

Communities

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Key:
Current Project Stage
 - In discovery (research, fact finding, gather evidence)
 - In design (develop techniques/plan for delivery)
 - In delivery (executing plan agreed at design)
 - Competed (work has been finished)

RAG rating
 - Green - action delivery on track/to agreed timelines (may be agreed to start at a later date)
 - Orange - some delivery off track/timelines, further work to be completed
 - Red - significantly off track/timelines, or may no longer be possible

Action ID	Objective	Action	LCC Role	Who may be involved	Timescales	Cost to Leicestershire	Carbon Saving	Deliverability Score	Project Status	RAG	December 2023 Update
Engagement											
C1	All	Develop a Leicestershire Climate Pact for organisations, businesses and residents to join and pledge action.	Lead	All partners Business Residents	S	L	L	9	Delivery	Green	Launched in February 2023, the Pact has been supported by 27 organisations to date.
C2	All	Develop an engagement plan to facilitate an ongoing two-way conversation on climate change action to understand and respond to community experience.	Lead	Districts and local councils Health partners Businesses Residents Education Universities	S	L	M	18	Design	Orange	An engagement plan is in development as a strategic guide for communication activities. This work has been paused to allow further development of the Pathfinder Places work and ensure comms activity is aligned.
C3	3, 4	Deliver public and stakeholder engagement that is representative and inclusive to develop and deliver a just transition to net zero with widespread public participation.	Lead	Districts Universities	S	L	L	9	Design	Orange	An engagement plan is in development as a strategic guide for communication activities. This work has been paused to allow further development of the Pathfinder Places work and ensure comms activity is aligned.
C4	3, 4	Explore options for innovative community governance, including a Citizens Panel, Youth Co-creation and Challenge Group.	Lead	Residents VCSE	S	M	L	6	Discovery	Green	This initiative is now part of the Pathfinder Places project. A strand of this project aims to provide opportunities for community governance.
C5	All	Develop a coordinated and integrated information campaign to help residents make environmentally sustainable choices for their homes, travel and consumption.	Lead	Districts and local councils Health partners Businesses Residents Education Universities	S	L	L	9	Discovery	Orange	Building on the engagement plan development, the Carbon Reduction Team is exploring options for future activities with ongoing research. This work will be dependant on staff resources available to deliver initiatives.
C6	1	Explore opportunities to increase training, education and events, including carbon literacy.	Ask	Districts VCSE Education Universities	M	L	L	4	Discovery	Orange	Building on the engagement plan development, the Carbon Reduction Team is exploring options for future activities with ongoing research. This work will be dependant on staff resources available to deliver initiatives.
C7	All	Provide information and training to the County Council's Environmental Action Volunteers to support net zero.	Lead	EAVs	S	L	L	9	Discovery	Orange	While progress is underway, providing appropriate and necessary training to volunteers has faced some challenges, with staff actively working to overcome these hurdles.
C8	4	Integrate net zero into linked consultation and engagement activity to test public attitudes and experience.	Lead		M	L	L	6	Delivery	Green	Leicestershire County Council has secured funding through the Net Zero Innovation Fund to engage disengaged members of the public on Net Zero matters. Ongoing activities use creative techniques like artwork and games.
C9	1, 2, 5	Develop targeted campaigns and opportunities to involve young people in shaping climate action, including working closely with schools.	Lead	Voice Network LLEP Careers Hub Youth Council Children in Care Council Education Youth groups	S	L	L	9	Discovery	Green	LCC's Carbon Reduction team is currently researching engagement activities, with a particular focus on children and young people. It is planned that work can be delivered in the next financial year but the scale of delivery will be dependant on staff resources available.
C10	All	Work with Public Health services e.g. Local Area Coordinators, community recovery, green social prescribing, Warm Homes, Good Food Leicestershire to maximise the opportunities to promote climate action with co-benefits for health.	Lead	Health partners	S	L	L	9	Discovery	Green	Efforts are underway to align with public health campaigns, with officers in discussion to collaborate on events and literature.
C11	2, 5	Develop tools and guidance to support communities to reduce carbon.	Ask	Universities Districts	S/M	L	L	7.5	Delivery	Green	The Green Living Leicestershire collaboration worked together to develop the Parish, Town Councils and Local Groups Net Zero toolkit which was launched in July 2023. Further work to promote this is being developed. LCC Communities team are supporting local groups such as the Melton Environmental Network to develop and deliver environmental schemes and projects in their community.
C12	2, 5	Production of national campaigns and toolkits to support consistent messages and promote personal action.	Influence	Government VCSE	S	L	L	9	Discovery	Green	LCC will respond to Government consultation or similar, as and when they arise
Enabling Action											
C13	5	Support community action to reduce carbon through the SHIRE Environment Grants programme.	Lead		S	M	M	12	Delivery	Red	The SHIRE environment grants scheme will conclude at the end of 2023/24, following a decision by the Council.
C14	5	Explore opportunities for community sector organisations to support on net zero activities.	Lead	VCSE	S/M	L	L	7.5	Discovery	Green	Progress on this matter will be continued by via the communities team/ funding manager in 2024/25. The Pathfinder Places project will support community energy groups.
C15	5	Investigate funding opportunities to increase the capacity of the Voluntary and Community Sector for net zero in Leicestershire, for example, the National Lottery Climate Action Fund.	Lead	National Lottery	M	L	L	4	Discovery	Green	The Pathfinder Places project will support community energy groups.
C16	1, 2, 5	Enable local Parish and Town councils to act on carbon reduction through information and training.	Ask	Local Councils	S	I	L	9	Delivery	Green	The Parish and Town Councils and Communities Net Zero toolkit was launched in July 2023. Further work to promote this is being developed. The toolkit supports Parish Council's to develop action plans for their Parish.

C17	1, 2, 5	Share best practice case studies of community action and disseminate useful information.	Lead	Districts VCSE	M	L	L	6	Delivery		The 'Net Zero Toolkit for Parish, Town Councils and Community Groups' is now published, featuring various case studies of community actions. The Communities Network hosted a net zero series during 2023-24 to share best practice, knowledge and information.
C18	2	Improved product labelling to help consumers identify green / climate friendly options.	Influence	Government	M	L	M	12	Discovery		LCC will respond to Government consultation or similar, as and when they arise
C19	2	Share information on local businesses to encourage residents to "shop local".	Ask	Districts Growth Hub LLEP	S/M	L	L	7.5	Delivery		Ongoing work includes a mapping exercise with the rural partnership of local shops and facilities. The Market Towns Subgroup champions 'shop local' by organising events to boost footfall.
C20	2	Harness the purchasing power of individuals, business and communities to stimulate and grow green supply chains.	Influence	All partners	M	L	M	12	Delivery		Solar Together 2022 has concluded, contributing 1.6MW to renewable energy production in Leicestershire, attracting £4.3 million in investment. The 2023-24 scheme is currently underway.
C21	2	Explore incentive schemes to facilitate behaviour change.	Ask	Districts	M/L	L	L	4.5	Discovery		To be progressed at a future point, medium/long timeframes