

ADUR & WORTHING SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK 2020-2023

A SHARED PLAN BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND THE COUNCILS

Adur & Worthing Councils are committed to addressing the nature and climate emergency. Because we have greater impact by working together, this plan is shared with our local community and business partners. These are our key action areas as part of our long term vision for a sustainable Adur & Worthing:

SHARED LEADERSHIP

Deepening engagement and capacity for sustainability

CARBON REDUCTION

Radically reducing carbon emissions

ENERGY

Transitioning to clean, secure, affordable energy

WATER

Improving water quality and reducing consumption

BIODIVERSITY

Rewilding to create more and better spaces for wildlife

LAND USE & PLANNING

Delivering sustainable land use and planning

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Improving resilience to a changing climate

FOOD

Developing a fairer, more sustainable food system

TRANSPORT

Shifting to sustainable transport and improving air quality

WASTE REDUCTION

Reducing waste, increasing reuse, recycling and composting



SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK: COUNCIL ACTION

Working together for sustainability, the councils will

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COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Hold climate conference with WCAN and TTW
- Deepen SustainableAW engagement, improve communication
- Develop Adur & Worthing Climate Emergency Plan
- Hold a climate event bringing business and communities together to engage on coordinated action. With TTW, WCAN. March 2020
- Coordinate community & business action with cross sector engagement. Communication campaign. 2020-21
- Develop an action plan for carbon reduction across Worthing and Adur with cross sector engagement. Dec 2020

CARBON REDUCTION

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COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Adopt and implement the council Carbon Neutral Plan
- Decarbonise council transport, heat and energy
- Expand resources for council decarbonisation
- Adopt council Carbon Neutral Plan. With AECOM, partners and businesses. March 2020
- Deliver yearly carbon reductions via energy and transport projects with stakeholders, contractors. Report every Dec
- Establish a SALIX fund, set up new council posts and systems for decarbonisation, with BEIS. June 2021

ENERGY

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COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Deliver Smart Local Energy Systems (SLES) in Adur & Worthing
- Deliver solar PV programmes across council and area
- Explore Heat Network for Worthing Civic Quarter
- Install EV charging, PV, battery storage and heat pumps through the Innovate UK project with WSCC, SLES Consortium. April 2022
- Provide discount PV offers to residents through Solar Together programme with WSCC, YES, iChoosr. Annually from April 2020
- Seek Govt funding, explore feasibility and begin implementation of a heat network if viable with BEIS, WSCC. Dec 2022

WATER

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COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Improve council water efficiency
- Obtain and maintain Blue Flag awards for foreshore
- Conduct detailed review and install water saving measures at council sites with Water Utilities, Team Energy. Dec 2021
- Obtain and maintain Blue Flag awards for the foreshore area with SW, IFCA, EA, Keep Britain Tidy. March 2021

BIODIVERSITY

Rewilding to create more and better spaces for wildlife



COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Develop tree planting campaign
- Increase parks awarded Green Flag status
- Improve biodiversity in open spaces
- Develop a major campaign and tackle challenge of ash dieback with Woodland Trust, SDNP, WSCC, community. March 2021
- Improve environmental management and number of parks awarded Green Flags with Keep Britain Tidy, community. May 2020
- Identify areas for community led planting and growing to create resilient landscapes with TCV, SWT, SDNP, RSPB. March 2021

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COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Trial new commercial food waste collection
- Adopt and implement Plastic Free Council strategy
- Implement the UK Waste and Resources Strategy locally
- Trial new food waste collection through commercial waste services with business partner. August 2021
- Reduce the use of single use plastics across the council support local businesses and communities likewise. 2020-21
- Supporting a range of recyclables, potential food waste collection, and producer pays systems with WSCC, community. Sept 2021

TRANSPORT

Shifting to sustainable transport and improving air quality



COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Adopt and implement Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan
- Improve air quality and install EV charge points at council sites
- Decarbonise staff travel, implement Travel Action Plan
- Consult to Jan 2020. Review, amend, adopt March 2020. Seek funding and implement improvements with WSCC, DfT. 2022
- Partner with WSCC and installer to: increase EV charging infrastructure 2020-23; with WSCC and Highways England on AQ March 2021
- Incentivise active travel, EV use, car sharing, public transport with easit, SODEXO, Donkey Bikes, Fleet contract. June 2021

FOOD

Developing a fairer, more sustainable food system



COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Facilitate development of a new Food Partnership
- Explore council land for food, tree and rewilding projects
- Strengthen local networks to create a more sustainable food system and circular economy with community, business. Dec 2022
- Map council owned land, existing projects, for food, rewilding, tree planting opportunities with Food Matters, community. Dec 2020

CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Improving resilience to a changing climate



COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Improve drought, heatwave, extreme cold plans
- Improve flood risk management plans
- Create resilient landscapes on council land
- Ensure robust council policy, responses in place with EA, WSCC, Highways England. Dec 2021
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- Work to create resilient landscapes with diverse stock, across urban and green areas with EA, SDNP, SWT, SWT. Ongoing

LAND USE & PLANNING

Delivering sustainable land use and planning



COUNCIL ACTION:

DETAIL:

- Ensure Local Plans address climate and nature emergency
- Improve Local Plans approach to air quality
- Ensure robust approach to climate adaptation, mitigation, biodiversity net gain, with local agents, RTPI, LGA. Ongoing
- Embed the Air Quality Emissions Mitigation approach within the Worthing Local Plan with WSCC, Sussex Air. 2023

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