

## Zero Carbon and Doubling Nature Action Plan 2020-25 (2021-22 version)

Ref	Action (with Business Plan reference where relevant)	Service	Expected completion date	Progress at 30 September 2021	Progress at 31 March 2022	RAG rating - R for Red, A for Amber, G for Green
<b>1. Actions to reduce GHG emissions from the Council's own estate (not inc housing) and operations</b>						
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1.1	Implement depot changes to prepare for electric refuse collection vehicle (eRCV) charging (C4i)	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Mar-22	Charging points for an additional two eRCVs are in progress and will be completed by the time the two new vehicles are delivered. These will reach the limit of 3 eRCVs which can be charged under our current arrangements which use electricity from the grid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An Outline Business Case for Waterbeach Renewable Energy Network (WREN) has been received and the project is now into detail design / Investment Grade Proposal stage.</li> <li>A key aspect will be the charging infrastructure and this will interface with the fleet decarbonisation plan through the spec of vehicles being purchased.</li> <li>We are exploring interim measures for charging with landlord and partners.</li> <li>Looking forward, the IGP, including charging infrastructure details is due for completion by end of Q3 22/23. The overall WREN scheme completion will be due Q2 23/24.</li> </ul>	G
1.2	Procure five eRCVs to replace diesel version (ongoing C4ii)	Climate, Environment & Waste	ongoing	A further two Electric RCVs have now been ordered and are expected to be delivered in January 2022 and March 2022. Further eRCVs will be considered for 2022-23 as recharging options allow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One Refuse Collection Vehicle has been delivered. A second is scheduled to be delivered in June 2022 and a third in August/September 2022.</li> </ul>	G
1.3	Develop a new solar pv array to supply low carbon electricity to power these vehicles. (C4iii) Develop outline business case for on-site solar panel energy generation with partners	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Mar-22	A meeting looking at options to install a 1MW solar array was held in October with Energy Services Provider, Bouygues. We are awaiting further information from Bouygues on options following that meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline Business Case received and reviewed. Bouygues have now been instructed to complete the next stage of project development - an Investment Grade Proposal (fully designed and costed) by Q3 22/23 • SCDC are now leading on overseeing scheme design and implementation – roles and responsibilities altered, landlord secured planning consent however will now lease land to SCDC/City and SCDC/City instruct Bouygues to design and build the scheme.</li> </ul>	G
<b>South Cambridgeshire Hall</b>						
1.4	Complete retrofit of Cambourne office (C3)	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Dec-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project mobilisation commenced March 2021 and on track to be completed at the end of Q4.</li> <li>Ground source heat pump has been installed, boreholes are being drilled.</li> <li>A more efficient building management system has been installed</li> <li>Phase one to three of the LED lighting works have been completed. Phase four of the 7 phases commences Monday 25th October.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LED Lighting, new heating system and new fire alarm system installed, with wi-fi nodes upgrade carried out at the same time. Ground Source Heat Pump installed and connected but not commissioned as yet. Wiring for solar car ports installed. Next setp is to erect the car ports and install the solar panels. Expected finish is Q1 22/23</li> </ul>	G
<b>Small sites (85 sites, including gas and electricity for heating and lighting in communal rooms and communal areas in blocks of flats)</b>						
1.5	Install solar PV array to Elm Court sheltered housing scheme, Over (C1a and C1b)	Housing	31-Mar-22	The project to install solar PV to Elm Court has been delayed due to staffing issues but is now moving forward. As well as solar PV, additional improvements including insulation, LED lighting, EV charging points and battery storage are being considered.	Investment proposal has been received and financing discussions are in progress, this should be decided during June 22 and works planned in with the contractor as soon as possible following that.	G
1.6	Review community rooms and other small sites to identify and deliver opportunities for carbon reduction (C1ib)	Housing	31-Mar-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 remote heating monitors and controls have been fitted in communal rooms, 2 more than at end of Q1. Planning to install another 15 - delayed due to product supply issues.</li> <li>A project is underway to investigate the potential for green energy measures at Elm Court Sheltered Housing scheme (at Over).</li> <li>Wider project work exploring energy efficiency measures on sheltered sites has been on hold during the pandemic due to communal room closures. This will be taken off hold in coming months as communal rooms re-open. Covid-19 infection rates will continue to be monitored before deciding when to commence face-to-face consultation with residents.</li> </ul>	The project is resuming and the remaing controls will be fitted and monitored.	G
<b>Waterbeach Depot Office</b>						
n/a	Action completed in 2020-21	Finance	n/a			Completed
<b>Footway lights</b>						
1.7	Install energy saving LED fittings in all council owned streetlights (C6i)	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Mar-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 standard lights have works remaining relating to the initial footway lighting upgrade phase of the project.</li> <li>Costs and plans are currently being obtained and developed in relation to the upgrade of ornate lights.</li> <li>Discussions are taking place around plans to upgrade lights that are located on HRA land.</li> </ul>	Outstanding works have been completed and checking and verification of work is being carried out. The next phase of work is to agree an approach to rectification period for the next six months. Phase 2 for the ornate lights is progressing with a plan for poor condition lights underway and a procurement plan for the remaining. Discussions are taking place around plans to upgrade lights that are located on HRA land.	A
<b>Business mileage</b>						
1.8	Investigate options to reduce carbon emissions from business mileage including salary sacrifice electric car scheme for staff (C2iC)	Transformation, HR and Corporate Services	31-Mar-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A report has been submitted to LT for consideration, outlining options. This will be progressed in Q3/Q4.</li> </ul>	The electric car salary sacrifice scheme opened in April 2022. Results will be available quarterly with updates on applicants and numbers accessing the scheme	G

	<b>Further actions to reduce GHG emissions from resource use (not currently included in GHG emissions accounts)</b>					
1.9	With a view to enabling the elimination of paper agendas and reports for Council and committee meetings, explore options for overcoming technical difficulties which are preventing some Members from accessing the ModGov app, and through this, electronic agendas (D5)	Transformation, HR and Corporate Services	ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3C ICT have stated that they do not have the capacity to deliver the technical fixes (in conjunction with Civica) required to get the paperless Mod.Gov system working as intended to provide Members with access to electronic documentation on any device.</li> <li>• Cabinet (and approximately 5 other Members) are operating fully paperless at this point in time. We now need to wait for Civica ModernGov to implement a new form of authentication between themselves and 3C ICT back-end services to fix our issues, this is estimated for the end of 2021.</li> <li>• We continue to encourage councillors to move paperless in the meantime, but this currently requires a fairly high level of technical ability.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is now underway between Modern.Gov and 3C ICT to implement a new back-end system that will address previous authentication issues. An implementation date is being established between stakeholders across all three partner councils.</li> <li>• A new staff role has been established in Democratic Services to support Members with access to technological resources, including the Modern.Gov app.</li> <li>• Hardware in the form of 30 laptops for councillors have been procured to be rolled out at the start of the new term of office in May 2022. Depending on the success of this, further hardware could be purchased for the remaining councillors. (Comment provided by Aaron Clarke)</li> </ul>	A

## 2. Actions contributing to our aspiration of a 50% reduction in GHG emissions from the district as a whole by 2030

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<b>Housing</b>						
<b>In the Council's housing stock</b>						
2.1	Commission a Stock Condition Survey including an audit of energy efficiency of existing housing stock relative to zero carbon target (B4)	Housing	31-Mar-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is still our intention to undertake a stock condition survey. This will follow the procurement of our new Repairs and Maintenance Contract which will commence in June 2022.</li> <li>• We have received the survey results of our Net Zero project and we are working with the project group to agree retrofit works, consult with residents and set a time frame for commencement. This is likely to be in December/January. Once the renewable technologies are installed performance will be monitored and will help inform a wider programme of retrofit works across the Council stock of properties.</li> </ul>	We are currently in the process of scoping and specifying the tender requirements for the Stock Condition Surveys with an intended start date late 2022 and completion during 2023. It is important to obtain a service that will provide the best value-for-money and to effectively inform our investment plan for the long-term future of our housing stock. We are working on a large piece of work on EPC data and assessments of our lowest-performing properties to target these properties as early as possible	G
2.2	Approve a work programme for insulation measures over the next four years to narrow the gap on the zero carbon target (B4)	Housing	31-Dec-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This work programme will be informed by the Net-Zero project and stock condition survey referred to in the update for measure B4i) above.</li> <li>• We will also continue to carry out improvements works, fit renewable technologies and improve insulation to our poorest performing properties when they become vacant. Examples include fitting Internal Wall Insulation Systems to non traditional style properties.</li> </ul>	This work program has deep implications for our residents with the increases in fuel costs and fast-paced movement of technologies. A blanket approach to installing renewable technology or energy efficient measures is no longer viable and a detailed review of options is underway with priorities placed on reducing carbon emissions but also preventing fuel poverty. We currently have projects underway installing solar PV systems on 60 properties and adding insulation to about 100 preproperties during Q4/Q1 and the longer-term plan is being prepared and due in Q2 22/23. We will continue to carry out improvements on our properties as they become vacant and engage with appropriate funding streams that become available and assess suitable properties to benefit from this. This will all feed into the continuing improvements plan for the stock.	G
2.3	Produce an Asset Management Plan (B4)	Housing	31-Mar-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Asset Management Plan has been presented to Leadership Team on 25th October and is now being taken through the committee process and will be presented to Cabinet in January.</li> </ul>	The Asset Management Plan was approved at Feb Cabinet and an Action Plan has been prepared based on the key points within the Plan. This is now being implemented and will continue to develop over the next three years. A number of the actions have already been started and some are coming to completion. This will provide good direction and a robust basis for the future of our housing stock.	A
2.4	In our Ermine Street Housing Company, analyse the EPCs of the acquired properties, (generally D and above) and aim to introduce measures to improve the ratings by at least one level)	Ermine Street Housing Company	ongoing	ESH will in addition to EPC analysis wil develop an Asset Management Strategy to ensure energy performance is improved.	ESH have a commissioned a contractor to inspect the portfolio, and aim to introduce energy improvements to those properties with EPCs at a level C and below. Generally most of acquired stock is D and above, but they are some exceptions.	G
<b>In private housing</b>						
2.5	Continue to work with partners, including through the Cambridgeshire Energy Partnership, to find ways of supporting and encouraging home energy work, including exploring options for funding and delivering energy efficiency projects for our residents.	Climate, Environment and Waste	ongoing	We are continuing to work with neighbouring Cambridgeshire LAs and with the Greater SE Energy Hub to make the most of opportunities for fully and part-funded low carbon energy efficiency work for low income households through the Government's Green Homes Grants LA Delivery schemes.	Through the Cambridgeshire Energy Retrofit Partnership we have secured government funding for insulation and low carbon heating upgrades to an average value of £10,000 per property to around 80 owner occupied or private rented sector homes in Sth Cambs. We are preparing to procure commercial partners to deliver energy improvements under a local authority endorsed brand, Action on Energy Cambridgeshire. This arrangement will deliver this and future successful funding bids. Meanwhile we are moving forwards to deliver work to the first properties under interim arrangements.	G
2.6	Oversee delivery of Cambridgeshire Solar Together group-buying scheme for solar pv and batteries in South Cambs	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Dec-21	This Cambridgeshire-wide project to deliver a collective solar PV purchasing scheme is managed by Cambs County Council on behalf of the participating Cambridgeshire local authorities. The update from Cambs County Council on 29/09/21 indicated that 359 installations had been completed in South Cambs but that due to continuing delays with delivery of solar panels and batteries, completion of all installations has been delayed and is now expected in December.	<p>In Round 2 of the scheme, targeted mail drops and publicity through social media and other channels led to 3083 residents signing up to the scheme. 854 households in South Cambridgeshire accepted their offer for the installation of Solar PV panels. This is out of a total of 2,227 acceptances across the County since registration for the scheme closed on 1st April. 81 households in the district opted to add battery storage to their existing panel systems.</p> <p>In Round 1 total of 416 solar panel installations in South Cambridgeshire through Solar Together Cambridgeshire. This equals an annual CO2 emission reduction of 386,637kg.</p>	G

2.7	Work with partners to provide home surveys, advice, free insulation and other home energy measures for households in fuel poverty	Housing	Apr-22	The scheme is aimed at those in fuel poverty, meeting a basic eligibility criteria for a minimum of 1 aspect based on income, Health, Vulnerability for both Social housing tenants & private sector residents across the District of South Cambridgeshire. This is a referral service delivered by the Councils partners Green Energy Switch, specialist home energy advisors provide a range of services free of charge on energy saving measures insulation, fuel debt advice fuel tariff switching providing & installing small energy saving measures eg LED lightbulbs, radiator reflectors, draughtproofing measures & much more. The scheme is into its second year and been received well & promoted through SCDC media platforms to reach those most in need that would benefit from the services during times of need and increasing fuel prices.	A Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP) scheme operated by Green Energy Switch, a subsidiary of the Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT), has continued to operate in South Cambs through out the year, providing advice and free energy saving measures to eligible households. These include chimney balloons, hot water cylinder jackets, draught proofing strips, LED replacement bulbs, reflector strips to be put behind radiators, shower aerators and TV standby plugs. Data provided by GES indicates that since January 2021, 51 advice calls and 59 visits were completed in South Cambridgeshire, supplying a total of 616 measures saving an estimated 190 tonnes of CO2 calculated over a ten year period. Additional savings as a result of energy advice bring the total estimated savings to 260 tonnes. For the purposes of this report the savings are expressed in tonnes of CO2, but of course they also represent considerable savings in household expenditure.	G
<b>Commercial Sector</b>						
2.8	install solar pv to 270 Science Park (C3)	Economic Development and Investment	31-Mar-22	Work is currently underway on solar PV installation however, wider issues have been identified as part of this work which may require a full re-roofing. If the latter transpires to be the case, there may be a delay to solar PV installation in its entirety	270 Cambridge Science Park solar pv will be complete Q2 22/23. At 140 Cambridge Science Park initial discussions are taking place with the tenant regarding shared net zero expectations. An Outline Business Case is to be completed for site subject to tenant permission by Q3 22/23. We will review other opportunities on commercial properties by Q3 22/23.	G
2.9	Undertake energy efficiency and generation audits of other Council owned commercial properties (C3iv)		31-Mar-22	• General ongoing greening business improvement work is happening on all commercially owned assets.		G
2.10	Our Business Support team will continue to help local businesses access information, advice and funding on how to increase energy efficiency, generate their own energy, and improve water efficiency and recycling rates.		ongoing	Action ongoing as per previous update	Action ongoing as per previous update	G
<b>Travel</b>						
2.11	Continue to work alongside partners including the Cambs County Council, GCP and CAPCA to deliver projects that will enhance sustainable transport including cycling provision.		ongoing	Sustainable transport and cycling provision continue to be an area of focus for responses by the Communities Team to all stages of planning application. The Team liaises with CAPCA over the combined Authority's Community Transport responsibilities within major sites. The SCDC S106 Officer works with Communities Team Development Officers to make provision for Community Transport in smaller (non-major) sites. The Council's Active Travel Toolkit is being reviewed with a view to it forming part of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Transport Plan.	A proposal to adopt the Active Travel Toolkit for New Developments is part of Cambridgeshire County Council's consultation on its new Active Travel Strategy. This is currently at stakeholder engagement stage and will go out to public consultation in September.	G
2.12	Identify and deliver opportunities to install publicly accessible electric vehicle charge points in priority locations, working with partners (C1iii)	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Mar-22	• Work on this has started, with a broad approach and next steps agreed at a meeting on 13th October. An additional Climate & Environment Project Officer has started in post and is working on this project.	An EV charging webinar and a follow-up article in the Council's parish council bulletin has so far generated interest from 5 parishes in public EV charge points in parish council owned car parks. Potential to pursue a group bid for the On Street Residential Charge Point Scheme is being investigated with these parishes. Announcement of Government's pilot Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund has highlighted need for an SCDC EV infrastructure strategy. This will strengthen the Council's position when the full fund is available in late 22/23. Two sites have been selected for a pilot installation of public EVCPs at sheltered accommodation and agreed by the Green to our Core Cluster Board and the project documents are being finalised prior to procurement. Two Rapid Chargers at South Cambs Hall are being ordered to provide rapid charging primarily for taxis to support changes in taxi licensing policy. An installer has been engaged to replace the broken charger at Cambourne Business Park. Discussions with the County Council have taken place regarding installation of a rapid charger at Babraham Road Park and Ride with lease/legal arrangements close to being agreed	G
2.13	Install EVCPs at South Cambs Hall for use by staff and visitors (C3)	Policy, performance & projects	31-Mar-22	EV Charge Points - Installation underway and in line with current programme	There will be 20 charging units including two rapid ones for visitors - 18no 7kW and 2no 42kW. The installation will be complete by end of Q1 22/23	G
<b>Waste and Recycling</b>						
2.14	Increase collection facilities for clothing and small electrical items	Climate, Environment & Waste	Mar-22	Funding has been successfully secured for the expansion of recycling points for small electrical items and site reviews are underway to suitable sites for this and for textiles.	To streamline reporting of this section with corporate Business Plan reporting, progress on all aspects of work to reduce non-recyclable household waste and improve recycling rates is reported together in this section.	G
2.15	Continue to support waste reduction events at community level including Repair Cafes (C8)	Climate, Environment & Waste	Dec-21	There has been an ongoing commitment to help those running events and decrease waste via events guide, see below. We have also tried to maximise the amount of waste we capture for recycling by supporting recycling litter picking at a community levels, with 11 events this summer.	We delivered a multi-pronged communications campaign targeting waste prevention and reduction, comprising social media campaigns around Plastic Free July, Remember Your Reusables and Refill Revolution, and a cross-media campaign around National Food Waste Action Week in Q4.	
2.16	Promote the guide and resource toolkit to improve recycling and reduce waste at small community events (C8)	Climate, Environment & Waste	Completed	This guide has been created and is available on-line. We will continue to promote it.	We have continued to trial weekly separate food waste collections in anticipation of these being made mandatory by Government. A decision from DEFRA regarding these is expected by the end of June. 5000 households were added in phase 3, bringing the total number of households served by the trial to around 1400. The trial is going well with participation rates typical for food waste collection services, at 59% and 52% respectively in phases 1 and 2, and 48% in phase 3. Households have used the scheme correctly with no loads rejected by the composting contractor. Residents satisfaction levels have been high at 4.5/5. Just over 550 tonnes of food waste has been collected through the scheme.	
2.17	Plan and implement campaigns to minimise waste, eg Love Food, Hate Waste and Refill campaigns (C9)	Climate, Environment & Waste	September and 21 and March 22	3 waste reductions campaign have now been delivered. Plastic free July Campaign, promoting avoidance of plastic, Remember your reusables campaign and the launch of a discount scheme to encourage use of washable nappies.		

2.18	Extend the trial separate collection of food waste. If successful at diverting food from landfill, roll out. (C9)	Climate, Environment & Waste	Nov-21	The 3rd phase of the trial has now been extended to another 5,000 properties. with collection starting in november 2021. The rest of the year will be reviewing the scheme to feed into future prep and plans with the national waste strategy		
<b>Cross-cutting actions</b>						
<b>Through Planning</b>						
2.19	Progress planning policies related to net zero carbon and wider climate change policies as part of the work on the North East Cambridge Area Action Plan	Planning	Ongoing	The Draft North East Cambridge Area Action Plan includes a net zero carbon buildings policy as well as wider policies related to the role of new development in responding to the climate emergency, giving consideration to issues such as flood risk, water availability and overheating. The draft Area Action Plan will be considered by Councillors towards the end of 2020.	The submission draft Area Action Plan includes a net zero carbon buildings policy as well as wider policies related to the role of new development in responding to the climate emergency. The plan will be subject to public consultation ahead of submission to the Secretary of State following the conclusion of the Development Consent Order process for the relocation of the Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant.	G
2.20	Progress planning policies related to net zero carbon and wider climate change policies as part of work on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Preferred Options consultation and work on the draft plan	Planning	Ongoing	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan - First Proposals document includes a net zero carbon buildings policy as well as wider policies related to the role of new development in responding to the climate emergency. The document has now been considered by Councillors and approved for full public consultation, which will take place between November and December 2021	The Greater Cambridge Local Plan - First proposals document includes a net zero carbon buildings policy as well as wider policies related to the role of new development in responding to the climate emergency. Following consultation on the First Proposals document between November and December 2021, officers are now reviewing responses received. A full draft plan will be developed during 2022.	G
<b>By supporting community action</b>						
2.21	Deliver a third round of funding through our Zero Carbon Communities grant scheme, awarding grants totalling £100,000 to community-based projects (C5)	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Mar-22	A third round of funding has awarded 15 projects a total of £98,796. Funding awarded to projects is in the process of being distributed. Projects will reduce communities' reliance on fossil fuels, through improvements to heating and lighting and help to enhance habitats and biodiversity through tree planting. All projects also provide educational benefits on zero carbon strategies for local communities. Continued advisory support is provided to projects. (Comment provided by Eleanor Haines)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awards totalling £103,796 were made at the end of December for 15 projects to reduce carbon and engage communities on climate change. These comprised 3 building projects, 7 nature-based projects, one project to engage communities around sustainable food, one to create a climate change website and one towards the cost of a community building for a Horticultural Association.</li> <li>A further round of the ZCC grant scheme has been launched with applications due by June 17.</li> <li>Our Zero Carbon Communities network of parish councils, community groups and residents has continued to strengthen with seven online events held in Q4. These were a 'Green Connect' networking session held in January on the theme of food, sustainability and community, and six events held in February and March during a fortnight of Climate and Environment sessions including on Electric Vehicles, planning for climate change, community action and cycling.</li> <li>The Spring edition of the Zero Carbon Communities Newsletter was published on 1 March and included articles spotlighting Biodiversity and Energy Efficiency, including sharing the Solar Together Scheme and the Action on Energy Service. There were a total of 504 views of the Newsletter.</li> </ul>	G

### 3 Actions contributing to our aspiration to double nature

Ref	Action	Service	Expected completion date	Progress at 30 September 2021	Progress at 31 March 2022	RAG rating - R for Red, A for Amber, G for Green
<b>Through Planning</b>						
3.1	Progress planning policies related to doubling nature as part of wider work on green infrastructure on the Greater Cambridge Local Plan Preferred Options consultation and work on the draft plan.	Planning	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The First Proposals Local Plan is being published for consultation in Autumn 2021. This includes 14 strategic scale green infrastructure strategic initiatives identified in the Greater Cambridge Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping Final Report being published alongside the Local Plan. Most of the strategic initiatives support habitat enhancement and creation. These have been developed drawing on discussion with Natural Cambridgeshire partners and Natural England.</li> <li>In addition, the First Proposals includes a proposed policy requirement for 20% biodiversity net gain.</li> </ul>	As previously reported, in partnership with Natural Cambridgeshire and Natural England, 14 strategic green infrastructure initiatives have been identified and published alongside the First Proposals for the Local Plan. Project planning is underway with our partners to identify the tasks needed to refine these initiatives and identify deliverable projects supporting them.	G
3.2	Draft and adopt a Greater Cambridge Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to update and strengthen guidance in the SCDC Biodiversity SPD (2009)	Planning	28-Feb-22	Drafted, public consultation complete, amendments to document and themes from consultation currently underway, revised timeline for adoption now is Feb 2022, anticipating no further delays to the publication of Environment Bill / Act.	n/a - action completed	G
3.3	Publish at least one case study to promote good practice in securing benefits to biodiversity through development	Planning	31-Dec-21	Already identified one case study from Cambridge, but are looking for more, likely will come in time.	Information collected - but decided not to include within Biodiversity Supplementary Document which was recently adopted - instead they will be added to our website (easier to update). To be completed by June 2022	G
<b>By supporting community action</b>						
3.4	Review and relaunch the Wildlife Enhancement Grant scheme (C5)	Transformation, HR and Corporate Services	31-Dec-21	Various conversations underway. Community Chest have amended their grants guidance to incorporate the WES funding and are taking on the management of the WES funding for the time being.	The Wildlife Enhancement Fund has been incorporated into the Community Chest with £20,000 ring-fenced for Biodiversity themed applications for 2022-23. The first application under this theme - for planting of wild orchids - goes to the Grants Advisory Committee in June. Promotion of the fund is being stepped up and case studies and a link to Natural Cambridgeshire's Local Nature Recovery Toolkit have been included on the Community Led Plan webpage.	G
3.5	Provide six free trees to every parish (C5)	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Mar-22	Applications to the 6 Free Trees project have now closed and applicants have been sent instructions for ordering the trees. 72 Parish Councils have applied and 169 trees have been ordered so far. We have started to receive photos from tree planting events and plan to share these during Tree week at the end of November.	At the close of the scheme, 58 Parish Councils had received and planted trees. A mix of 228 standard and smaller trees were resultantly planted through the scheme. Photos of these were shared in the South Cambs Magazine and the Zero Carbon Communities newsletter.	G

3.6	Explore options for delivering support for parish councils and community groups to create and deliver Local Nature Recovery Plans (C5)	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Mar-22	Local nature recovery plans will be supported by funding for projects aimed at increasing biodiversity, which will be made available to community groups through the Community Chest, (see 3.4 above).	Natural Cambridgeshire are developing a suite of resources to support local nature recovery. We are in discussion with them about supplementing this with advice and information specifically aimed at parish councils.	G
3.7	Continue to support volunteers to play an active role in conserving and enhancing their local trees and woods through our role as registered Tree Warden network co-ordinator for this area with the Tree Council.	Planning		This work has been ongoing during Q1Q2. Tree Warden position currently vacant.	Tree Warden post recently appointed.	A
3.8	Run a second Climate and Environment fortnight of online events highlighting successful community action and inspiring and encouraging further action. (C5)	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Mar-22	A second fortnight of online events will take place early in 2022 to be planned from January 2022.	Six events held in February and March during a fortnight of Climate and Environment sessions including on Electric Vehicles, planning for climate change, community action and cycling. 198 people registered for the events in total and recordings of the events were put on the websites so that they could be accessed afterwards.	G
<b>On our own estate and through our operations</b>						
3.9	Add a step to the Housing Estates Inspection process to identify and take forward opportunities for tree-planting, wildflower strips and other wildlife-friendly initiatives in appropriate locations.	Housing	completed	The new Housing Estates Inspection process, which includes a step for identifying locations for tree-planting is now in place but has not resulted in many opportunities for tree-planting or wildflower strips. Other ways to identify these areas are mpw being explored. These include through informal estates inspections and in collaboration with parish councils and community groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a programme of further estate inspections planned for this year, beginning early in Q1. These will be supplemented by informal estate inspections throughout the year.</li> <li>• Total number of trees planted on our own estates in 21-22 was 25.</li> <li>• We have lots of good examples where PCs and local community groups have offered to water and monitor the trees we have planted.</li> <li>• We have set up a project group with tenant representatives to look at how we can support the Doubling Nature Strategy at a local level. Alongside that work we have identified two areas of HRA Land that we are looking to take forward as a bid in conjunction with the County Council to procure funding to purchase trees and after care support.</li> <li>• We hope to at least double the number of trees planted in the last financial year during 2022-23.</li> </ul>	G
3.10	Complete the audit of trees on Council-owned housing estates and undertake recommended maintenance work	Housing	31-Mar-22	Two of four sections of the Tree Audit have now been completed. The third is due in November and the final one by the end of Q4. Urgent maintenance work has been completed or is in train. Less urgent work has been incorporated into a three year programme of tree surgery work.	All sections are now completed and a programme of work in place to carry out maintenance.	G
3.11	Review management of awarded watercourses appearing in the 2021 Chalk Streams Report and agree action if and where possible to improve biodiversity.	Climate, Environment and Waste	31-Mar-22	Principal Operations Manager (Environmental Ops) met with Rob Mungovan in the summer and did a tour of the chalk streams in the Bassingbourn and Shepreth area. Budget has been approved for Rob to prepare a report with options for improving management of these streams for biodiversity. The completed report is expected by the end of the year.	We have received the report from Rob Mungovan as well as accompanying photographs and contact references for local conservation groups within awarded chalk stream locations. The report focuses on maintenance techniques, periods of intervention and makes a justified reason for Ecology improvements that can be added to the general maintenance program. The usefulness of the report is that a view has been taken in consideration of flood mitigation as well as the ecology benefits. The document serves as a reference towards the SCDC annual maintenance program and in consideration and knowledge of conservation groups that also have work undertakings. Moving forward we will be looking at supporting local nature conservation groups by exploring joint working initiatives that can enable groups to complete improvements to watercourses. Such joint working will look at using SCDC equipment to facilitate works that would be too costly for groups to purchase from a contractor.	G
<b>By working with partners</b>						
3.12	Work with Highways England to ensure positive environmental legacy from A428 Improvement works	Climate, Environment & Waste	31-Mar-22	We are awaiting an update from Highways England on progress of a bid to the Carbon Theme of the Environmental Legacy Fund.	The bid to the Carbon Theme of Highway England's Environmental Legacy Fund was successful and Highways England are working with land agents to identify off-site partnership opportunities for biodiversity and carbon. Eight possible opportunities have been identified and are being reviewed internally by Highways England.	G