

NEXT STEPS

This strategy is a start at setting out the general direction of travel that is required within the County. It explains some of the key challenges that we all face in achieving a carbon-neutral Dorset and identifies some of the areas where Dorset Council will endeavour to take action. Achieving our goal will require a shared understanding of the issues and action, by not only the Council, but organisations and individuals across Dorset.

Action has already started in several areas highlighted within this strategy and many initiatives are already in place to mitigate climate change, improve and protect ecology and make Dorset more resilient to climate change. It is clear however, that we need a massive step up in our actions.

Detailed action planning

We have taken a project management approach to the delivery of our Climate and Ecological Emergency response. The areas for action within this strategy have been developed into detailed plans setting out clear actions to be undertaken by Dorset Council.

We have used the 'Areas for action' as a basis for these plans but have also drawn upon the actions raised through our 'Call for ideas' and public consultation. The issues and themes raised have, and will continue to, **shape and strengthen plans moving forward**.

Our **Action Plans** set out our objectives, specific detailed actions, timescales and performance measures. We have also included details of other key partners required to help deliver these actions, the scale

of potential carbon savings, expected costs and the associated co-benefits (health, economy, ecology and resilience).



Links to the **Action Plans** can be found at the end of each relevant section in this strategy, as well as below:

- [View detailed RENEWABLE ENERGY action plan](#)
- [View detailed BUILDINGS action plan](#)
- [View detailed FOOD & DRINK action plan](#)
- [View detailed ECONOMY action plan](#)
- [View detailed WASTE action plan](#)
- [View detailed WATER action plan](#)
- [View detailed NATURAL ASSETS action plan](#)
- [View detailed TRANSPORT action plan](#)
- [View detailed MAKING IT HAPPEN action plan](#)

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Ensuring we stay on track

As noted in 'Making it Happen' we will finalise our baseline and monitor and report progress biannually against our carbon budgets and ecological indicators. These will be our headline indicators.

We will also monitor and track progress against individual actions within our plans and report progress regularly to Dorset Council's Cabinet and senior management. Twice a year we will review and update our action plans and provide a biannual report of progress. We will make sure this is widely promoted to residents and organisations in Dorset.

Things will change. We will be heavily reliant on policy and financial support from the government as well as further technological advancements particularly in the field of hydrogen, battery storage and smart technologies. We will keep track of these rapidly changing developments and adjust our strategy and action plans accordingly.

We will regularly review our overall strategy and approach to ensure it is still relevant and up to date. At a minimum we will update our strategy and refocus as required every 5 years.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION TYPE	CO ₂ SAVING POTENTIAL	CO-BENEFITS	COST
Ensure Council estate becomes zero-carbon by 2040	D I P	Footprint icons	Leaf, Shield, Bar chart, Heart icons	Money bag icons
Ensure climate & ecological considerations are included as part of the Asset Review, and that the future asset management plan is aligned to achieving DC carbon budgets to 2040	D I P	Footprint icons	Leaf, Shield, Bar chart, Heart icons	Money bag icons
Commission study to identify opportunities for small scale on-site renewable energy installations on Council buildings & assets	D I P	Footprint icons	Leaf, Shield, Bar chart, Heart icons	Money bag icons
Carry out audits to identify opportunities to retrofit energy efficiency, water efficiency, and renewable energy generation across the estate on completion of the Asset Review.	D I P	Footprint icons	Leaf, Shield, Bar chart, Heart icons	Money bag icons
Increase capacity of Energy Team to develop and implement retrofit programme	D I P	Footprint icons	Leaf, Shield, Bar chart, Heart icons	Money bag icons
Implement retro fit programme (to include LEDs, thermal upgrade, ambient cooling, conversions to low carbon energy sources)	D I P	Footprint icons	Leaf, Shield, Bar chart, Heart icons	Money bag icons
Ensure procurement specification favours energy efficient equipment	D I P	Footprint icons	Leaf, Shield, Bar chart, Heart icons	Money bag icons