

SUPPORTING A GREEN RECOVERY - ACTION PLAN

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY			
GR1	Action: To develop a strategy to deliver carbon neutrality for the Council in line with Government targets or sooner.		
	Task (and owner): Prepare a draft strategy to deliver carbon neutrality for the Council and support actions to lower the wider-borough's carbon emissions. (SM)	Desired outcome: Enabling policy/strategy to support delivery of a green recovery.	Target date & progress notes: Target date adjusted from June 2021 to March 2022 due to Sustainability Officer (SO) leaving and the climate change officer having to deliver the work of the SO
GR2	Action: Explore and devise a future financial treasury management strategy that take into account environment, social governance and responsible investments.		
	Task (and owner): To discuss with the Council's treasury management advisors how to progress a change in the Council's investments. (TCo/SM)	Desired outcome: A Green Investment Strategy	Target date & progress notes: 2022
GR3	Action: Aim to develop a more environmentally sustainable economy post-COVID and Brexit.		

	Task (and owner): To develop a green recovery strategy which includes measures to evolve a more sustainable and resilient economy. (SM/KM/AB)	Desired outcome: A thriving community which minimises its impact on the environment measured through buildings meeting appropriate environmental standards (e.g. BREEAM) and well-being surveys.	Target date & progress notes: 2024
REDUCE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF COUNCIL OPERATIONS			
GR4	Action: Use opportunities provided by agile working to enhance/accelerate climate change initiatives		
	Task (and owner): Develop a policy to enable long term homeworking and office hot desking. (SM)	Desired outcome: Reduced car travel, emissions (compared to pre-pandemic levels) and release offices for multi-use.	Target date & progress notes: Target adjusted to from Dec 2021 to March 2022 Due to continuing risks associated with pandemic, 'hot desking' may not come into force until spring next year. Extended target date will allow for more lead-in time.
GR5	Action: a. Continue to develop our programme to use more electric vehicles by staff to reduce CO2 emissions b. Purchase electric fuelled equipment when existing liquid fuelled equipment reaches end of life.		

	Task (and owner):	Desired outcome:	Target date & progress notes:
	<p>Examine options for future purchase of electric cars & bikes; introduce measures to enable staff to purchase/lease electric cars. (SO/HR)(SO/SM)</p>	<p>Electric pool vehicles/bikes in use by staff for business purposes.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<p>Implement measures to reduce the Council's carbon footprint through purchase of a green fleet equipment for grounds maintenance. (JT/DC)</p>	<p>10% of staff to own electric vehicles.</p> <p>Green Fleet and hand-held electric tools in use.</p>	<p>2025</p> <p>2028</p>

GR6	Action: 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.		
	Task (and owner): To undertake energy studies of Council properties to identify cost effective improvements and then to progress installation. (SM/SO)	Desired outcome: Council properties being less expensive to run	Target date & progress notes: Dec 2021 studies completed. Installation target to be set
GR7	Action: Review and improve, where possible, our waste management strategy.		
	Task (and owner): To undertake a review of waste strategy in line with Government changes proposed for 2023. (JT/DL)	Desired outcome: Increased recycling and reduced quantities of household rubbish.	Target date & progress notes: Target date adjusted from 2022 to 2023 as the requirements resulting from the Government's review of its Resources & Waste Strategy will not be known in time to make any amendments to our strategy in 2022.

INCREASE USE OF CLEAN ENERGY

GR8	<p>Action:</p> <p>a. Work with businesses and communities to promote and support cleaner and greener living and working.</p> <p>b. Develop opportunities for increased locally generated clean energy.</p>		
	<p>Task (and owner):</p> <p>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. (HM/AB/SM/KM)</p> <p>Work in partnership via the Economic Development team. (KM/HM/SO/SM)</p>	<p>Desired outcome:</p> <p>To have a Staines development plan which demonstrates leadership in developing sustainable communities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>50% of local businesses to use clean energy.</p>	<p>Target date & progress notes:</p> <p>On track for summer 2023</p> <p>Target to be confirmed</p> <p>2027</p>

GR9	Action: Implement technologies to maximise clean energy usage.		
	Task (and owner): Develop opportunities (and schemes) for increased locally generated clean energy on Council buildings and in new build. (RM/SO)	Desired outcome: Council owned offices and housing sites to have a minimum capacity of 10% renewable energy generation.	Target date & progress notes: 2024 Currently being delivered on all new Council residential schemes
ENCOURAGE GREATER USE OF CYCLING AND WALKING			
GR10	Action: a. Undertaking a borough-wide feasibility study to identify potential walking and cycling routes in conjunction with Surrey CC; and b. Increase opportunities for exercise through walking and cycling and improving air quality by reducing car dependency, working with the highways authority.		
	Task (and owner): Undertake actions to encourage greater cycling and walking by the community and Council. (AM/AB)	Desired outcome: A Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan to allow future implementation of schemes in an appropriate way.	Target date & progress notes: 2022 Underway

IMPROVE AND INCREASE PROVISION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES AND ENHANCEMENT OF BIODIVERSITY

GR11

Action:

- a. Enhance our parks and open spaces to adapt to climate change.
- 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;
- d. Increase land management to provide greater biodiversity to encourage wildlife and insect populations.

	Task (and owner):	Desired outcome:	Target date & progress notes:
	<p>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). (JT/LS)</p>	<p>That parks have both environmental and social benefits for our residents, including reduced air emissions,</p>	<p>2023</p>
	<p>Map out opportunities, including rain gardens, to improve the landscape and adapt and mitigate climate change. (SO/BO/SM)</p>	<p>To develop a suite of enhancement opportunities</p>	<p>2023</p>
	<p>Develop a biodiversity strategy (BO)</p>	<p>Actions from the strategy to enhance wildlife and measurable increases in populations of key species.</p>	<p>2022</p>

IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF HOUSING STOCK

GR12 **Action:**
 a. Promote residential development that is sustainably located and allows safe and easy access for residents to existing services and transport hubs; and
 b. Seek and support the retrofit of existing residential housing to enable alignment with more demanding energy efficiency standards.

Task (and owner):	Desired outcome:	Target date & progress notes:
<p>Develop as part of developments and the Local Plan opportunities for better accessible developments. (AB)</p> <p>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. (RM/MR)</p>	<p>Local Plan</p> <p>i. Ensure KGE housing stock meets highest viable environmental standards.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>On target for summer 2023</p> <p>2026</p> <p>Already being considered for each scheme</p> <p>2023</p>