

# Climate Change Strategy

Annual report on progress  
2022/23



## Foreword



This report covers the period 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023, representing the second annual summary of the council's progress against our climate change strategy. As the Executive Director, leading on the council's net zero programme, I am delighted to present the council's work to both mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change to council.

As a borough, we are focussed on what we need to do locally. However, we recognise that our work is part of the national efforts to achieve a sustainable planet. The headlines from the most recent Climate Change Committee report to [Parliament 2022 Progress Report to Parliament - Climate Change Committee \(theccc.org.uk\)](#) highlighted that whilst a net zero strategy is in place, policies and measurable progress gaps still exist. To that end, in line with the report's recommendation that local authorities consider Net Zero action plans for their own emissions, and that of the partnerships that they work within, this report highlights our progress on this area. Our progress on both reducing area wide emissions, for which the council has influence and the council own emissions, for which it has control, continues at pace.

A revised cross-party climate change Motion (01/2023) was passed by Full Council on 11th Jan 2023. This highlighted the context of how the climate emergency, as a priority for the council, was to now be addressed. The motion states:

***This council strongly believes in the need to continue its work to address the impact of man-made climate change on our local communities. To this end, the council asks the Executive to continue its detailed action plans with measurable ambitious annual targets and an annual report to address the climate emergency to ensure that the council meets the government target of eradicating its net contribution to climate change by 2050.***

With regards to the wider area, the council has exerted its influence across a variety of different activities that occur within the Borough. This has meant developing and working in new partnerships and collaborations. This highlighting the council's role as an influencer and community leader; being the guardian of place. This approach is vital to achieving our objective, given that the majority of the emissions cuts needed rely on individuals and businesses shifting to a low-carbon sustainable way of living.

This year, we have therefore invested in collaborations with local businesses, town/parish councils, schools and other community groups. These engagements have already had an impact and therefore will continue to be a primary focus for the programme, during the remaining years of this strategy.

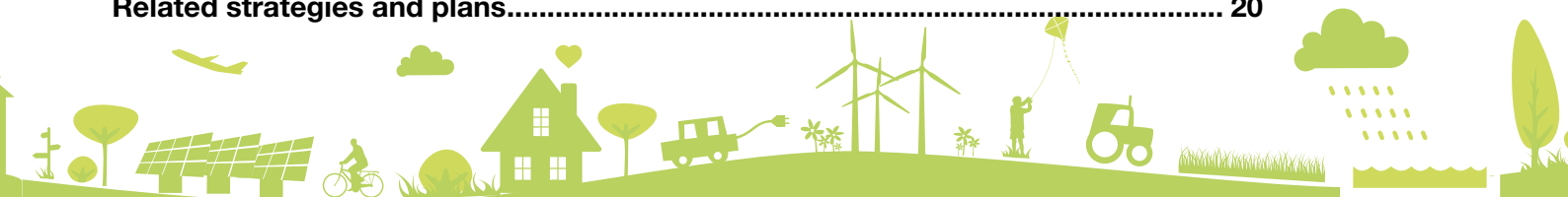
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## Strategy summary

The council's climate change strategy was published in January 2021 and sets out the council's initial 4-year framework towards reaching our ambition to be carbon net-zero by 2050. <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-11/bracknell-forest-climate-change-strategy.pdf>

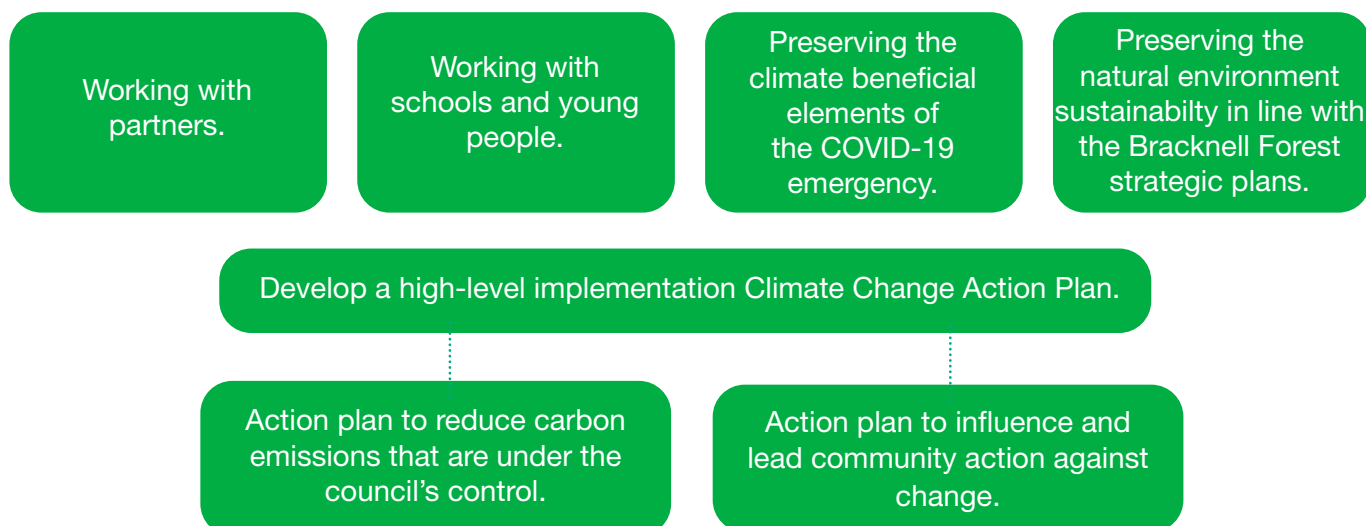
The strategy can be summarised as per the diagram below. It is worth noting that direct carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (scope 1 and 2) within the council's control represent around 2% of the entire emissions associated with the borough as a whole.

## BFC Climate Strategy (on a Page)

### Bracknell Forest Council: 2020-2024

Adopt 4 Strategic Principles for the council's approach to tackling climate change

**We will achieve our 2050 objective of being carbon neutral through:**



During 2022/23 there has been a stronger emphasis placed on wider engagement with groups and organisations outside the council itself, given the scale of impact their own emissions have on the entire borough.

There was also a recognition that certain aspects of the council's work towards reducing our carbon emissions were lacking in terms of defining and quantifying progress made and having interim targets to reach. We have now begun work to better understand how our emissions as an organisation, as well as those of the borough as a whole, are likely to change in the future and what is needed to reach net zero emissions. There remains a recognition that we still have lots of work to do and we are busy outlining how our approach to making our targets 'SMARTer', can be further developed across the organisation.

*<sup>1</sup>Note: SMART stands for specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-related.*



## Action plan to support strategy

The council's climate change strategy is supported by an action plan which charts progress made against current climate change mitigation projects or streams of work.

The action plan is therefore a 'live' document which is updated and consolidated at the end of each quarter. Updates are provided by nominated officers within various sections and directorates of the council. These quarterly updates are reported to the officer's board and progress is updated and published on the council's climate change web pages. [Climate change strategy action plan updates | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

Action Plan progress reports are also presented to the Advisory Panel and once per annum to Full Council to complete full governance of all climate change mitigation activities.

At any point in time the action plan represents a snapshot of all known 'live' pieces of work being undertaken that can be demonstrated as having tangible benefits to minimise the man-made impacts of climate change. Projects or work streams are only added to the action plan once they have been approved at Department Management Team level.

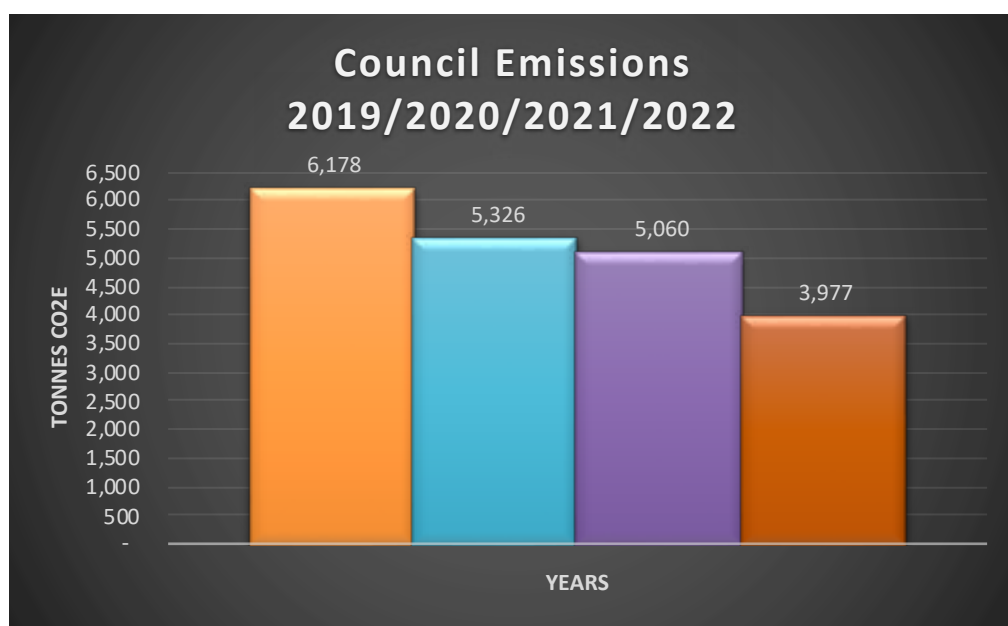
At the end of Q4 in 2022/23 there were 42 current projects referred to within the action plan and a further 10 at the proposal stage. A total of 19 projects have been closed, redefined with current projects or completed. Commentary on any completed projects this year is covered elsewhere within this report. The activities represented reflect a mix of those which solely benefit the council estate, those which solely benefit the borough and those which benefit both.



## Headline metrics 2022

### Council's own emissions

The council commenced measurement of its own carbon footprint in 2019 based on a calendar year. The data for the 2022 calendar year showed that our total CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions from the council's transport fleet, plus gas, electric and water consumption was 3,977 tonnes (scope 1 & 2 emissions). This compares to last year's figure of 5,060 and the initial figure of 6,178 in 2019. This latest one-year reduction of 1,083 tonnes saving is the equivalent of taking 913 small petrol cars off the road. [What is 1 Ton of Carbon Dioxide and how it relates to daily life? - EMSmastery.](#)



We are currently working to improve the accuracy of our scope 1 and 2 footprint data, and to model how our footprint is likely to change in the future. We intend to present forecasts based on retrofit changes to our buildings and further electrification of our fleet.

Indirect emissions (those from our supply chain and our contracted services; referred to as scope 3 emissions) are a much harder parameter to define, but exploratory work is underway, and this area will continue to be explored further too.

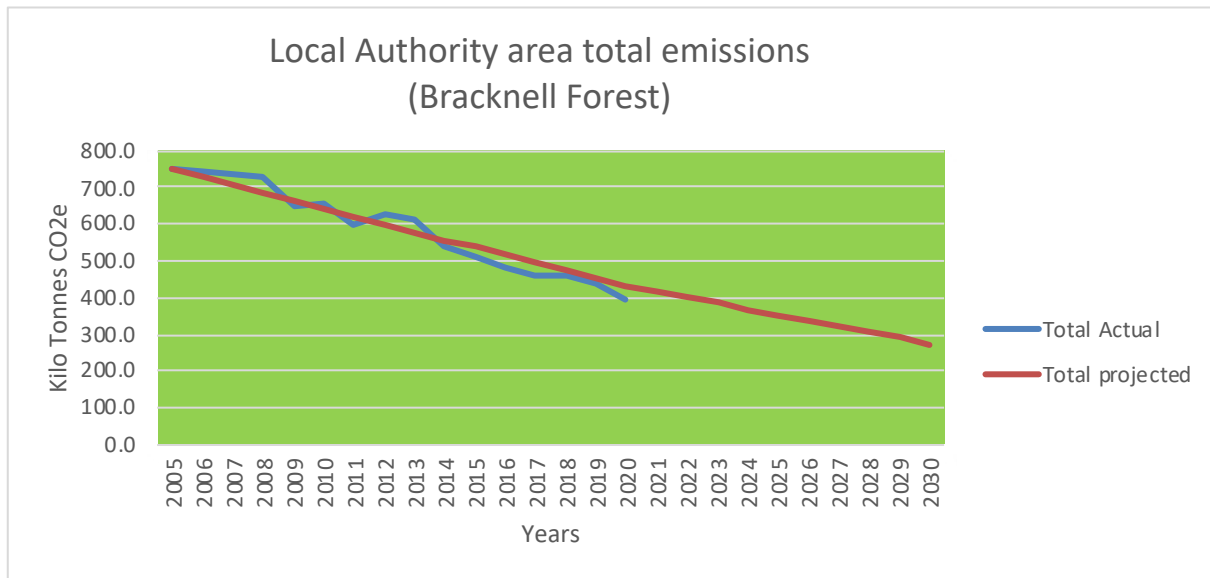


## Borough-wide emissions

Estimates for total CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions by local authority area are provided by the governments' Department for Energy Security (DES). Statistics are released annually each June, approximately 18 months in arrears, so the most recent release is that from June 2022 which reports on emissions in the 2020 calendar year. The first such set of figures were provided for 2005.

For the Bracknell Forest borough area, the 2020 figure was **392.8kT CO<sub>2</sub>e** which is down by **43kT from 435.8 in 2019**. This is quite a significant reduction, but a cautionary position should be taken given the likely impacts of COVID-related lockdowns.

The overall reduction trend from 2005 to 2020 is shown as the blue line in the chart below. The red line shows a projected reduction based on the UK target of achieving a 68% reduction against a 1990 baseline by the year 2030<sup>2</sup>. The Bracknell Forest area is therefore approximately **38kT** below our projected position as of 2020. Whilst this is good news, as above, there should be a note of caution that 2021 statistics are anticipated to show an increase in overall emissions reflecting the country's economic recovery from the COVID pandemic.

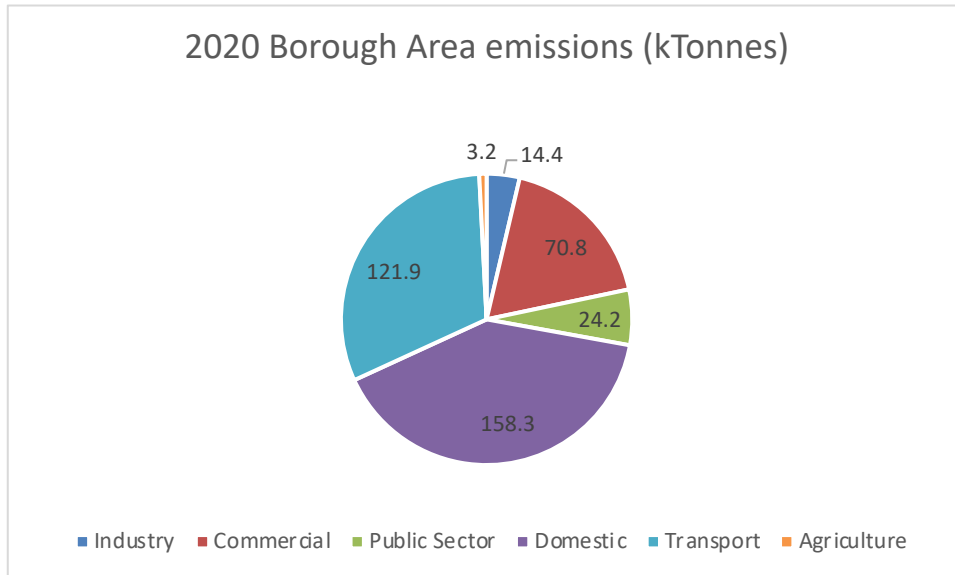


<sup>2</sup>\*Please note that this is an estimated projection line as local area figures do not extend back to the 1990 UK baseline. Assumptions made in creating this projection are included as annexe A.



## Area-wide emissions by sector:

Domestic emissions (primarily gas and electric consumption remain the highest contributor (40%), closely followed by emissions from transport (31%), with commerce/industry/public sector representing 28%.



## Area-wide emissions per capita:

Bracknell Forest's emissions per capita for 2020 were 3.2 tonnes: lower than the 3.5 tonnes south-east England average and the 3.7 tonnes national (England) average.





## Key projects delivered 22/23

### Green Homes Grant (GHG)

The government’s Green Homes Grant (GHG) funding to help improve the energy efficiency of fuel poor households encompassed both Local Authority Delivery 2 and 3 works (LAD2 / 3). LAD 2 projects closed on 30th Sep 2022 whilst LAD 3 projects – also referred to as Sustainable Warmth and Home Upgrade Grants - closed 31st March 2023). Both schemes were coordinated regionally and Bracknell Forest was grouped with the other Berkshire local authorities within the South East England region. Final project outcomes are as yet unknown for either scheme – this is the case for all LA’s in our area. We will report outcomes via our quarterly climate change action plan updates once we know them.



### Public Health funded Warm

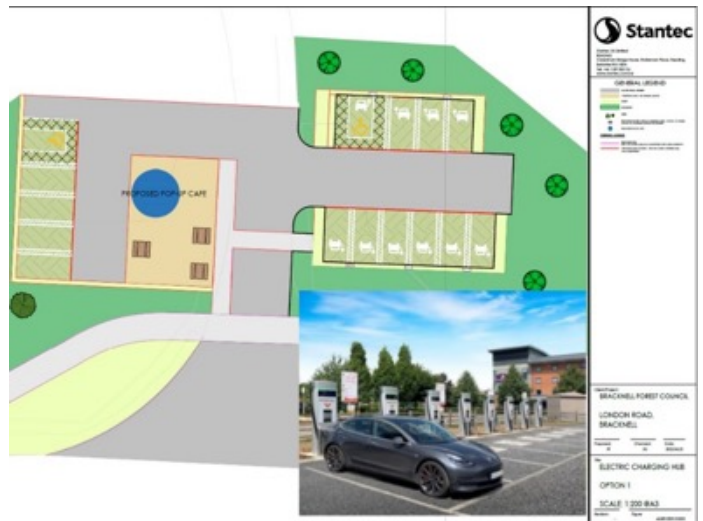
The Public Health funded Warm, Safe and Well scheme supported 26 households classed as vulnerable to the effects of the cold with energy efficiency improvements to their homes. This



22/23 funded scheme will see any remaining budget rolled in to 23/24 to further help more families.

### London Road EV charging hub

London Road EV charging hub - a feasibility study has been completed for the creation of an EV charging hub with supporting dwell-time facilities and renewable power generation and storage via a solarPV farm and battery cells. A pre-planning application focussed on the EV charging hub project was submitted to the Planning team in mid-March 2022 and feedback is awaited.



### Green and Active Heroes

Green and Active Heroes - a green community volunteering scheme developed in partnership with Involve Community Services Intended to increase green volunteering opportunities for residents, including tree planting, hedge laying and pond creation.



Active volunteering within green spaces not only improves physical and mental health, but also helps the local environment at the same time.



### Air quality (PM2.5 and NOx particulate matter)

Funding has enabled the purchase of equipment to monitor previously unrecorded levels of air quality (PM2.5 and NOx particulate matter) around schools located in close proximity to our Air Quality Management Areas. Interim reports for all schools showed compliance with the PM2.5 (particulate matter) limits set out in Defra's Air Quality Objectives. In addition, funding to support anti-idling project work has enabled training to be provided to the council's Civil Enforcement Officers to help them start encouraging education around idling and idling enforcement at known hot spot areas.

### Schools' climate change conference

A secondary schools' climate change conference was held at Garth Hill College in May 2022. The day consisted of inspiring presentations and workshop activities, in the hopes of empowering the local young people to become agents of change in combating climate change. There was also a keynote speech from wildlife expert and conservationist Chris Packham. All nine of the borough's secondary schools were in attendance.



The workshop enabled the students to develop an action plan project to take back to their school. Following the conference each school was awarded £500 to help them kick-start their climate change projects. Schools will be able to present a summary of their progress next year.



### Engagement with local businesses

This year has also seen the council start to engage with local businesses and town and parish councils on climate change. We have spoken to a range of businesses, councils and key partner organisations to understand the challenges they are facing and what the council can do to help these sectors work towards net zero and intend to expand our outreach over the next year. Our work included attending a Bracknell Business Improvement District event on sustainability in February.



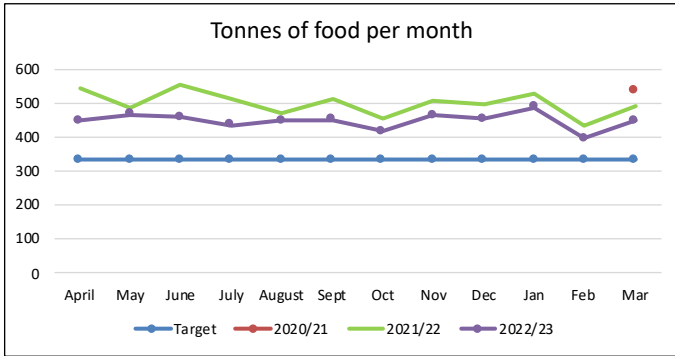
### Housing

The new Housing Strategy [Bracknell Forest housing strategy 2023 to 2028 \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](https://bracknell-forest.gov.uk) included our ambitions to ensure that homes within the borough are as energy efficient as possible.



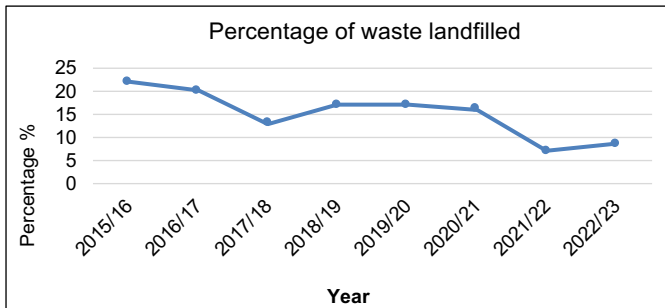
### Food waste recycling

The second full year of recycling of food waste has seen 5,361 tonnes of food waste collected and processed. Whilst this is 600 tonnes less than the previous year, we are still well above our target tonnage, as shown in the chart below.



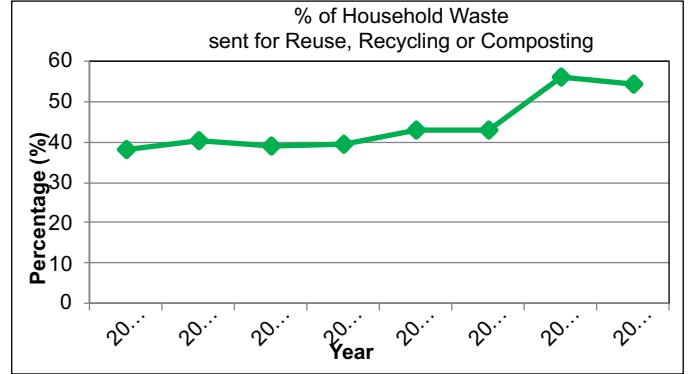
Food waste collections have also now been rolled out to an additional 640 flats during 22/23.

The landfill rate for 2022/23 was 8.5%, representing just 3,970 tonnes of waste. Since the introduction of the food waste recycling service the landfill rate has fallen and remained below 10% as shown in the chart below.



The above diversion of food waste away from landfill produces an approximate carbon saving of over 3.31 million kg of Co2e (carbon dioxide equivalent emissions) being prevented from entering the atmosphere per annum. Participation in the food waste scheme has remained exceptionally high for the second year running at around 80% of households. This compares to an average of around 40-60% in other schemes nationally.

Our recycling rate (as a % of all household waste) was 54.5% for 22/23. This compares against 56% during the 2021/22 year, which in itself represented a 12% improvement on previous years. (See chart below).



Twice a year the Environmental Services team run pop-up Recycling Collection events at the John Nike Stadium (Athletics track) car park. These events are popular and allow residents to recycle small electricals and textiles. Across the 2 events held in 2022/23 a total of 3.8 tonnes of small electricals and 2.5 tonnes of textiles were collected for reuse and recycling.



The total amount of waste produced in 2022/23 was 47,000 tonnes - a 2,400 tonne reduction compared to the previous year. This significant reduction in waste was predominantly in recyclable and compostable waste types. The decrease is likely to be a result of financial pressures causing buying habits to change. The very hot, dry summer of 2022 had an impact on the amount of garden waste collected and overall garden waste was down 700 tonnes during the year when compared to 2021/22.



### Highways and Transport service

The Highways and Transport service secured £100k funding to roll out 32 residential charging points across the borough. These were low wattage / fast chargers, aimed at overnight charging. The chargers have been installed at local community hubs. Looking ahead BFC will continue to help facilitate with the introduction of more EV charging points, work with businesses to increase employee charge points and react to any future funding opportunities that could increase EV charging infrastructure on highway land.



Travelling around the borough got easier in 22/23 with the launch of the new My Journey Bracknell Forest website Home | myjourney (bracknell-forest.gov.uk). The site helps residents and employees to travel more actively and sustainably around the borough. The site hosts information on walking, cycling, buses, trains, electric vehicles and community transport, as well as helpful journey planner tools.



The Council's partnership work with **Eco Rewards** continued to flourish as more local schools signed up to the active travel initiative. The scheme now has 11 primary and 6 secondary schools' / colleges signed up and participating. During 2022/23 the scheme has seen a further 126,000 green miles logged, saving 37 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e when compared to driving.



The Highways team and their principal contractor have also started collaborative work to help identify ways in which to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with maintenance works starting with the compound used for road re-surfacing.

### Improved biodiversity

The council's approach to grass verge maintenance during 22/23 saw grass areas surrounding trees left uncut through the growing season. These actions help preserve the trees themselves, improve biodiversity, reduce rain run-off and protect wildlife species. These spaces have been signposted with highly visible bee signs.



### Fleet Management

Our Transport Team continued their efforts to phase out conventional vehicles from the council's fleet and replace them with electric vehicles. This encompasses electric vehicle pool cars, Parks & Countryside electrified service vehicles, and Forestcare which has transitioned to fully electric vehicles. Our Library service is in the process of securing an electric van.



### Climate Emergency UK - comparison

Climate Emergency UK co-ordinate a comparison of climate change actions undertaken by all local authorities. Councils are scored against Climate Action Scorecards and in preparation for this teams across the council came together during quarter 4 to reflect on the climate action work they are doing. The actual review and scoring encompasses all aspects of climate action, including engagement and collaboration, governance and finance, planning and land use. Bracknell Forest Council are aiming to improve on our previous score, with published findings expected in the Autumn of 2023.

### 'Running out of Time'

The 'Running out of Time' relay passed through Bracknell early in Q3. The relay baton conveying climate change messages from Young People around the World travelled in the hands of volunteer runners between Glasgow (the venue for COP26) for delivery at COP27 in Sharm-El-Sheik, Egypt in November 2022.



### Borough's tree cover

Increasing the borough's tree cover – A total of 1,300 new trees were planted across the borough in Q3. This includes projects such as hedgerow development and woodland regeneration. The council is also now actively promoting community orchards which have been created in Larks Hill and Lilly Hill Park.



### **Cambium Partnership (Council Joint Venture property development)**

Creation of 52 environmentally friendly town centre homes (Coopers Hill) – climate friendly features will include:

- solar panels on the roofs of all apartments
- electric vehicle charging points
- AAA rated appliances in all homes
- 122 cycle parking bays
- sustainable drainage systems
- new paths and cycle lanes directly into the town centre



### **Carbon Training**

Training - in a bid to promote awareness of the impacts of climate change within everyone's lives and the work that the council undertakes we have developed a climate change e-learning module. The module is available to all employees and councillors and has now been identified as part of mandatory induction process for all new starters.

Towards the end of quarter 4 council staff were invited to complete a questionnaire on the council's approach to engaging others in and around climate change. The survey responses showed a clear commitment to addressing climate change from staff across the council, with 86% saying climate change is relevant to their work and 74% reporting at least some confidence in tackling the issue at work. Meanwhile, 83% of

respondents were committed to reducing the emissions linked to their commutes. However, the survey also identified a number of areas where improvements might be possible, including general communication with staff around climate change and support for staff to implement climate actions. Work on addressing these points will take place over the next year.

### **Social Housing decarbonisation project - Silva Homes**

It is worth noting that the council supported Silva Homes' (our largest private social housing provider) application for wave 2 of the government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. However, they were ultimately unsuccessful with their bid. A third wave of funding will become available during 23/24.



## Climate Change Advisory Panel

Following the endorsement of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, of the council's Climate Change Strategy, a separate panel was formed to provide oversight of the work and a public forum to present progress. To this end, a cross-party climate change advisory panel (CCAP) was formed. This panel consisted of 12 councillors with a common interest in supporting the implementation of the strategy and in the council becoming a net zero organisation.

Meeting bi-monthly the CCAP provided a public forum for sharing the council's journey to net zero and to demonstrate that there is credible performance management of the council's projects.

Over the course of the year, the panel received presentations on the borough's walking and cycling strategies, our efforts to retrofit the council's own buildings, and climate change related cost of living tips and tricks.

As part of the field-based reviews, the panel visited to the Oxford City Super EV charging hub in October 2022. Reviewing the layout of the hub and to hear from colleagues at Oxford City regarding the complexities of the scheme itself. This learning has been feed into Bracknell Forest council's has its own plan for its EV charging hub with the borough. One clear learning point was Oxford's lack of 'dwell time' facilities to support travelling driver's looking for refreshments and / or toilet facilities during their journey break. This point has been taken into account in the plans for the new London Road site.



## Key projects moving forwards

- **Local Plan** – once adopted the new Local Plan will tighten the expectations placed upon developers (both residential and commercial) with regards the provision of on-site renewable generation and overall energy efficiency.
- **£1M retrofit works to BFC Estate** – the Property Services team have put forward £1M worth of plans to retrofit several buildings to make them more energy efficient and to introduce renewable energy installations. These schemes will reduce energy consumption by approximately 357,966kWh (estimated 67.7 tonnes reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>). This equates to an approximate cashable saving of £103,400 at current energy prices.
- **The Commercial Centre project** incorporates some significant energy saving / greening elements. These will include a green roof providing thermal insulations and allowing the installation of solar PV panels; the heating of the building via an air source heat pump; plus, the addition of electric vehicle charge points. This project is expected to complete during 23/24.
- **Climate Action Scorecards** results are anticipated to be published in autumn 2023; we anticipate further work to refine our approach to this form of benchmarking of the council's climate change progress in the winter of 23/24. In addition, undertaking a review of our current climate action work has provided inspiration for future projects.
- **Feasibility work investigating** the re-purposing / re-use of excess heat generated through our cremating processes has been commissioned and a project will be evaluated during 2023/24.
- The council will support a **Berkshire-wide Solar pv installation promotion** which aims to offer our residents competitively priced, quality assured solar panel and battery storage solutions for their own homes.
- There are longer term ambitions for both the Home to School transport fleet and our 3rd party contractor vehicles (waste/recycling; highway maintenance; street cleansing) to encourage transition towards EV's.



- **Our food waste collection scheme** will continue to expand to cover around 20% of flats (up to 1800 residences) in the borough.
- We will continue to investigate creating an **Electric vehicle charging** hub at London Road, supported by a solar PV farm and dwell-time facilities.





## Communications and Marketing work

Climate change news stories continued to be published roughly every two weeks. Over the course of the year a grand total of 36 climate change related articles were issued by the council.

Links to some example stories are included here:  
[Check your eligibility for the Sustainable Warmth scheme | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](#)  
[Secondary schools awarded £500 for climate change projects | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](#)  
[Installation of electric vehicle charging points begins | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](#)

In a world where people get a lot of their news from digital sources, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have been key communication channels over the past year. The council has 16,000 followers on Facebook, so it is one of our most important platforms. This also has the benefit of two-way communication, with posts generating much debate between the users and messages back to the council.

The council also uses press releases, e-newsletters, the Town and Country magazine and the BFC website to communicate with our residents.

The climate change team's press releases are often picked up by the Bracknell News, and on local radio, including BBC radio Berkshire. Some examples are linked below:

[Students channel inner Greta Thunberg at climate event | Bracknell News](#)  
[COP 27 'Running Out of Time' relay to pass through Bracknell | Bracknell News](#)  
[Bracknell sees food waste and recycling rates increase | Bracknell News](#)  
[Riders urged to explore new cycle routes in Bracknell | Bracknell News](#)

Local events like the **Forest Giants** and **Running Out of Time Relay** have generated a real focus on the area and the council's work around climate change.

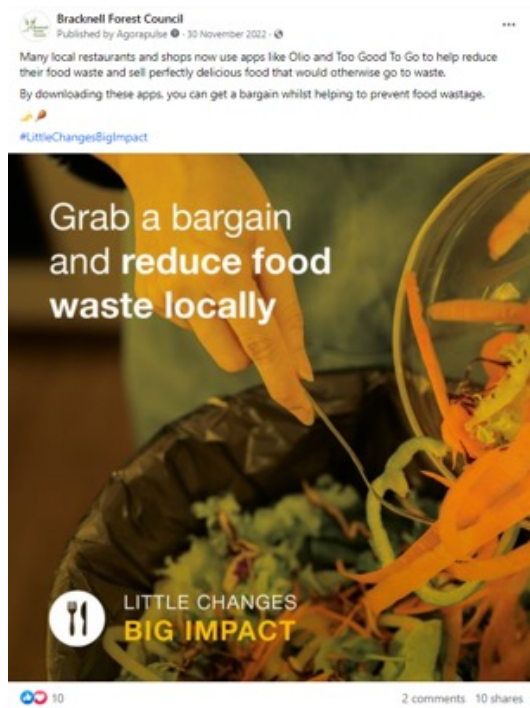


We have also utilised social media and e-newsletters channels to promote awareness of government funded schemes such as **Sustainable Warmth**.



We have launched a behaviour change campaign with residents on social media and in our newsletters called **Little Changes, Big Impact**. The campaign highlights small actions residents can make to become more sustainable and reduce their carbon footprint such as shorter showers, sustainable cooking, plus general hints and tips for energy efficiency.

Furthermore, the comms team worked to develop a shareable infographic packed with everyday climate change tips that could also save our resident's money.



In response to the results of our engagement work, we have developed three new sections to our website for local schools, local businesses and for the wider community. Each page has been built with the audience in mind, with the business page signposting to new funding opportunities, schools page providing a range of resources for teachers, and the community page advising residents on ways to improve their carbon footprint and save money. This has received positive feedback from residents.

Looking forwards, there will be further opportunities for targeted marketing for energy efficiency at home, through schemes including, the **Home Upgrade Grant** and **Solar Together**.

Internal communications are equally as important. Messages and articles have been put in the staff magazine, Forest Views, the staff newsletter, Forest Views Extra and the staff Intranet. All of this helps to make the strategy more visible to staff and councillors alike. Having also secured a regular climate change slot in Forest Views means that the council's priority in this area stays front and centre in our thinking and planning.

There is also a climate change group on Yammer which all staff and councillors can post ideas or signpost others to articles of interest around climate change.



## Wider Engagement

This report has already touched in place on the successes of our wider engagement efforts within the borough. The council will continue to build on these efforts through the coming year.

These will include engaging further with our schools and young people, building on the success of our inaugural schools' climate conference. We intend to host a second such conference during the Autumn of 2023/24. We also intend to become more active in engaging directly with school governors and school leadership teams to push further activity around climate change awareness.

The 2022 Bracknell Forest Council Business Survey, undertaken with over 500 local businesses again asked for the views of local businesses around the green agenda. Among many outcomes the results (available on the [Bracknell Forest for Business](#) webpage) indicated that a majority of Bracknell Forest businesses, including 93% of businesses with 20 or more staff, see climate change and sustainability as important. However, only a small minority have set targets to reach net zero, and the survey highlighted a number of perceived barriers including funding, knowledge and infrastructure which we will work to address in future wherever possible.

We have already begun engaging more directly with the Bracknell Businesses Improvement District (BID), the Economic and Skills Development Partnership (ESDP) and the Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), to identify ways in which we can better share knowledge, experiences, and successes. Bracknell Forest Council has formed a specific working group to co-ordinate the engagement activities of council teams, the BID, the ESDP and Thames Valley Federation of Small Businesses, among others. We have also run a focus group for businesses and are planning a wider range of engagement work over the next year.

Furthermore the Berkshire Net-Zero Taskforce comprises representatives from all six Berkshire LA's plus business and economic leaders. The group is chaired by the Local Enterprise Partnership and has an ambition to collectively address and mitigate the impacts of climate change at a more regional level.

As well as broadening our business engagement next year we will follow up on work we have already started with local town and parish councils. During 22/23 we held introductory meetings with all six town and parish councils in Bracknell Forest to discuss avenues for co-operation, and we are now supporting a number of councils to measure their own carbon emissions footprints.



## Related strategies and plans:

All of these strategies and plans can be reviewed on the Bracknell Forest Council website.

Strategy/plan:	Description:
<a href="#">Development plan</a>	Outlines the council’s approach to making decisions on planning applications, and include requirements seeking to address climate change – for example through a requirement for sustainability statements to support development proposals and support for renewable energy development in the <a href="#">Core Strategy</a> (2008-2026). The emerging <a href="#">Bracknell Forest Local Plan</a> , which will replace previous policies and is yet to be adopted, includes updated, evidence-based policies to support climate action.
<a href="#">Local Transport Plan 2011-2026</a>	Plans for the delivery of a sustainable transport system in Bracknell Forest which tackles climate change and is able to cope with its effects, including through improvements to bus and rail services and promoting active travel. The plan is supported by detailed strategies for <a href="#">walking and cycling</a> , <a href="#">buses</a> , <a href="#">sustainable travel to schools</a> and <a href="#">sustainable modes of transport</a> among others.
<a href="#">Rights Of Way Improvement Plan 2017-2027</a>	Sets out policies to improve the network of Rights of Way in the borough, helping to support active travel choices and reduce car use.
<a href="#">Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-2023</a>	Aims to conserve and enhance biodiversity in Bracknell Forest, including by responding to the threat posed by climate change and recognising the role of trees in storing CO2.
<a href="#">Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2012)</a>	Plans for the management and development of recreational green space in Bracknell Forest. Climate change adaptation and mitigation is a key priority of the strategy, including through measures such as green infrastructure.
<a href="#">Bracknell Forest Borough Tree Strategy</a>	Outlines the council’s approach to managing trees, hedgerows and woodland, including supporting new tree planting, restoring ancient woodland and favouring tree retention. This supports climate change mitigation and adaptation (for example by reducing flood risk).
<a href="#">Bracknell Forest Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2026</a>	Sets out a joint plan for a number of local organisations including the council to improve health and wellbeing in the borough. Includes references to active travel and the facilitation of walking and cycling.
<a href="#">Asset Management Plan 2019-2022</a>	Outlines the council’s approach to the strategic management of its land and property; supporting the low-carbon economy is a key principle of the plan.
<a href="#">Bracknell Forest Housing Strategy 2023-2028</a>	Sets out the council’s vision to address its future housing needs, including through setting standards for new build homes and improving the energy efficiency of the borough’s housing stock.

