

SUPPORTING A GREEN RECOVERY - ACTION PLAN

Ref.	Key Actions	Key task	Desired outcome	Target date	Owner
CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY					
GR1	To develop a strategy to deliver carbon neutrality for the Council in line with Government targets or sooner.	Prepare a draft strategy to deliver carbon neutrality for the Council and support actions to lower the wider-borough's carbon emissions.	Enabling policy/strategy to support delivery of a green recovery.	June 2021	SM
GR2	Explore and devise a future financial treasury management strategy that take into account environment, social governance and responsible investments.	To discuss with the Council's treasury management advisors how to progress a change in the Council's investments.	A Green Investment Strategy	2022	TCo/SM
GR3	Aim to develop a more environmentally sustainable economy post-COVID and Brexit.	To develop a green recovery strategy which includes measures to evolve a more sustainable and resilient economy.	A thriving community which minimises its impact on the environment measured through buildings meeting appropriate environmental standards (e.g. BREEAM) and well-being surveys.	2024	SM/KM/ AB
REDUCE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS					
GR4	Use opportunities provided by agile working to enhance/accelerate climate change initiatives	Develop a policy to enable long term homeworking and office hot desking.	Reduced car travel, emissions (compared to pre-pandemic levels) and release offices for multi-use.	Dec 2021	SM

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GR5	<p>a. Continue to develop our programme to use more electric vehicles by staff to reduce CO2 emissions</p> <p>b. Purchase electric fuelled equipment when existing liquid fuelled equipment reaches end of life.</p>	<p>Examine options for future purchase of electric cars & bikes; introduce measures to enable staff to purchase electric cars.</p> <p>Implement measures to reduce the Council's carbon footprint through purchase of a green fleet equipment for grounds maintenance.</p>	<p>Electric pool vehicles/bikes in use by staff and 10% of staff to own electric vehicles.</p> <p>Green Fleet and electric tools in use.</p>	<p>2025</p> <p>028</p>	<p>MR/HR</p> <p>JT/ /DC</p>
GR6	Improve all council-owned residential and municipal properties and facilities through better insulation, investment in alternative heating and ventilation and aim to reduce utilities costs where possible.	To undertake energy studies of Council properties to identify cost effective improvements and then to progress installation.	Council properties being less expensive to run	2021 for completion of study	SM/MR
GR7	Review and improve, where possible, our waste management strategy.	To undertake a review of waste strategy in line with Government changes proposed for 2023.	Increased recycling and reduced quantities of household rubbish.	2022	JT/DL
INCREASE USE OF CLEAN ENERGY					

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GR8	a. Work with businesses and communities to promote and support cleaner and greener living and working.	To work with economic development team to build in opportunities for providing a sustainable environment. Promote opportunities in the Borough for the development of 'green' jobs including training.	To have a Staines development plan which demonstrates leadership in developing sustainable communities.	2023	HM/AB/SM/KM
				2026	KM/HM
	b. Develop opportunities for increased locally generated clean energy.	Work in partnership via the Economic Development team.	10% Increase in "green" employment in the Borough, in roles that have a positive impact on the environment measured through sector analysis of local employment.	2027	KM/HM/MR/SM
GR9	Implement technologies to maximise clean energy usage.	Develop opportunities (and schemes) for increased locally generated clean energy on Council buildings and in new build.	Council owned offices and housing sites to have a minimum capacity of 10% renewable energy generation.	2024	RM/MR
ENCOURAGE GREATER USE OF CYCLING AND WALKING					

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GR10	<p>a. Undertaking a borough-wide feasibility study to identify potential walking and cycling routes in conjunction with Surrey CC; and</p> <p>b. Increase opportunities for exercise through walking and cycling and improving air quality by reducing car dependency, working with the highways authority.</p>	Undertake actions to encourage greater cycling and walking by the community and Council.	A Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan to allow future implementation of schemes in an appropriate way.	2022	SM/AB

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IMPROVE AND INCREASE PROVISION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND ENHANCEMENT OF BIODIVERSITY					
GR11	a. Enhance our parks and open spaces to adapt to climate change.	To develop and implement park strategies which meet both the environmental and social needs required of our open spaces and meet future climate change (mitigation and adaptation) and educational needs (a, b, and c).	That parks have both environmental and social benefits for our residents, including reduced air emissions Parks strategy with environ and social	2023	JT/IS
	b. To seek ways of improving the environmental and social value of our parks and open spaces and consider opportunities to create and support carbon sink initiatives within the Borough including landscaping and more tree planting where possible.				
	c. Enhance our parks and open spaces to adapt to climate changes, providing clean, accessible, outdoor spaces with access to nature for education and well-being purposes; and	Map out opportunities, including rain gardens, to improve the landscape and adapt and mitigate climate change.	To develop a suite of enhancement opportunities	2023	MR/IS/SM
	d. Increase land management to provide greater biodiversity to encourage wildlife and insect populations.	Develop a biodiversity strategy	Actions from the strategy to enhance wildlife and measurable increases in populations of key species.	2022	IS

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IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF HOUSING STOCK					
GR12	a. Promote residential development that is sustainably located and allows safe and easy access for residents to existing services and transport hubs; and	Develop as part of developments and the Local Plan opportunities for better accessible developments.	Local Plan	2023	AB
	b. Seek and support the retrofit of existing residential housing to enable alignment with more demanding energy efficiency standards.	Identify ways of making the housing stock more sustainable, including through better insulation, alternative heating and ventilation and aim to reduce utility costs where possible.	i.Ensure KGE housing stock meets highest viable environmental standards. ; and ii. Participate in current and future opportunities for seeking funding, such as Green Jump, to enhance the energy efficiency of housing stock across the Borough.	Ongoing 2023	RM MR

