

ADUR & WORTHING SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK 2019-2020

Adur & Worthing Councils are committed to stewarding, protecting and improving the environment. Working with the local community and collaborating with partners, we are taking action. These are some of our key activities this year as part of our long term vision:

CARBON REDUCTION

Reducing carbon emissions

-  Pledge 100% Clean Energy by 2050 with UK 100 Cities
-  Take action to reduce carbon
-  Pledge 2020 Emissions Reduction with Government

ENERGY

Making energy clean, smart, secure and affordable

-  Help residents stay well and warm with lower energy bills
-  Increase council solar energy
-  Progress a smartgrid for Worthing Civic Site

WATER

Improving water quality and reducing water use

-  Improve Worthing's Bathing Water Quality to 'excellent' by 2020
-  Make savings on water bills
-  Reduce water use

BIODIVERSITY

Protecting and enhancing our natural environment

-  Protect and enhance biodiversity at Highdown Gardens
-  Improve biodiversity at Brooklands Park
-  Improve biodiversity in all our parks, 2 Green Flags a year

WASTE REDUCTION

Minimising waste, increasing recycling and reuse

-  Increase recycling rate to 50% by 2020
-  Wastebuster recycling and minimisation program for schools
-  Pledge to become Plastic Free Council

TRANSPORT

Supporting sustainable travel: cycling, walking, and public transport use

-  Improve council commuting & business travel
-  Improve Worthing public spaces for sustainable transport
-  Improve cycling & walking infrastructure
-  Offer sustainable travel discounts for employees
-  Support electric vehicle uptake to improve air quality

Sustainable 
Protecting our environment 

ACTION

DETAIL

PARTNERS



TRANSPORT: Supporting sustainable travel: cycling, walking, and public transport use

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| Improve council commuting and business travel | Adopt and implement a Travel Action Plan and measures to help staff to choose cycling, walking, car sharing and public transport. | Sustrans, Council staff |
| Improve Worthing public spaces for sustainable transport | Improve and upgrade spaces and places for sustainable transport in Worthing Town Centre from Worthing train station through the town centre to the seafront. | WSCC, key stakeholders (e.g.TCI) and local businesses |
| Improve cycling and walking infrastructure | Develop and adopt a Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan to improve safe routes for walking and cycling, and seek funding to implement these. | West Sussex Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Partnership, Dept of Transport, A&W Cycling and Walking Action group. |
| Offer sustainable travel discounts for employees | Launch 'easit Adur & Worthing' offering travel discounts to council and local business staff. | easit, local businesses, travel providers |
| Support electric vehicle uptake to improve air quality | Deliver further public electric vehicle charge points and seek funding for further expansion, explore electric vehicles for council use. | West Sussex EV Partnership, Highways England. |



ENERGY: Making energy clean, smart, secure and affordable

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| Help residents stay well and warm with lower energy bills | Deliver a 'Local Energy Advice Partnership' over 3 years offering home visits, energy advice, installation of energy saving measures, and further services to households on low incomes. | West Sussex Affordable Warmth Partnership, Agility Eco. |
| Increase council solar energy | Install further solar photovoltaic panels to supply clean, free electricity to council buildings. | Installers, West Sussex County Council |
| Progress a smartgrid for Worthing Civic Site | Explore feasibility for a smart grid connecting Worthing Civic Site buildings. Delivering energy and cost reductions through increased efficiency, renewable energy, efficient controls, smart metering, smart transport solutions and battery storage. | West Sussex County Council |



WASTE REDUCTION: Minimising waste, increasing recycling and reuse

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| Increase recycling rate to 50% by 2020 | A range of actions to improve the recycling rate. Changing collection methods, delivering an awareness and behaviour change campaign to increase recycling rates and reduce waste produced. Increasing recycling of non residential waste streams | West Sussex County Council and West Sussex Authorities |
| Wastebuster recycling and minimisation program for schools | Provision of an educational tool for pupils to encourage waste reduction recycling and reuse. | West Sussex County Council and West Sussex Authorities. |
| Pledge to become Plastic Free Council | Become a 'Plastic Free' Council identifying and reducing single use plastics and supporting community action with the Refill and Plastic Free campaigns. | Worthing Climate Action Network, Transition Town Worthing, Surfers Against Sewage |



WATER: Improving water quality and reducing water use

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| Improve Worthing's Bathing Water Quality to 'excellent' by 2020 | Worthing Bathing Water Enhancement Project works with local residents to raise bathing water quality to an 'excellent' standard by 2020 by reducing pollution from missed connections, animal faeces on beaches, and providing extra sewer maintenance and cleansing. | Southern Water, WSCC, Environment Agency |
| Make savings on water bills, reduce water use | Launch a campaign with Southern Water providing home visits offering water saving gadgets and advice on how to save money on water bills by reducing home and garden water use. | Southern Water, Aqualogic |



CARBON REDUCTION: Reducing carbon emissions

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| Pledge 100% Clean Energy by 2050 with UK 100 Cities | Pledge to 100% clean energy by 2050, endeavouring to ensure our communities have warm homes; secure, affordable energy; breathe clean air; drink clean water; and live in a town of which they can proud. Join UK100, the national network of local authorities committed to shifting to clean energy in their areas. | UK100 Cities Network |
| Take action to reduce carbon | Develop and implement a Carbon Reduction Action Plan towards the 2050 clean energy target | |
| Pledge 2020 Emissions Reduction with Government | Sign up to the government's voluntary Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020, to report on annual energy use and emissions 2018-19 and 2019-20. | Team Energy, BEIS |



BIODIVERSITY: Protecting and enhancing our natural environment

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| Protect and enhance biodiversity at Highdown Gardens | Protect the unique National Chalk Plant Collection at Highdown Gardens and improve accessibility and visitor experience | Heritage Lottery Fund, South Downs National Park, Plant Heritage, Millenium seed bank (Wakehurst College) Plumpton College & Worthing Museum |
| Improve biodiversity at Brooklands Park | Adopt and implement Brooklands Park masterplan, completing transformation into a science adventure destination park. Improving and significantly enhancing biodiversity, accessibility for all and visitor experience. | Friends of Brooklands Park & others to be determined |
| Improve biodiversity in all our parks, 2 Green Flags a year | Improve the biodiversity, and the community and environmental value of parks by achieving Green Flag status for a further 2 parks every year. | Friends of Groups, stakeholder groups |