

North Warwickshire

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Borough Council



Climate Emergency

North Warwickshire Borough Council declared a climate emergency in October 2019. It was decided to:

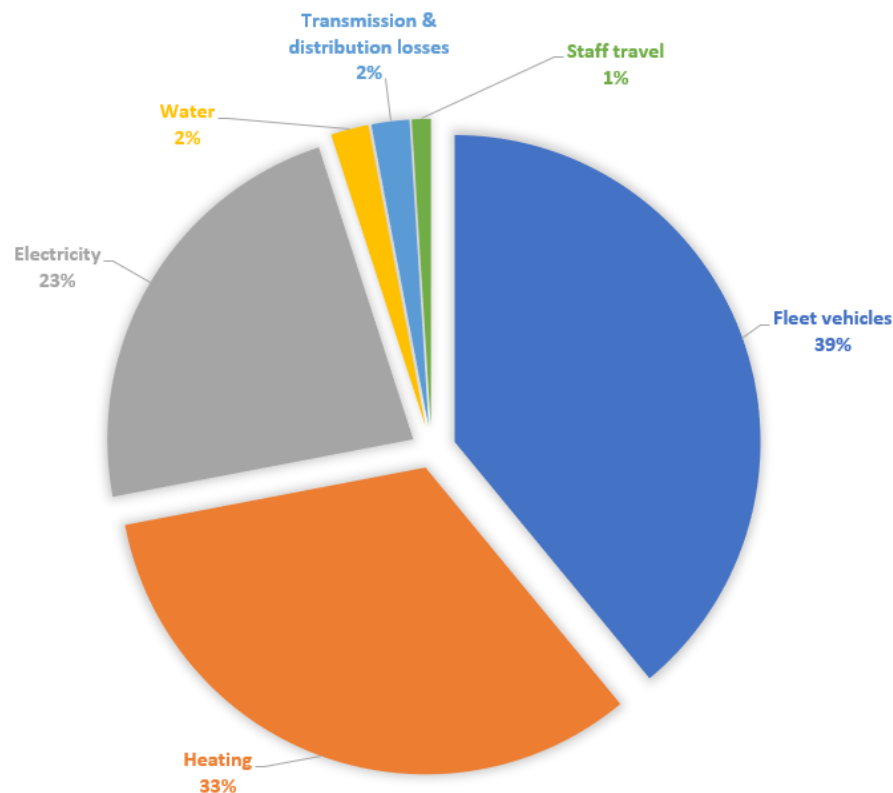
- Complete a baseline audit of measures currently in place and the emissions of the Council
- Outline steps to ensure the Council's direct and indirect activities achieve net-zero and the date by which this can be achieved
- Ensure measures to reduce carbon emissions as well as an assessment of the carbon consequences of all major projects or decisions are considered at Board meetings and working groups
- Plan for how to engage with residents, workers and businesses to reduce emissions across the Borough



Our carbon impact

A baseline study has been completed and the main carbon emissions of the Council are:

- Fleet vehicles – 39%
 - Cars, vans, refuse collection vehicles, road sweeper, cesspool tanker and tractor
- Heating – 33%
- Electricity – 23%



Calculated using the Local Government Association Carbon Emissions Accounting Tool



Progress

- Established an all-party Climate Change Members Group
- Currently developing our Climate Change Action Plan
- Climate change implications are considered within Board reports
- A Climate Champion in each division
- Working with neighbouring authorities and partners
- Online information and guidance to residents

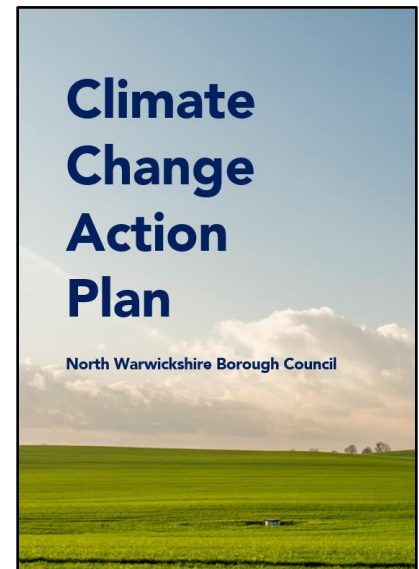


Climate Change Action Plan

Our all-party member group is working on our Climate Change Action Plan.

The draft plan focuses on 7 key areas:

- Travel and transport
- Waste
- Our buildings (excluding housing)
- Our housing
- Forward Planning and Development Management
- Supporting Communities
- Biodiversity and open space management



We aim to take the draft plan to Board in May ahead of final approval in July.



Highlights from the draft action plan

- Evaluating a switch from diesel to hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) in the majority of our fleet
- Plans to reduce carbon emissions from fossil fuels within our buildings
- Adaptation of our buildings to ensure they remain suitable
- Retrofitting existing housing stock and ensuring new builds are low or net zero
- Aim to achieve biodiversity net gain, for example through Local Authority Treescape Funding
- Partner in the Sherbourne materials recovery facility (MRF) which will provide numerous benefits for North Warwickshire and the wider region



Challenges

- Availability of funding for mitigation and adaptation measures
- Internal capacity – limited staff time and differing priorities
- Strategy – raising awareness and putting climate change at the forefront of decision making
- Behaviour change – changing behaviour of residents, businesses and stakeholders
- Ensuring residents on lower incomes are not excluded – advice to suit all budgets and promotion of funding opportunities

