

**Ambition 1: Net Zero Carbon Council 2025: ensure the new South Warwickshire Council is net zero carbon within a year of its first elections and that services provided through contractors include carbon reduction targets to deliver net zero by 2030.**

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Buildings		1.1 By February 2022, we will develop a fully costed Heat Decarbonisation Plan (HDP) comprising a programme of works for decarbonising all Council Buildings	Appoint a qualified surveyor or consultant to prepare a Heat Decarbonisation Plan	01/10/2021	31/10/2021	The Assets Decarbonisation Strategy was agreed at Cabinet on 10/2/22
			Complete Heat Decarbonisation Plan	31/10/2021	15/01/2022	
		1.2 Deliver the HDP by establishing a Building Decarbonisation Fund for three years (2022/23; 2023/24; 2024/25)	Apply for PSDF Phase 3 and any future rounds of the PSDF	01/10/2021	04/11/2021	The Assets Decarbonisation Strategy sets out proposals for utilising £225,000 from the Climate Action Fund during 2022/23. It is anticipated that this will also draw in additional resources from internal sources and external grant funding. Further funding has provisionally been set aside from the Climate Action Fund for 2023/24. However, the full requirement over three years will be a substantial amount of money (minimum £1m per year for three years). Some grant funding can be expected, but the majority will need to be found from within Council budgets. For
			Deliver HDP	01/04/2021	31/03/2025	
			Apply net zero carbon building standards to new Council offices	TBC	TBC	

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1 Decarbonising Council Buildings	3251.14 tCO2e by 2025	1.3 Where the measures implemented in year 1 result in revenue savings as a result of reduced energy costs, these savings will be used to supplement the delivery of the Building Decarbonisation Fund.	Actions to deliver this commitment to be reviewed in 2022	Jun-22		Stage 1 of the Assets Decarbonisation Strategy focuses on smaller scale initiatives. The carbon and financial savings arising from these will be calculated on a case by case basis, with a running total retained
		1.4 We will ensure all electricity used by the Councils is from renewable sources.	Explore off-taker arrangements through direct wire or Power Purchase Agreements with local renewable energy providers	Oct-21	31/12/2022	Both SDC and WDC currently source electricity from 100% renewable sources. However we are exploring a Power Purchase Agreement with a local solar farm and, in conjunction with the Midlands Net Zero Hub, we are also appraising the feasibility of more extensive rooftop solar within our assets.
			Explore the potential to utilise roof space on Council assets to generate electricity in partnership with a local Community Energy Company	Dec-21	31/03/2024	
		1.5 Any residual carbon emissions arising from Council buildings after 2025 will be balanced by either direct investment in equivalent renewable energy generation projects or in a recognised local carbon offsetting fund.	Actions to deliver this commitment to be reviewed in 2023/24. Link to carbon market development (see Funding Strategy) Liaise with WPD	31/12/2024	2025	We are working with Warwickshire County Council in establishing a local verified carbon offset fund. It is not known at this stage to what extent this will need to be used (or should be used), but it is expected to provide an option for consideration by 2025.

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		2.1 We will ensure all the vehicles fleet directly operated by the Councils is fully electric by 2025	Prepare a comprehensive vehicle decarbonisation plan for mileage undertaken on Council business .	01/10/2021	31/12/2021	All directly operated WDC vehicles are 100% electric. At present, EV charging infrastructure to support this is limited. However, once a clearer way forward regarding the future of Riverside House and the Council's office base has been established, internal EV charging infrastructure will be expanded. In the interim, in addition to the EV charging points that have been introduced at Radcliffe Gardens and Riverside House, a review of other options will be undertaken. Currently procuring a South Warwickshire EV Infrastructure Strategy which will provide a sense of direction of requirements
			Review operational requirements of each vehicle with service managers to ensure EV is feasible	Sep-21	31/12/2021	
			Assess EV charging infrastructure requirements (numbers, speed, locations)	Sep-21	31/12/2021	
			Provide EV charging infrastructure as required	01/01/2022	31/12/2022	
			Procure an EV Charger Installer, either as South Warwickshire or in line with WCC	01/10/2021	31/03/2022	See Ambition 2, Commitment 1.3

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2 Decarbonising Council Travel	252.8 tCO2e by 2025		Ensure that wherever feasible, vehicles are switched to EV when current leases ends (or where operational requirements prevent this, the lowest carbon alternatives)	Sep-21	31/12/2022	
		2.2 We will incentivise staff to undertake business journeys by bike, foot or public transport where this can be achieved efficiently and without impacting on service quality	Promote the "Choose how you move" initiative through Better Points for staff	Current	Summer 2022	Work is underway to re-procure Choose How you Move, Better Points from September 2022. As part of this procurement, the scheme will be promoted to WDC staff. Discussions have been taking place with SDC regarding a south Warwickshire contract
			Consider the procurement of a similar South Warwickshire Active Travel initiative across South Warwickshire beyond 2022	Summer 2022	Potentially on-going	
		2.3 We will enable staff to switch personal vehicles that are used on Council business to electric vehicles by	Procure "Tusker" or similar for a salary sacrifice lease car scheme to encourage staff to procure EV's	2022/23		A small working group has been established from April 2022 to to introduce a salary sacrifice scheme for EVs for staff
		• Incentivising the lease and or purchase of electric vehicles; • by March 2022, carrying out a building by building EV charging infrastructure needs assessment including number of chargers required; power supply assessment and	Ensure that the South Warwickshire authorities work as early as possible with local Distribution Network Operator (DNO), Western Power as a partner as early as possible	2021	2022	We have attended a webinar to understand the issues and processes. Otherwise minimal progress aside from identifying needs for specific projects.

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		upgrades etc • Ensuring sufficient EV charging infrastructure is available at, or close to, places of work	Develop a green travel plan in association with the relocation to new office buildings	2022	2023	No progress, except to ensure that carbon emissions resulting from staff commuting are part of the considerations for new office accommodation. To be progressed once the office accommodation options have been narrowed.
		2.4 Any residual carbon emissions arising from Council travel after 2025 will be balanced by either direct investment in equivalent renewable energy generation projects or in a recognised local carbon offsetting fund.		2025	2028	Not a priority within first 3 years of the programme. See 1.5 above
		3.1 We will ensure all new major Council contracts incorporate a Carbon Reduction Plan to demonstrate progress towards net zero operations by 2030 and will manage progress on these Plans throughout the life of the contract .	We will ensure all new major Council contracts incorporate Carbon Reduction Plan to demonstrate progress towards net zero operations by 2030	2021	2030	Waste collection contract include a carbon reduction plan and a requirement for annual reviews
			We will work with contractors holding existing contracts to annually agree carbon reduction measures to be delivered	2021	2030	

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3 Decarbonising Council Contracts	4729.0 tCO2e by 2030	3.2 We will explore opportunities to work with existing contractors to invest in processes, facilities and infrastructure to minimise carbon emissions - including for instance leisure centres, depots, vehicles and equipment	Ensure light vehicles within the new waste contract fleet (due to start from August 2022) will be electric vehicles	Aug-22	2029	Part of discussions with the contractors
			As required by through the contract, work with the new waste contractor to develop a plan for decarbonising the vehicle fleet during the life of the contract including alternative fuels (such as HVO); introducing new or converted electric or hydrogen vehicles; supporting the development of necessary infrastructure for alternative fuels	Nov-21	2029	Through colleagues in North Warwickshire, HVO has been explored to enable fleet decarbonisation. At present, it is not recommended that this option is pursued. Although HVO has the potential to deliver significant carbon savings if used, there is growing concern about the knock on environmental effects of HVO - specifically, as demand increases, recycled supply (e.g from cooking oils) will be insufficient. As a result, there are concerns that inappropriate cultivation could occur impacting on biodiversity, food production etc. Hydrogen continues to be explored as an option. The draft hydrogen feasibility study recommends the potential for a partial conversion of the fleet be explored. This will be explored in conjunction with the contractor over the next 12 months.

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		3.3 Review procurement policies and practices to ensure climate change mitigation and adaptation are incorporated in to specifications, are given weight in evaluations and are managed throughout the life of the contract	Review the Procurement Strategy, Procurement Code of Practice and other operational procedures relating to procurement to ensure that social value and in particular climate change are consider in procurement processes and are given significant weight in the evaluation of tenders	Apr-21	Jul-21	WDC's procurement strategy and code of procurement practice has been reviewed to require Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Criteria (including addressing Climate Change) at a combined weighting of 5-15% within the 'quality' criteria, for all contracts over £50,000 and environmental value
			Provide training to ensure that contract management staff are aware of climate change issues and opportunities and are able to effectively manage carbon reduction plans during the lifetime of contracts	Jul-21	Oct-21	No progress
I Finance	N/A	4.1 We will review the funds in which the Councils' hold their cash to divest from all fossil fuels	Take a report to SDC's Cash Working Party to explore options for divesting from fossil fuels. This will include an appraisal of potential financial impacts	2021	Apr-23	This action was completed in September 2021

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4 Council			In line with the agreed commitments set out in WDC's CEAP, we will switch WDC's investments away from fossil fuels funds by April 2023	2021	Mar-22	