

Objective	Action	By When?	Update
Reduce the consumption of energy and water across all of our activities	Undertake an internal audit of energy and water usage across all the Councils assets.	April 2021	
	Pursue options to install renewable technologies at suitable sites within the Council's estate	April 2025	
	Establish cost and feasibility of introducing Automated Meter Reading (AMR) across the Council's property estate	April 2022	
	Determine where improvements to a buildings' fabric or heating system could enhance its energy efficiency and reduce its energy demand	April 2021	
	Set CO2 reduction targets for Council offices and leisure centres.	April 2024	
	Continue to switch street lighting as existing lights come to end of life, where Council owned, to well-designed and well directed LED lights	Ongoing	
Purchase energy from renewable sources wherever possible	Consider the purchase of electric vehicles when replacing any of the Council's own fleet and if this is not possible look to purchase a hydrogen powered vehicle.	Ongoing	
	All hydrogen used to power fleet vehicles should have been produced using electricity from renewable sources.	Ongoing	
	Ensure council's procurement strategy specifies that low carbon lights and appliances are procured	April 2021	

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Work with and where possible require our suppliers and contractors to reduce the impact of the goods and services by considering whole life costs and ending our use of single use plastics	Include in contracts specifications the Councils wish to end its use of single use plastics	April 2021	
Apply to all activities undertaken by us, including contracted out services as new contracts are negotiated	Include in all new contracts the Councils aim to reduce/eliminate its Carbon Footprint.	April 2021	
Minimise our impacts of travel by using more sustainable travel solutions or alternatives to travel.	Review Council's travel policies to encourage the Council's workforce and enable them to take action in their workplace. The Council will support its staff by promoting increased awareness, conducting behavioural change programmes, encouraging the use of existing flexible working policies, low carbon and sustainable travel, the use of ICT.	Review Annually	
	Encourage car sharing whenever possible	Review Annually	
Ensure environmental risks and opportunities are managed positively	To establish guidance and include a section on all Council reports to state the impact of the decision being proposed on the Council's carbon footprint.	June 2020	
Improve our performance to prevent all types of pollution	Encourage and enable energy saving behaviour by all council staff	Ongoing	

## Carbon Neutral Action Plan

## Appendix E

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and reduce CO2 and other harmful emissions from our activities.			
	Seek partnership with other Councils and other partners in Essex to share ideas and implement schemes that could lead to a reduction in the Council's carbon footprint.	Ongoing	
	To continue to work with the Private Hire/taxi trade to improve on the efficiency of their vehicles through the introduction of electric taxis through installation of charging points at taxi ranks.	Ongoing	
Minimise the production of waste from our own activities and adhere to the principles of the waste hierarchy	Encourage staff to eliminate the use of disposable plastics in all the Council's activities	Ongoing	
Set objectives and implement action programmes in order to minimise the negative environmental effects and increase the positive effects of our activities.	Identify areas suitable for renewable energy in the local plan	April 2023	
Protect, conserve and enhance our District's high quality natural environment and its biodiversity whilst improving our parks and open spaces, public rights	Identify suitable areas on Council owned sites to plant trees and further bio diversity.	Ongoing	

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of ways and green corridors.			

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