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Taking action to address the Climate and Ecological Emergency cannot be done solely by officers working from the centre. It will need a multi-disciplinary approach, drawing on skills and resources from across Dorset Council and with wider partners. It will need to be part of the way we do things and embedded in the way we deliver our services and will require significant investment at all levels of society.

After detailed evidence and information gathering exercises, led by the EAP and carried out by officer working groups, it has been recommended that the Council **implement the following 30 actions.**

Milestones have been identified for each action. This plan shows the immediate targets we will need to achieve by 2023 to keep us on track.

Find definitions for each of the symbols used in this plan in the...  [SYMBOL KEY](#)



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<p>Ensure leadership & governance are in place to facilitate delivery of Climate and Ecological Emergency strategy</p>	<p>D I P</p>	<p>3 footprints</p>	<p>ecology resilient economy health</p>	<p>3 banknotes</p>	
ACTIONS	2021-23 TARGET				
<p>Actively input into national forums and consultations to encourage policy development to tackle climate & ecological emergency</p>	<p>D I P</p>	<p>3 footprints</p>	<p>ecology resilient economy health</p>	<p>3 banknotes</p>	<p>Dorset Council representation on key national groups e.g. LGA forum by 2021</p>
<p>Lobby government for additional resources and the national policy framework to support climate & ecological action in Dorset</p>	<p>D I P</p>	<p>3 footprints</p>	<p>ecology resilient economy health</p>	<p>3 banknotes</p>	<p>Lobby paper presented to Government + Member attendance at policy discussion group by June 2021</p>
<p>Review governance structures to ensure successful delivery of the Climate Strategy and ensure key decision-makers have a clear mandate for action.</p>	<p>D I P</p>	<p>3 footprints</p>	<p>ecology resilient economy health</p>	<p>3 banknotes</p>	<p>Governance structure reviewed and agreed by March 2021</p>
<p>Ensure all staff are aware of their responsibilities in the delivery of actions, and that departments are linked at a strategic level (e.g. waste and planning).</p>	<p>D I P</p>	<p>3 footprints</p>	<p>ecology resilient economy health</p>	<p>3 banknotes</p>	<p>Internal communications plan developed & initiated by March 2021</p>
<p>Actively participate in inter authority climate emergency networks as well as nation networks set up by LGA, ASPE etc. to share and build national best practice</p>	<p>D I P</p>	<p>3 footprints</p>	<p>ecology resilient economy health</p>	<p>3 banknotes</p>	<p>Ongoing from 2020</p>

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ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
Ensure enough human resource is in place to drive forward action either through Council departments or involvement of wider partners	D I P				Costed plan finalised by Cabinet Feb 2021 Budget requirements reviewed annually
Investigate decarbonising Dorset Council pension scheme	D I P				Pension scheme reviewed by Mar 2021 Further investigation carried out by Mar 2021

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Encourage behaviour change	D I P				
ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
Develop a consistent brand for Climate plan initiatives	D I P				Branding developed by Oct 2021

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Raising awareness to support action and behaviour change	D I P				
ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
Improve the awareness, engagement and knowledge of our staff and service providers through staff awareness campaigns	D I P				Communications plan developed by Oct 2021
Organise targeted briefings and training sessions for officers, members and decision makers on the benefits and opportunities of tackling climate change - highlighting this contribution to other Council priorities.	D I P				Internal Communication plan developed by Oct 2021 + Briefings completed by 2022
Provide more accessible and digestible information on climate change and ecology and the actions we can take through a range of channels	D I P				Communications plan developed & initiated and Web pages created & populated by Dec 2021
Establish an internal climate change champions programme	D I P				Climate change champions appointed by March 2022

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<p>Ensure Climate and ecological concerns are embedded at the heart of decision and plan making</p>					
ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
<p>Ensure procurement processes and strategy embed climate and ecological concerns</p>					<p>Procurement strategy & standard project documents to include climate and social value requirements + Tools developed by March 2022</p>
<p>Ensure climate change, climate resilience and ecological enhancement are embedded in our key strategies and plans, such as the developing Dorset Local Plan and our asset management plans.</p>					<p>Key policies identified and review programme developed + All Key strategies reviewed & climate considerations included by March 2022</p>
<p>Review climate risk assessments undertaken by former Dorset Councils and latest met office data in order to fully understand the risks faced by Dorset Council from climate change and develop an adaptation plan.</p>					<p>Review undertaken by March 2023 Plan in place by March 2023</p>
<p>Work with partners to fully understand the risks and opportunities of climate change in Dorset county and to develop agreed approach to climate adaptation work across Dorset.</p>					<p>Approach agreed by March 2023</p>

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ACTIONS	2021-23 TARGET				
Develop tools to undertake robust impact & policy appraisal to ensure concerns are embedded at the heart of decision and plan making.	D I P				Decision making tool finalised and agreed by Oct 2021

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Engagement with key stakeholders	D I P				
ACTIONS	2021-23 TARGET				
Consult with residents, young people, Town & Parish Councils and key organisations on the strategy and plans as they develop	D I P				Public consultation on strategy completed by Dec 2020
Build support from stakeholders and the wider public and develop partnership working on all aspects of climate change action	D I P				Communications Plan developed by Oct 2021
Develop a Dorset Climate Emergency partnership group with other key public, private, and third sector partners to deliver a carbon neutral county	D I P				Options reviewed + Partnership established by March 2022

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Ensure robust Monitoring & Reporting of progress	D I P				
ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
Develop a robust baseline for Council and County carbon emissions and ecology	D I P				Dorset Council baseline emissions identified & agreed by Dec 2020
Consider monitoring & reporting wider emissions from Council activities (Scope 3) such as procurement	D I P				Future targets beyond 2023
Further explore and expand the Dorset county footprint, beyond the data provided by Central Government, to provide a wider understanding of Dorset's emissions. To include other GHG, agriculture and land use and consumption where feasible.	D I P				Review best practice & options by Sept 2022
Monitor and report on actions and progress in achieving carbon reduction by producing a biannual report of progress on climate change targets, budgets, and actions	D I P				Progress reports provided bi-annually (autumn and spring) from Nov 2021
Include climate and social value criteria in the South West audit partnership audit requirements	D I P				Climate & social value criteria included in scope of SW audit marking criteria by March 2021

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Work with key partners to develop approach and methodology to strategically monitor ecological quality and monitor success in tackling ecological emergency	D I P				Approach agreed by Sept 2022
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Supporting Community Action	D I P				
ACTIONS				2021-23 TARGET	
Support Town & Parish Councils to develop and implement their organisation and area wide climate action plans and engage with residents to encourage community action	D I P				Approach developed with Town & Parish Councils by 2021 Resources in place
Help to facilitate and support new and existing community-led projects and community organisations active in this area	D I P				Plan developed by March 2021 Additional resource in place by Jun 2022

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Ensure adequate levels of resources are in place to ensure successful delivery					
ACTIONS					2021-23 TARGET
Work with partners to maximise opportunities for external funding from government and others, making sure Dorset gets its fair share					Ongoing from 2020
Develop a finance strategy to enable us to deliver this climate emergency response. This includes establishing invest-to-save schemes, asset rationalisation, and building projects into our capital programme.					Finance Strategy developed in 2021
Explore options to raise additional funds through borrowing, council tax, developer contributions, and business rates.					Options explored and incorporated in finance strategy in 2021

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