

Cross Cutting Actions

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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)
- Completed (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

Leadership	Project status	RAG	Update
1. Achieve net zero carbon emissions for the council's operations by 2030 by delivering the Council's 2030 Carbon Reduction Programme.	Delivery		The LCC Greenhouse Gas Report for 2022/23 now being finalised to reflect emissions. Results show LCC is not on projected track to meet target for this year - 45% behind.
2. Assess the emissions from the council's supply chain and investments and develop a prioritised action plan for carbon reduction, including working with our supply chain to reduce carbon emissions and developing tools and guidance to integrate carbon impact into procurement decisions.	Design		LCC is currently working to redevelop our procurement strategy to include and strengthen environmental controls, once this is in place we can progress this action.
3. Strive to provide easy to understand climate information to educate and inform stakeholders, businesses and individuals about the need to act with urgency.	Design		An engagement plan is in development as a strategic guide for communication activities. This plan has been paused to allow further development of the Pathfinder Places project and ensure comms activity is aligned. Recent engagement work includes delivery of a Net Zero Parish Toolkit and discovery work to engage with schools and young people.
Collaboration			
1. Develop and promote a Leicestershire Climate and Nature Pact to inspire other organisations and individuals to join the council in setting targets and delivering climate action.	Delivery		Pact launched in February 2023, 26 organisations signed up to date. Further promotion of the Pact planned for the coming months.
2. Develop a partnership and engagement plan which considers the role of stakeholders and individuals and how they can be encouraged and supported to take action.	Design		An engagement plan is in development as a strategic guide for communication activities. This plan has been paused to allow further development of the Pathfinder Places project and ensure comms activity is aligned.
3. Work with others to engage with national government to call for urgent action to deliver net zero carbon, including a clear framework and the resources required to define and support the role of local authorities in tackling the climate emergency.	Delivery		LCC respond to Government consultations or similar, as and when they arise
Research and Innovation			
1. Work with partners, particularly knowledge-based institutions to support research, development and demonstration of low and zero carbon technologies.	Delivery		LCC is part of the Universities Civic Agreement, who we have worked with to successfully bid for money from Innovate UK to deliver the Pathfinder Places project. LCC is also a collaborative partner for Green Living Leicestershire, where the County and District/Borough Councils have collaboratively delivered various low carbon projects. This includes Solar Together which in 2022 contributed 1.6MW to renewable energy production in Leicestershire, attracting £4.3 million in investment.
2. Take an evidence-based approach to assessing options and decision making to support the net zero transition.	Design		Internal governance at Leicestershire County Council is being developed to support the 2045 Net Zero target. In terms of Leicestershire stakeholders the successful Pathfinder Places bids for both phase 1 and 2 will provide funds to research and develop an effective governance structure for Leicestershire's Net Zero commitments.
3. Support the development and deployment of carbon capture and storage approaches.	Discovery		Current activity follows the mitigation hierarchy prioritising carbon reduction over carbon capture, therefore LCC is not currently engaged with CCS development.
Funding			
1. Produce a funding plan for net zero, considering and taking maximum advantage of the diverse range of grant, finance, investment and other innovative models to deliver action.	Design		Net Zero Leicestershire Funding Plan is in development to explore a range of funding and finance options to deliver net zero. Next steps will be to produce a deliverable plan, linking funding mechanisms to priority actions of the Leicestershire Net Zero Action Plan.
2. Prioritise projects with multiple benefits, that save money and/or provide income.	Discovery		To be developed at a later stage
3. Consider the impact of delivering action on residents and ensure that solutions are affordable and fair for all.	Discovery		To be developed at a later stage - Equalities impact process will be used

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