

Leicestershire County Council Environment Strategy Action Plan 2025-2030

This document supports the Leicestershire County Council Environment Strategy 2018-2030:
Delivering a better future.

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Introduction

This Action Plan is a living document which is being added to and changed as new projects and new information becomes available. It is reviewed at least once a year as part of an annual refresh.

The Action plan contains all currently known active and planned actions being carried out by LCC and or partners that contribute to the delivery of the aims and objectives of the Environment Strategy 2018-2030.

The Scope column refers to where the source of the environmental aspect lies and / or where the benefit of the action will sit. For example in the case of carbon emissions 'internal' refers to LCC's emissions and 'external' refers to Leicestershire's emissions. In the case of waste, household waste is treated as 'external' while LCC's office waste is treated as 'internal'. Where there is both an internal and external aspect or benefit it is categorised as 'both'.

The Action Plan sets out the project lead for each action and the key partners in supporting delivery of the action.

The currently known timescales are set out and also which of the objectives of the Environment Strategy the action is expected to mainly support, as referenced in the Environment Policy section of the Environment Strategy 2018-2030.

The actions and timescales will be reviewed and updated as necessary to take account of the Coronavirus pandemic.

This high level Action Plan is supported by more detailed project plans as appropriate.

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Theme / Action	Scope	Lead	Partners	Timescale		Objectives Supported
	Internal / External / Both			Start	End	
Carbon & Climate Change Impacts						
Deliver 2035 Net Zero Council Action Plan	Internal	Carbon Reduction	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	A1
Deliver 2050 Net Zero Leicestershire Strategy & Action Plan	External	Carbon Reduction	All Depts & range of external partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	A1
Deliver Council's Energy Strategy 2020-2030	Internal	Property Energy	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	A1, A2, E1, E1
Maintain and review the Council's Climate Change Risk Register	Internal	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	B1
Carry out review of Climate Change Risk Assessment report	Internal	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-26	B1
Resource Use & Renewable Energy						
Deliver in-house, waste management, recycling and composting services	Internal	Property	Environment, All Depts, Tenants	Apr-25	Mar-30	C2, D1, D2
Deliver the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy	External	Waste	Districts, Contractors	Apr-25	Mar-30	C3, D3, D4
Maximise opportunities to increase the use of recycled aggregates for highways works	Both	Highways	Contractors, Procurement	Apr-25	Mar-30	C1, C2, D1
Transport & Travel						
Deliver transport actions within 2035 Net Zero Council Action Plan	Internal	Carbon Reduction	Transport, HR, All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	A1, A2, F4
Deliver transport actions within 2050 Net Zero Leicestershire Action Plan	Both	Transport	All Depts, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	A1, A2, F4
Support delivery of the environmental objectives within the 4th Local Transport Plan	External	Transport	Environment, Carbon Reduction, Highways, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	A1, A2, F4

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Biodiversity, Habitats & Local Environment						
Undertake responsible authority function and support delivery of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Both	Environment	All Depts, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, H1, H2, J1, J1
Support meeting of Biodiversity Duty and implementation of Action for Nature Delivery Plan	Both	Environment	All Depts, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, H1, H2, J1, J2
Support delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain within Leicestershire	Both	Planning Ecology	Environment, Districts, Developers, Land Owners	Apr-25	Mar-30	G1, G3, G4, G5, H1, H2, J1, J2
Deliver Ash Dieback Action Plan	Both	Forestry	Highways, Comms, Environment	Apr-25	Mar-30	G1, G4
Implement Tree Management Strategy	Both	Forestry	Districts, Woodland Trust, NFC, Highways, Country Parks	Apr-25	Mar-30	G1, G4
Support the use of the Value of Trees Tool	Both	Forestry	Highways, Environment, NFC,	Apr-25	Mar-30	G1, G2, J1
Protect local trees by continuing to deliver Council's TPO function	Both	Environment	Planning, Districts	Apr-25	Mar-30	G1, G2
Deliver the Wildlife Verge project	Both	Highways	Environment, Planning, Parish Councils, Contractors	Apr-25	Mar-30	G1, G2, G4
Support action to reduce the impact of Invasive and Non Native Species (INNS)	Both	Environment	Country Parks, Highways, Property, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	G1, G2, G3, G4, H1, H2, J1, J2
Protect and enhance the Leicestershire landscape by providing technical landscape design and advice	Both	Environment	Planning, Highways, Districts, Other Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	G4, H2, J2
Participate in a range of Green Infrastructure partnerships to support nature recovery	Both	Environment	Charnwood Forest Regional Park Board, Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership Scheme, R. Soar Catchment P/S, LNRS Steering Group	Apr-25	Mar-30	H1, H2
Work with local groups and volunteers on projects that support nature recovery	Both	Environment	Parish Councils, Districts, Tree Council	Apr-25	Mar-30	G4, H2, J2, K2, L2

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Community & Wellbeing						
Support delivery of the Air Quality & Health Action Plan	Both	Public Health	Transport, Environment, Districts	Apr-25	Mar-30	F4, K1, K2
Support delivery of the Food Plan	Both	Public Health	Env Team, All Depts, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	B1, B2
Local Economy						
Identify opportunities to support a green low carbon economy through the delivery and procurement of council goods and services	Both	Procurement	Env Team, All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	N1
Work with the Business and Skills Partnership to identify and deliver opportunities that support a green low carbon economy for Leicestershire	Both	Economic Growth	Environment, Business & Skills Partnership	Apr-25	Mar-30	N2, O2
Crosscutting						
Deliver internal Greener Together Scheme	Internal	Environment	Waste Initiatives	Apr-25	Mar-30	D1, D2
Maintain and review the Council's Environment Risk Register	Internal	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	M1
Maintain and operate the Council's Environmental Management System	Internal	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	M1
Deliver Environment Action Volunteer Scheme	External	Waste Initiatives	Environment, Carbon Reduction, Comms, Communities, Local Residents	Apr-25	Mar-30	A2, B2, C3, D3 D4, F4, G4, H2 J2, K2, L2, M2
Develop and deliver a programme of environmental awareness raising, communications, engagement and training	Both	Environment	Comms, Learning & Development, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	All
Identify, seek and secure additional funding opportunities to develop and deliver the vision, aims and objectives of the Environment Strategy	Both	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	All

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Support the Civic University Partnership Environment and Sustainability Theme Group	Both	Environment	Universities, Local Authorities, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	All
Support the work of the Green Living Leicestershire Group	Both	OWBC	All districts, Midlands NZ Hub, Environment	Apr-25	Mar-30	All
Performance Monitoring						
Maintain and improve the environmental performance management system	Both	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	M1
Produce environmental performance dashboards	Both	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	M1, M2
Carry out a regular review of Environment Strategy KPIs and targets	Both	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	M1, M2
Reporting						
Produce and publish annual Environmental Performance and Greenhouse Gas Reports	Both	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-30	M2
Provide reports as required to internal governance and oversight bodies	Both	Environment	ESDB, CMT, ECCOSC, ELM	Apr-25	Mar-30	M2
Strategic and Governance						
Refresh of Environment Strategy Action Plan	Both	Environment	All Depts, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-30	All
Carry out review of Environment Strategy	Both	Environment	All Depts, External Partners	Apr-25	Mar-26	All
Review internal governance structures for the Environment Strategy	Both	Environment	All Depts	Apr-25	Mar-26	All