

Climate Change **Action Plan** 2024-25



Climate Change Action Plan: April 2024 - March 2025

The Climate Change Action Plan builds upon many years of work already undertaken and reductions in emissions already achieved. It sets out our areas of focus in each of the work streams from the Climate Change Strategy to identify how we will deliver our objectives. The Action Plan will be a living document and we will revise our plans as the climate and environmental emergency develops, targets are met, funding becomes available and new technologies emerge.

The projects in this action plan reflect work undertaken for The Council itself and also in a supporting role for the district. Braintree District Council continues to work on projects that reduce our own carbon emissions and reduce our impact upon natural resources and the wider environment. The Council and Partners are also committed to adapting to the impacts of Climate Change - to protect and prepare our residents, communities and businesses. Projects at district level reflect the support we aim to give to partners and our communities to tackle climate change.

All projects are monitored against one or more outcomes and it is recognised that projects may have wider benefits beyond one single outcome.



Climate Change and Corporate Strategy 2024 to 2028

We need to protect our environment to safeguard it for current and future generations. Through our Climate Change Strategy, we will work with people, partners, developers and other businesses across the district to help them fulfil their responsibilities and be mindful of their impact on the local environment.

What we heard from our residents, communities, businesses, members and stakeholders:

- The importance of protecting our countryside.
- The need for green space which is clean and safe.
- The need for developments to consider the environmental impacts and the need for healthy spaces.
- The importance of continuing to address the impacts of climate change.
- The importance of tackling recycling behaviours and reducing littering across our district.
- The need to educate people on caring for the environment in which they live and work.



Our Key Priorities:

- Protect and enhance our built and natural environments across the district, providing good access to open spaces and Increasing biodiversity.
- Continue to deliver a cohesive and integrated response to climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Support residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and be more resilient to climate related impacts.
- Improve the way that we manage waste and encourage residents and businesses to reduce, reuse and recycle more.



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Outcomes of The Climate Actions

| Outcome | Definition |
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| Carbon Reducer | An action that results in a calculable carbon reduction |
| Biodiversity Increaser | An action that results in the diversification and/or protection of habitats, species or vegetation |
| Developing the Green Economy | An action that supports the development of a low carbon, resource efficient, socially inclusive, sustainable local economy |
| Climate Effect Mitigation | An action that protects against the impact of climate change on the built or natural environment |
| Climate Behaviour Change Influencer | An action that engages with individuals or businesses to reduce their carbon and environmental footprint |

Co-Benefits of Climate Action

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Mental and Physical Health Improvement
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Reduction in costs for Residents and Businesses
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Improved Attractiveness of District
- 

Local Economic Development
- 

Innovation
- 

Reducing Inequalities

Seven Themes of The Climate Action Plan



Resources



Energy Conservation



Built Environment



Adapting to Climate Change



Transport



Business & the Green Economy



Natural Environment




Resources




| Action | Outcome | Lead Service | BDC or District | Co-Benefits | Projected Completion Date | Internal Project Code | Status |
|---|---|--|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Conserve our Natural Resources | | | | | | | |
| Continue with campaigns to raise the profile of local food producers by promoting shop local and seasonal foods including plant based substitutes | Developing of the Green Economy Increased awareness of produce that can be sourced locally and the benefits of buying seasonal produce and swapping to plant based produce Increased support for local businesses | Environment / Marketing & Communications | District | | March 2030 | CC/001 | On track |
| Create a learning and development programme for staff and members to increase their awareness of climate change and how they can reduce their own carbon emissions and contribute to those that can be achieved corporately | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase awareness of climate change issues Improved consideration of climate change issues across all services, projects and policies | Environment | BDC | | March 2024 | CC/003 | Project deadline extended |
| Review the Council's sustainable Procurement Policy to strengthen the procurement process ensuring environmental considerations are made when procuring goods and services | Carbon Reducer Procurement specifications developed that support carbon reduction and sustainability. Council is more aware of the environmental credentials of the contractors it works with Encourage more businesses to consider climate change credentials | Finance | March 2026 | | Medium Term | CC/005 | On track |
| Create and launch revised Climate Change pages to The Council's website | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase awareness of climate change issues Improved access to partnership support | IT / Environment | District | | March 2025 | CC/075 | On track |






| Action | Outcome | Lead Service | BDC or District | Co-Benefits | Projected Completion Date | Internal Project Code | Status |
|---|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Identify opportunities across the Council's assets for water reduction | Carbon Reducer Reduction in the use of water | Environment | BDC | | March 2027 | CC/076 | On track |
| Reduce Waste, Increase Recycling | | | | | | | |
| Work with the Essex Recycling Forum and the Essex Waste Partnership on Countrywide campaigns and initiatives to encourage people to reduce their waste and to maximise recycling | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Reduction of total waste collected Reduction in tonnage of residual waste and increase in percentage of waste recycled | Operations | District | | March 2030 | CC/007 | On track |
| Review the waste management service to identify future working models and respond to the outcomes of the Environment Bill, including impacts on kerbside collections. Phase 2: Develop a plan to support the Essex Waste Strategy and phase in changes arising from legislation e.g. Simpler Recycling initiatives. | Carbon Reducer A waste delivery model that underpins the Essex Waste Strategy and legislative changes. Improved service delivery model implemented providing more sustainable ways of working. Reduce residual waste and increase recycling Ensure outcomes of the Environment Bill are understood and fed into the service review of the waste management service | Operations | BDC | | March 2027 | OP/21/004 | On track |
| Reduce use of non-renewable resources | | | | | | | |
| Investigate opportunities to reduce paper and printing use across internal and external communications | Carbon Reducer Reduction in the use of carbon used by printing resources Biodiversity increaser | Marketing & Communications | BDC | | March 2027 | CC/077 | On track |



Energy Conservation






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| Reduce energy use and improve energy efficient infrastructure | | | | | | | |
| Switch the Council's energy use to non-fossil fuel green energy tariffs | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions | Finance / Operations | BDC | | March 2027 | CC/012 | On track |
| Increase energy efficiency and renewable technologies across Council equipment, assets and estates | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Finance/ Environment | BDC |  | March 2030 | CC/016 | On track |
| Install a new control panel and thermostats at Causeway House to better regulate temperature and reduce unnecessary heating | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Facilities | BDC | | March 2025 | FM/24//001/K | New Project |
| Complete a baseline audit of all meters (water, electric and gas) across the entire BDC property portfolio to investigate opportunities of resource efficiency | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment / Asset Management | BDC | | March 2027 | CC/078 | On track |
| Commission street lighting repair contract to include LED replacement (including Halstead Public Gardens) | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment | BDC | | March 2025 | ES/23/009/K | On track |
| Conduct an energy efficiency audit of all BDC buildings and investigate additional opportunities for renewable energy installations | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment / Asset Management | BDC | | March 2027 | CC/084 | On track |







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| Replace the existing internal lighting at Witham Leisure Centre with LED lighting (Sport England Funded) | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment | BDC |  | March 2025 | ES/24/004/K | New action |
| Increase the proportion of energy derived from renewable sources | | | | | | | |
| Consider use of robust certified carbon credit schemes to offset any residual organisation emissions | Carbon Reducer Reduce Carbon Impact of organisation | Environment | BDC | | March 2030 | CC/018 | On track |
| Increase renewable energy and fuel security for the Council and across the district by developing opportunities for renewable energy schemes with public/private sector partners | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment | BDC | | March 2030 | C/016/ES/23/005E | On track |
| Offer advice to parish councils and community groups wishing to invest in solar | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment | District |  | March 2030 | CC/087 | On track |
| Introduce a solar canopy in the car park and additional solar pv roof panels to Witham Leisure Centre (Sport England Funded) | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment | BDC |  | March 2025 | CC/016.1 | New action |

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| Improve energy efficiency of existing housing stock | | | | | | | |
| Continue to work with partners to address the complex challenge of fuel poverty through targeted campaigns and signposting to grant funding and areas of support | Carbon Reducer People in fuel poverty have access to affordable, low carbon warmth. Improved energy efficiency in homes and reduced costs for residents Reduction in CO2 emissions | Environment | District |    | March 2030 | CC/019 | On track |
| Continue with campaigns providing information to residents on energy saving measures to help reduce emissions, including promotion of retro fit schemes for homeowners | Carbon Reducer District emissions reduced. Campaigns successfully delivered. Increase in residents sign posted to grants | Environment | District |   | March 2030 | CC/020 | On track |




















Built Environment














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| Reduce the carbon impact and improve biodiversity of new developments | | | | | | | |
| Review and evaluate the potential of an offset fund (106 agreements) or allowable solutions mechanism for developers to pay into when a certain high level of energy efficiency of buildings is not able to be met in the development and use this money for carbon saving projects | Carbon Reducer Reduced CO2 impact from new developments | Environment / Planning | BDC |  | March 2030 | CC/028 | On track |
| Reduce household water consumption and maximise installation of sustainable drainage systems, water reuse and grey water harvesting technologies | | | | | | | |
| Work with partners to encourage residents and businesses to reduce their water use | Carbon Reducer Reduction in the use of water | Environment & Economic Development & Planning | District |  | March 2030 | CC/090 | On track |
| Reduce energy use in existing households by retrofitting energy efficiency measures | | | | | | | |
| Work with registered housing providers and registered landlords to progressively increase the energy efficiency of social housing stock | Carbon Reducer Reduces CO2 emissions from homes Reduced cost of energy for residents | Environment | District |    | March 2030 | CC/031 | On track |

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| Deliver the Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 Scheme in off gas areas to improve energy efficiency | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment/ Marketing & Communications | District |  | March 2027 | CC/079 | On track |
| Promote The Energy Company Obligation Scheme (ECO4) and ECO Flex scheme offering energy efficiency measures | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment | District |  | March 2030 | CC/080 | On track |
| Work in partnership with iChoosr to deliver the Essex Energy Switching Scheme by holding auctions | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment | District |  | March 2030 | CC/081 | On track |
| In partnership with Groundworks, deliver the extended Green Doctor Service, advising residents on energy efficiency | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment/ Marketing & Communications | District |  | March 2025 | CC/082 | On track |
| Deliver Solar Together scheme to support the installation of solar energy in residential and business premises | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment/ Marketing & Communications | District |  | March 2025 | CC/085 | On track |
| Support the Community with grants from community infrastructure projects to reduce carbon emissions funded by the UK Government | Carbon Reducer Reduced CO2 emissions from community buildings Reduced cost of energy for community groups | Environment | District |  | March 2027 | CC/091 now ES/23 /007/C | On track |

Transport








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|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Grow electric vehicle network and infrastructure areas | | | | | | | |
| Continue to research and evaluate ultra-low emission alternatives for the Council's fleet of vehicles as they require replacement | Carbon Reducer Identify opportunities to reduce the impact of the Council's impact on emissions | Operations | BDC |  | March 2026 | OP/20 /005 | On track |
| Procure 14 electric light commercial vehicles for The Council's fleet | Carbon Reducer Reduce the impact of the Council's impact on emissions | Operations / Environment | BDC |  | March 2025 | OP/21 /012/C | New action |
| Support ECC to continue to build up the onstreet charging infrastructure across our District for electric vehicles | Carbon Reducer Improved infrastructure and accessibility for electric vehicle charging | Environment | District |  | March 2026 | CC/033 | On track |
| Install electric rapid charging points in the Council's car parks and continue to install additional chargers in BDC assets | Carbon Reducer Improved infrastructure and accessibility for electric vehicle charging | Environment | BDC |  | March 2027 | CC/092 | On track |
| Explore the opportunities around a EV salary sacrifice leasing scheme for staff . | Carbon Reducer Improved infrastructure and accessibility for electric vehicles | Human resources | BDC | | March 2025 | CC/094 | On track |










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| Conduct a feasibility study for the expansion of DigiGo into rural areas, funded through the Shared Prosperity Fund | Carbon Reducer Improved infrastructure and accessibility for electric vehicle charging Improved access to sustainable public transport | Economic Development | BDC |    | March 2026 | ED/24/004/K | New action |
| Continue to support Essex County Council with the e-scooter scheme trial | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Reduction in CO2 emissions Improvement in air quality | Economic Development | District |    | March 2025 | ED/S4/002/K | New action |
| Increase cycling and walking in the District | | | | | | | |
| Continue to work with LiveWell partners to encourage people to get active and walk more | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase active travel Reduce car journeys Reduce CO2 emissions from travel | Housing & Communities | District |     | March 2030 | CC/035 | On track |
| Produce an LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) for Witham and environs | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase active travel Reduce car journeys Reduce CO2 emissions from travel | Economic Development | District |    | March 2025 | ED/23/005/C | On track |



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| Engage with ECC on Braintree LCWIPs (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase active travel Reduce car journeys Reduce CO2 emissions from travel | Economic Development | District |    | March 2025 | CC/097 | On track |
| Partner with ECC on the proposal for a County wide LCWIPs (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase active travel Reduce car journeys Reduce CO2 emissions from travel | Economic Development | District |    | March 2025 | CC/098 | On track |
| Encourage greener transport choices | | | | | | | |
| Continue with campaigns to reduce engine idling targeting specific high traffic areas | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Reduction in CO2 emissions Improvement in air quality | Marketing & Communications | District |    | March 2030 | CC/038 | On track |
| Work with Essex County Council to improve the quality and availability of low carbon public transport | Carbon Reducer Increase in use of more sustainable travel options Reduced CO2 emissions from public transport | Marketing & Communications /Environment | District |    | March 2026 | CC/041 | On track |
| Review the Council's Driver and Vehicle Standards and Policies to create a greener fleet of taxis in the District | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions from taxi fleet and pollution Reduction in fuel costs from taxi fleet. | Environment | District |  | March 2026 | CC/042 | On track |



Business and the Green Economy





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| Developing the Green Economy | | | | | | | |
| Deliver the Green Skills Program, funded through the UK Government Fund | Developing the Green Economy Increase employability of our residents in the green economy and advanced manufacturing to help improve the productivity in the production of goods and services that support the sustainable agenda Attract new business in the green economy and encourage green sector companies to cluster in the North Essex local economy Increase overall awareness of climate change issues and how to tackle them | Economic Development | District |    | March 2027 | SPF/23 /008K | New action |
| Work with landowners, DEFRA and ECC to encourage sustainable land stewardship practices on land across the District, including rewilding and tree planting. | Biodiversity Increaser Increase awareness and consideration of Climate Change issues for those developing Neighbourhood Plans | Environment | District |     | March 2030 | CC/45 | On track |









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| Encourage businesses to reduce energy use | | | | | | | |
| Continue to encourage businesses to switch to ECO heating and reduce energy use | Carbon Reducer Increase in the number of referrals to support and take up of funding. Reduction in energy use | Economic Growth / Environment | District |  | March 2030 | CC/048 | On track |
| Continue to promote carbon footprint tools to businesses | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Improvements identified and implemented by businesses to reduce carbon impact | Economic Development / Environment | District |   | March 2030 | CC/49 | On track |
| Provide support to businesses across the District on the development and implementation of green travel plans | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase in number of businesses implementing a green travel plan Reduction in CO2 emissions from travel | Economic Development | District |  | March 2030 | CC/050 | On track |
| Introduce a climate change/ green environmental accreditation scheme or business award scheme to recognise and showcase initiatives that can be adopted as best practice and to encourage businesses to become carbon neutral. | Developing the Green Economy Increase awareness of opportunities to become carbon neutral Increased sharing and recognition of best practice across businesses | Economic Development / Environment | BDC |   | March 2026 | CC/051 | On track |
| Support Essex County Council with the delivery of decarbonisation planning to businesses through the Lean 2 Green ECC funded Business Support Package | Developing the Green Economy Increase awareness of opportunities to become carbon neutral | Economic Development / Environment | District |    | March 2025 | ED/24/ 003/K | New action |










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| Host a Green Skills Expo for local businesses to learn and share best practices to address climate change, funded by the UK Government | Developing the Green Economy Increase awareness of opportunities to become carbon neutral Increased sharing and recognition of best practice across businesses | Economic Development | District |  | July 2024 | ED/24/001/C | New action |
| Encourage businesses to build resilience | | | | | | | |
| Collaborate with the voluntary sector and business sector across Essex to share learning, data, best practice and, to look at joint initiatives to tackle climate change | Developing the Green Economy Successfully sharing knowledge and resources to increase our opportunities to collaborate for grant funding Reduction in carbon impact of businesses and voluntary sector organisations | Economic Development | BDC |  | March 2030 | CC/052 | On track |



Natural Environment





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|---|---|---|-----------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Improve biodiversity and green spaces | | | | | | | |
| Continue to deliver campaigns to support a reduction in littering and fly-tipping | Biodiversity Increaser Reduction in fly-tips Reduction in littering Cleaner District | Operations / Marketing & Communications | District |  | March 2030 | CC/053 | On track |
| Plant wildflower areas across the District, including mixture of ornamental and native wildflowers and areas which are left with minimal maintenance to increase bio-diversity. | Biodiversity Increaser Increase biodiversity Improve attractiveness of District | Operations | District |  | December 2025 | CC/56 | On track |
| Work with ECC and housing associations to increase biodiversity by reviewing maintenance regimes, refine grass cutting, consider more sustainable planting schemes consistent with the highest bio-diversity standards and promote rewilding/naturalisation of areas. | Biodiversity Increaser Increase biodiversity Improve attractiveness of District | Environment | District |  | March 2027 | CC/58 | On track |
| Deliver grants to community organisations to bring underused spaces back into beneficial use to include community gardens and orchards, funded through UK Government funding | Biodiversity Increaser Increase biodiversity Improve attractiveness of District Improve attractiveness of District Increase opportunities for communities to grow fruit and veg Increase community engagement in enhancement of local areas | Housing & Communities | District |  | March | CC/23/006/K | On track |




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| With the support of ECC, produce soil carbon and biodiversity potential maps for the district | Biodiversity Increaser Increase soil quality Increase carbon sequestration Increase richer habitat creation | Planning & Environment | District | | March 2027 | CC/104 | On track |
| As a supporting authority, support Essex County Council with the delivery of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy | Biodiversity Increaser Increase biodiversity Increase richer habitats Improve attractiveness of District | Planning | District |   | March 2027 | CC/105 | On track |
| Introduce signage around Horizon 120 Business Park to inform visitors of biodiversity | Biodiversity Increaser Increase biodiversity Improve attractiveness of District Increase community engagement in enhancement of local areas | Strategic Investment / Operations | BDC |  | March 2026 | SI/24/001/K | New action |
| Increase tree and shrub planting | | | | | | | |
| Use the findings of the tree canopy survey to inform the future Tree Strategy | Biodiversity Increaser Increase tree canopy cover Increase carbon sequestration Improve attractiveness of District | Planning | District |   | March 2027 | CC/102 | On track |
| Use the findings of the tree canopy survey to 1) inform tree planting projects 2) assist ECC with their sustainable stewardship in the Climate Focus Area 3) protect existing tree canopy 4) use the baseline data to support partnership groups such as water companies and the North Essex Farm Cluster with their environmental stewardship projects | Biodiversity Increaser Increase tree canopy cover Increase carbon sequestration Improve attractiveness of District Increase partnership opportunities | Planning | District |    | March 2027 | CC/103 | On track |

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| Improve water quality, flood resilience and habitat | | | | | | | |
| Work with the Environment Agency/Anglia/Essex and Suffolk on the management of watercourses to enhance their flow and storage capacity and deliver wider biodiversity benefits | Biodiversity Increaser Improve water quality Improve biodiversity Reduce flooding | Environment | District |     | March 2026 | CC/063 | On track |
| Work with Partners to support raising the profile of maintenance / caring for waterways bisecting the district with residents | Biodiversity Increaser Species protection Access to baseline data to develop improved water quality Improved public engagement for waterway | Environment Marketing & Communications | District |    | March 2030 | CC/106 | On track |
| Improve air quality | | | | | | | |
| Develop an Air Quality Strategy | Biodiversity Increaser Improved air quality for residents and biodiversity | Environment | District |   | | ES/24/003/C | New action |



Adapting to Climate Change

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| Support communities to improve resilience | | | | | | | |
| Continue to provide advice for residents on how to reduce health risks during severe weather events such as heatwaves/extreme cold | Climate Effect Mitigation Increased accessible information available to residents on health risks from climate change Increased resilience of communities to climate change | Environment | District |  | March 2030 | CC/064 | On track |
| Work with Town and Parish Councils to develop their emergency plans, ensuring the plans reflect the changing risks of their communities | Climate Effect Mitigation Increase in number of Parish and Town Council with Emergency plans developed. Successful collaboration on climate emergency related areas of work Increased resilience to climate change impacts in our communities | Environment | District |  | March 2030 | CC/065 | On track |
| Support registered social landlords in developing a Climate Strategy and delivering Climate Action Plans | Carbon Reducer Reduction in CO2 emissions Reduced cost of energy consumption | Environment | District |  | March 2027 | CC/089 | On track |
| Work with town and parish councils to advise and support on adapting to Climate Change; declaring a Climate Emergency and writing a Climate Change Action Plan | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase opportunities for climate change actions across the district | Environment | BDC |  | March 2030 | CC/109 | On track |

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| Support the delivery of an Eco Event for Young People in the district, delivered by Braintree District Cultural Education Partnership (19th April 2024) | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase opportunities for climate change actions across the district | Housing & Communities | District |  | March 2025 | CS/24/001/K | New action |
| Improve flood alleviation for communities that flood | | | | | | | |
| Work with Essex County Council and other partners to manage climate change-related flood risks and mitigate the number of homes and businesses across the District that are exposed to the risk of flooding | Climate Effect Mitigation Reduction in flood risk Increased resilience in communities to impacts of climate change | Environment | District |  | March 2030 | CC/066 | On track |
| Prevent the impacts of climate change disproportionately harming the most vulnerable | | | | | | | |
| Monitor and seek to mitigate emerging risks and their impact on vulnerable people in the community with ERF partners | Climate Effect Mitigator Increased resilience of communities to climate change impacts | Environment | District |  | March 2030 | CC/073 | On track |

Delivery and Monitoring

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| Support communities to improve resilience | | | | | | | |
| Ensure relevant internal strategies and policy documents are reviewed and amended to embed the work of the Council in its commitment to tackling climate change | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase opportunities for climate change actions across The Council All strategies and policies are reviewed and updated to take climate change impacts into account | Environment | BDC | | March 2026 | | On track |
| Support the establishment of the North Essex Climate Partnership through the North Essex Councils | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase opportunities for climate change actions across Local Authorities | Environment | BDC / Local Authorities | | March 2025 | ES/24/002/C | New action |
| Deliver Climate Change Learning and Development to Members | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase opportunities for climate change actions across The Council | Environment | BDC | | March 2025 | ES/24/005/K | New action |
| Deliver extended Climate Change Learning and Development to Managers | Climate Behaviour Change Influencer Increase opportunities for climate change actions across The Council | Environment | BDC | | March 2025 | ES/24/006/K | New action |

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