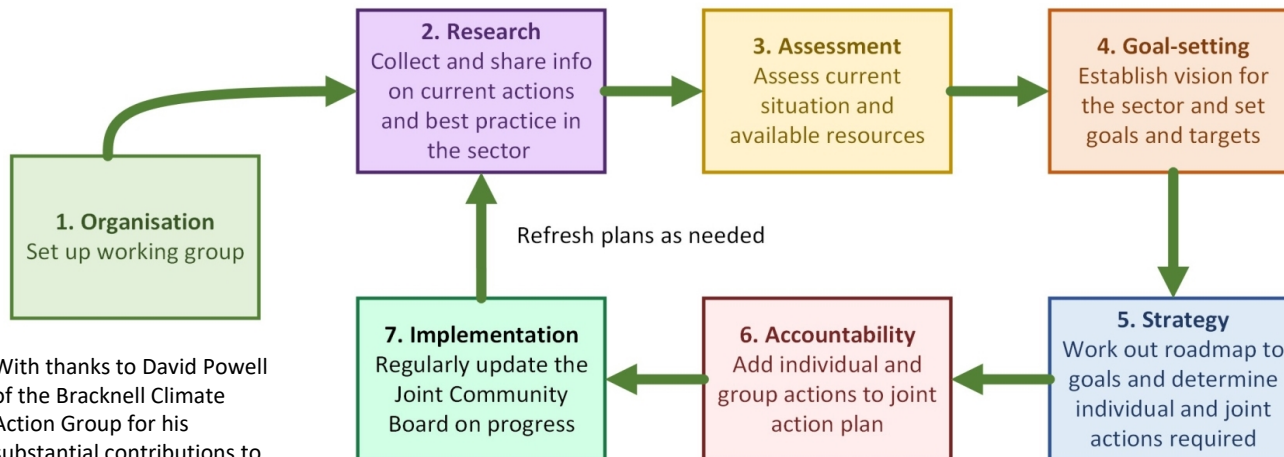
## Our initial suggestions

- Share best practice in the sector and opportunities for action
- Collect updates from members on their climate actions
- Select reps to contribute to the Joint Community Board
- Take on joint projects to tackle climate change where appropriate
- Facilitation and networking

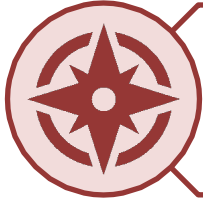
## Key note:

The council will support the JCB, but the intention is for the working groups to be genuinely self-organising and community or sector-led.

## Possible process for working groups



With thanks to David Powell of the Bracknell Climate Action Group for his substantial contributions to this suggestion



## Discussion prompts

- Any **feedback** from meetings or information gathered so far?
- How should the working groups and JCB function going forward?
- Is it viable to run joint projects through the working groups?
- Do we want to proceed with a **joint action plan** or other forms of programme management?
- How can we make our programme of work as inclusive as possible, and ensure a **just transition**?
- Would info on **co-production** approaches (which are designed to help groups jointly develop a shared approach) be helpful?
- **Should the council circulate a Terms of Reference, framework and/or draft meeting agendas to all working groups?**
- Any other questions or points from the reps and/or initial meetings?



# Towards a Community Climate Emergency Strategy

Joint Community Board – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## Bracknell Forest Council have declared a **Climate and Biodiversity Emergency**

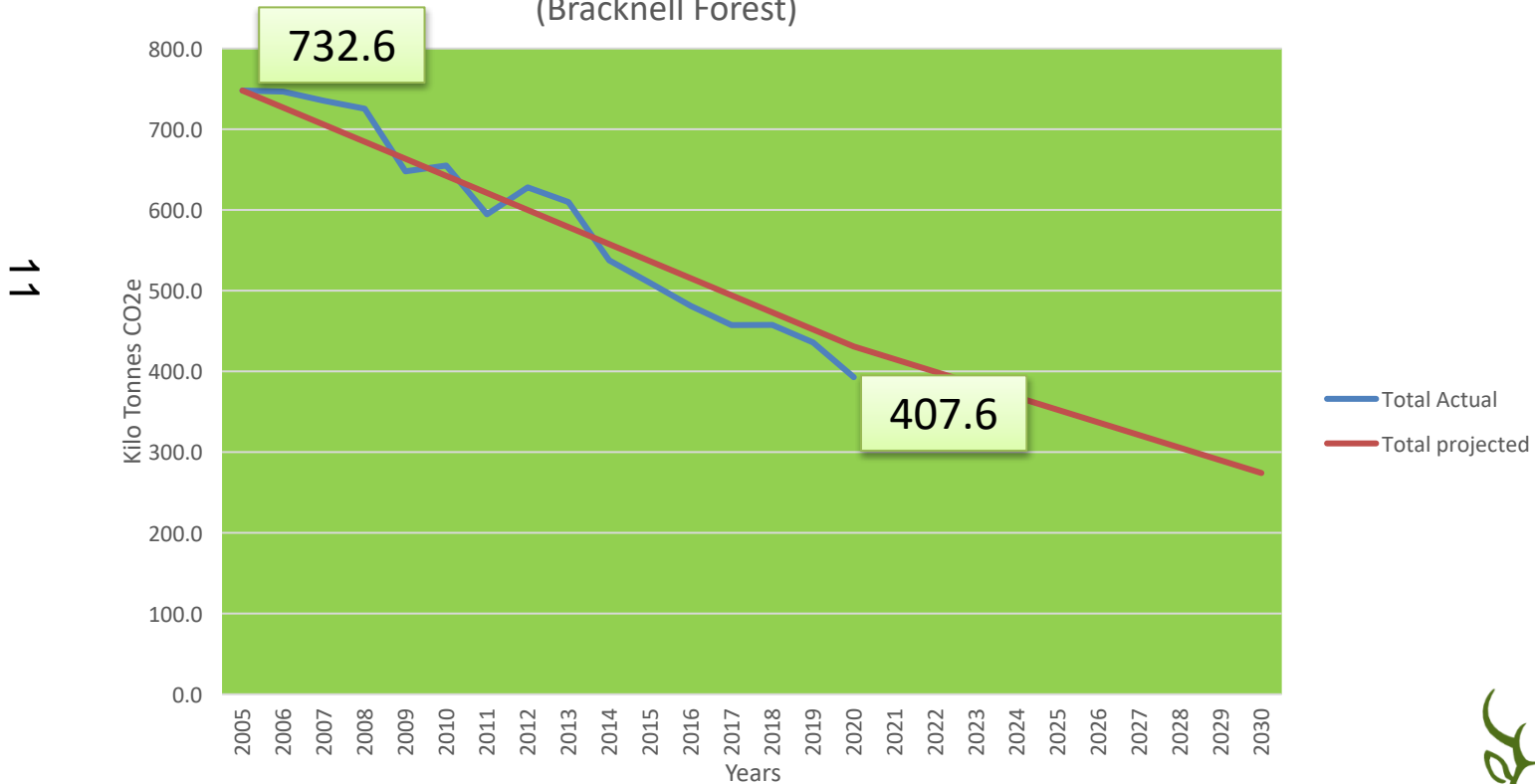
### **Tackling this includes:**

- Co-producing with the community a Community Climate Emergency Strategy, with the aim of making the wider Bracknell Forest area net-zero as close to 2030 as possible.
- Doing so in a financially transparent way to demonstrate accountability, affordability and economic benefits, with clear interim, smart targets.




# Emissions over time – where are we now?

Local Authority area total emissions  
(Bracknell Forest)



Where are we headed for 2030?



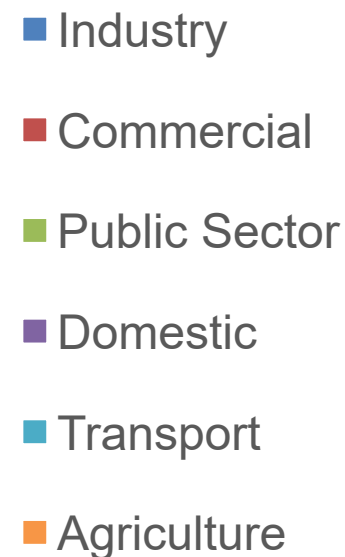
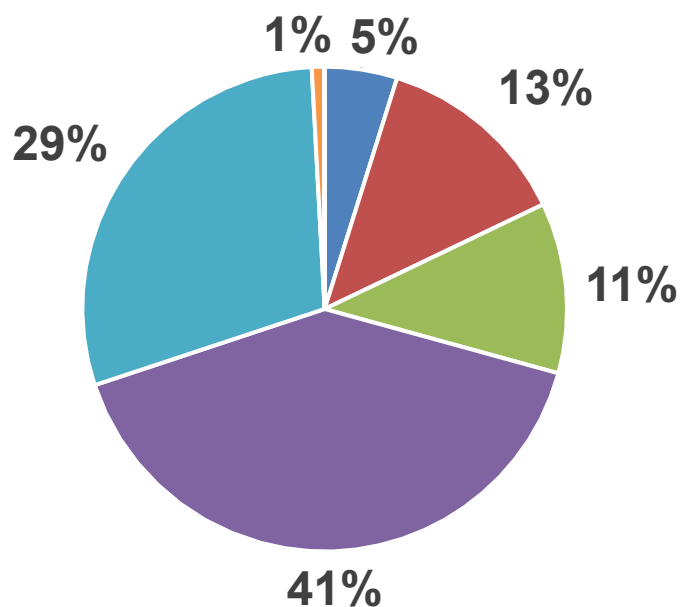
## Breakdown of emissions across the borough (2021)

**Territorial emissions cover all direct emissions from activities taking place in the borough and the energy we're using.**

This includes emissions from;

- Houses
- Vehicles
- Shops
- Offices
- Farms
- Industry here in the borough

However, it doesn't reflect emissions taking place elsewhere from the goods and services we consume (aside from energy).





# Further insight to these emissions

## Transport

- Decarbonising transport is largely focused on moving to Electric Vehicles. New sales of diesel/petrol cars will be banned from **2035**. However, there are current concerns around grid capacity and the provision of EV charging points. Up to 20,000 properties have no off-street parking and will rely on public charging infrastructure.

## 3 Domestic, Industry and Commercial

- There is a UK target of **decarbonising our electricity supply by 2035** - replacing fossil fuel generation with renewable alternatives, mainly wind and solar power. However, there are spatial challenges to do this at scale locally.
- With regards **decarbonising heating**, the UK government has recently relaxed targets on **phasing out new gas boilers by 2035 and off-grid oil boilers by 2026, making both targets an 80% phase-out instead and moving the latter to 2035**. The alternatives – heat pumps, district heating, biogas, hydrogen – all face significant infrastructure, cost & technological barriers.



# What has BFC been doing to reduce emissions?

Passed a motion reaffirming our commitment to action in the face of the climate emergency

In the last 2 years, we have worked to reduce emissions by:

Converted all of our street lighting to LEDs



Reduced the council's direct carbon dioxide emissions by 21%

Initiated a weekly household kerbside food waste collection diverting more than 6,000 tonnes away from landfill in the first year.



Improved our waste recycling rates from 43% to 56%

Have improved the average energy rating across all borough homes to a

'C'



Embedded climate change impacts within all council project decision reports

132,507 miles of green journeys logged on the EcoRewards active travel scheme



Held a secondary schools' climate change conference featuring Chris Packham



Worked to align climate change ambitions within all Public Health policies

Purchased 100% renewable electricity for supplying the council estate since April 2021



Secured Public Sector Decarbonisation funding to help us create heat decarbonisation plans for our property estate



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# Key themes from July 2023 Bracknell Forest Climate Summits

**Measuring emissions, making pledges  
and setting targets**

**Energy efficiency and heating solutions**

Green economy and jobs

**Water refills**

Air quality

**Food waste**

**Recycling**

**Behaviour change**

Reducing water usage

Reducing consumption

Home or flexible working

**Planning process and new housing**

**Litter picking**

**Education and comms  
(for children and adults)**

Gardening and healthy cooking

**Business support**

15

Fewer emails

Climate projects

Repair cafés

**Community & working  
groups**

**Climate hubs and events**

Volunteering

Reducing flying

Phasing out single-use items

**Car sharing**

**Active travel**

**LED bulbs**

Circular economy

**Solar panels and renewable energy**

**Habitat creation and maintenance**

Sustainable procurement

**Electric vehicles and charging infrastructure**

**Sharing resources and best practice**

Celebrate successes



A group of six runners, three men and three women, are jogging along a dirt path in a lush, green forest. They are dressed in various athletic wear, including t-shirts, tank tops, shorts, and leggings. The path is lined with trees and fallen leaves. On either side of the path, there are large, decorative sculptures. On the left, a sculpture of a creature with a large, textured head and blue eyes sits on a white pedestal. On the right, a large white flower sculpture with a green center and yellow stamens stands on a white pedestal, next to a sculpture of a creature with a large, textured head and blue eyes, also on a white pedestal. The text "Open Workshop discussion..." is overlaid in the center of the image.

Open Workshop discussion...

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