

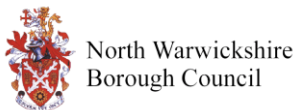
# South Warwickshire's Climate Change Progress and Plans



Stratford District  
Council

and

Warwick District  
Council



# Our Journey

- Both Councils declared a Climate Emergency in 2019
- Committed to
  - Becoming a Carbon Neutral Council by 2025
  - As close a possible to a Carbon Neutral District by 2030
- WDC agreed Climate Emergency Action Plan in February 2020 and supported proposals for a Council Tax Referendum to be held in May 2020
- SDC agreed a Climate Change Roadmap in February 2020
- Warwick People's Inquiry - October 2020 to February 2021
- Understanding the data – Scatter data and organisational carbon baseline



# Our Journey

- Joint Climate Change Programme Director – April 2021
- Working together: Joint climate change ambitions – July 2021
- Joint Climate Change Action Programme – November 2021
- Working to build our capacity
  - Political leadership – mirrored climate change portfolios
  - Staff resources – staff team to provide capacity for major climate projects
  - Budgets – each Council has agreed to £500k per year for climate change and seeking to refocus wider budgets to minimise carbon
  - Training and carbon literacy for staff – recognising our organisational knowledge is limited we are planning a staff training programme



# Our Ambitions

Warwick District Council and Stratford-on-Avon Council have agreed the following shared ambitions.

- **Ambition 1 – Net Zero Carbon Council by 2025:** ensure the new South Warwickshire Council is net zero carbon within a year of its first elections and services provided through contractors include carbon reduction targets to deliver net zero by 2030.
- **Ambition 2 - Low Carbon South Warwickshire 2030:** to reduce net carbon emissions from across South Warwickshire by a minimum of 55% by 2030 and how to further reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2050.
- **Ambition 3 - Adaptation 2050:** by 2050 to enable our environment and communities to have adapted to the potential of at least a 3 degrees rise in global temperatures by 2100.



# Our Carbon Emission Challenge (1)

Source	SDC Annual Carbon Emissions 19/20 (tCO <sub>2</sub> e per year)	WDC Annual Carbon Emissions 19/20 (tCO <sub>2</sub> e per year)
Council Buildings Total	590	2857
Business Travel Total	68.5	67.7
Major Contracts Total	2891	1838



# Our Carbon Emission Challenge (2)

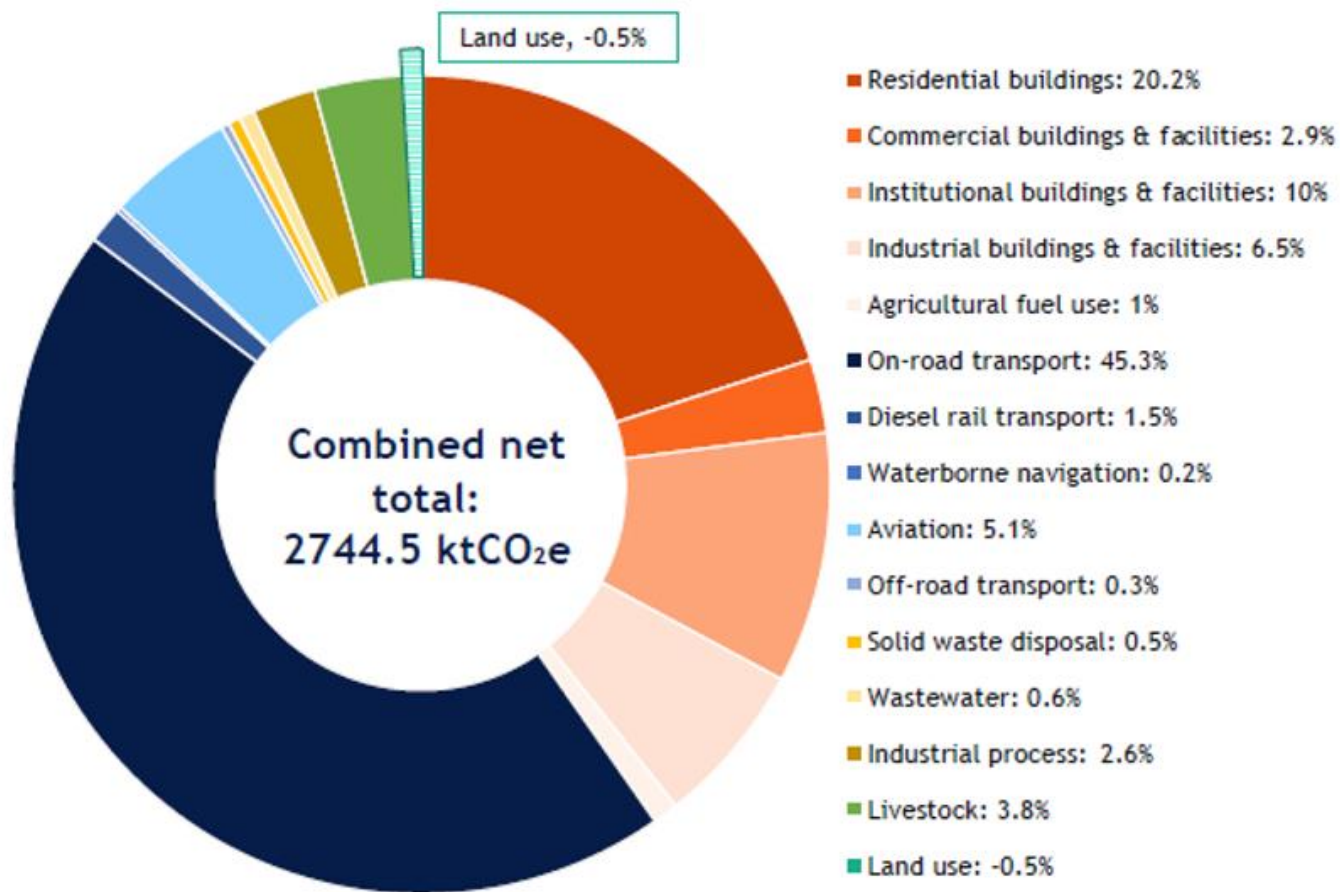


Figure 3: SCATTER 2017 inventory for South Warwickshire, shown by sub-sector.



# Our Progress: Some Headlines

## Decarbonising Our buildings:

- green electricity
- energy efficiency measures and replacement of fossil fuel heating
- Assets Decarbonisation Strategy



## Staff travel:

- Incentivise active travel
- Low carbon vehicle fleet
- Online and home working



## Major Contracts:

- Carbon Reduction Plans
- Annual Carbon Reviews
- Actively support low carbon energy and vehicles



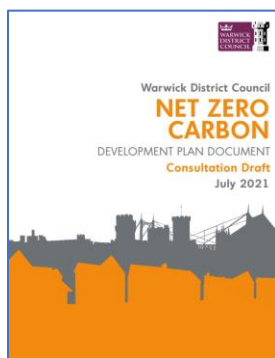
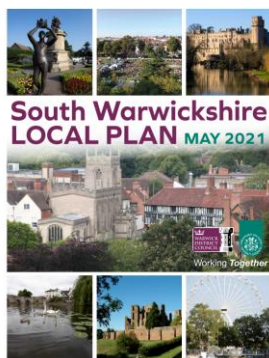


# Our Progress: Some Headlines

## Active travel and low/zero emission vehicles



## Domestic energy efficiency and clean energy production



## Planning and Building Standards

## Tree planting and biodiversity





# Our Plans: Some Headlines

- Three year Climate Change Action Programme
  - Costed plans to ensure all our housing stock reaches EPC C and then work towards net-zero
  - Improve carbon reduction advice to “able to pay” homeowners
  - Apply LADs, SHDF and Sustainable Warmth Grants (totalling over £10m across South Warwickshire) to retrofit homes
  - Deliver large scale tree planting across South Warwickshire
  - Deliver joint two stage Assets Decarbonisation Plan (stage 1 = quick wins; stage 2 = heating system replacement)
  - Adoption of new Net Zero Buildings Planning Policy in early 2023
  - Develop and deliver a South Warwickshire EV Charging strategy (using our car parks and other estate)
  - Promote the “Better Points” sustainable travel app for Commonwealth Games and beyond



# Our Plans: Some Headlines

- Three year Climate Change Action Programme
  - Investment in large scale low carbon energy: Green hydrogen refuelling and solar generation
  - Local Climate Engagement Scheme – engaging parish councils and rural communities
  - Accelerate our approach to Climate Change Adaptation
    - Link with the West Midlands Adaptation Plan
    - Working with the Met Office to understand local data, risks and priorities
    - Working in partnership with other organisations and agencies to drive progress in high risk areas
    - Incorporating adaptation in to planning policy (South Warwickshire Local Plan)



# The challenges we face

- Working together across local government and with public sector more widely
- Community engagement
- Funding
- Things happen! (e.g. Covid; budget pressures)
- Staying focused - maintaining consensus and momentum across different political groups and two sets of politicians
- Organisational capacity (there is so much else going on) and knowledge (training is key)
- Timescales: we have declared an emergency and want to progress at pace
- National policy context

