

Appendix A

Corporate Environment Strategy, Summary of Action Plan Progress, November 2020

Action and Owner	Performance Measure	Progress and Status
Nature and heritage conservation		
1. Achieve favourable condition for the 5 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) under the Council's management and ensure habitats on all sites are in a healthy state and conserved by their management.	No. of SSSI's in favourable condition, as defined/assessed by Natural England. Maintain Local Wildlife Site Status for other non-SSSI sites	No further progress - will require additional resources to improve condition.
2. Protect and enhance habitats and populations of species on the 46 Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) under the Council's control and prioritised as under threat by Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act.	No. of habitats and populations of species on LWS prioritised as under threat by Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act.	No further progress - will require additional resources to improve condition.
3. Eradicate harmful invasive non-native species of plants on Council land and co-ordinate a wider approach with partners for Nottinghamshire.	No. of harmful invasive non-native species of plants on Council land.	Some progress – but will require additional resources to improve condition.
4. Plant ¼ million trees in the next 5 years through woodland regeneration and woodland planting on Council land.	No. of trees planted / hectares of new woodland created	Good Progress on 'Trees for Climate' (via Greenwood Community Forest).
5. Designate a new tranche of Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) from the Council's Green Spaces portfolio, in addition to the 7 LNRs currently under the Council's management.	No. of new Local Nature Reserves in Nottinghamshire	No further progress - will require additional resources to deliver.
6. Achieve net gains in biodiversity on Council land and highway verges, supporting the delivery of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan.	Biodiversity metric to be confirmed - Local Biodiversity Action Plan.	No further progress - will require additional resources to improve condition.
7. Work with partners to achieve net gains in biodiversity across the County, including co-ordinating net gain delivered through the planning system.	Biodiversity metric to be confirmed - Local Biodiversity Action Plan.	Some progress – but will require additional resources to improve condition.
8. Work with partners and local communities to develop the proposed new 'national forest' in Sherwood, offering benefits to the environment, health and visitor economy in Nottinghamshire.	The award/creation of a 'National Forest' which would include Sherwood Forest.	No further progress - will require additional resources to deliver.

9. Work with partners to establish nature recovery networks across the County to increase the resilience of biodiversity to the negative impacts of a changing climate.	No. of new nature recovery networks established across the County.	Some progress – but will require additional resources to deliver.
10. Safeguard and enhance built and archaeological heritage sites on Council land and for all heritage assets to be in favourable management.	No. of heritage sites categorised as in favourable management. Increase proportion of planned maintenance budget directed towards heritage.	Some progress – but will require additional resources to deliver.
11. Work with partners to reduce levels of heritage at risk in Nottinghamshire from neglect, decay or inappropriate development and develop and deliver programmes to safeguard and enhance heritage across the County.	Within 5 years: •25 sites will be investigated •6 sites will be progressing to developed funding solutions •10 sites will have improved •2 sites removed from 'At Risk' register	Good Progress – through Miner to Major.
Catering and Facilities Management		
12. Achieve minimal to zero food waste for the Council's catering services, day care and other services.	TBC	Some progress – but will require additional consideration of options.
13. Reduce the waste generated by the Council's offices and services.	Tonnes of waste produced by Council offices.	Some progress – but will require additional consideration of options.
14. Reduce the Council's use of paper and stop the use of single-use plastic in all Council offices and services	TBC - £ spent on printing and procurement of single use plastics / items	Some progress – but will require additional consideration of options.
15. Increase the Council's recycling performance, to above last year's performance of 41.246 tonnes.	Increase in tonnes recycled by the Council (as reported by Enva)	Some progress – working with current service providers.
16. Procure fresh local food products for the Council's catering service, reducing the Council's food miles.	No of contracts for food products that are from locally based businesses (TBC)	Some progress – working with current service providers.
17. Continue to improve the sustainability of the Council's catering offer for schools, which already includes vegetarian options, use of locally sourced ingredients and outdoor reared meat and the Schools Food Forum.	Food For Life Award (Silver/Gold)	Some progress – working with current service providers.
Energy and carbon management		
18. Increase the production of renewable energy generated on the Council's estate.	Increase in kWh of renewable energy produced on Council's estate annually.	No further progress - will require additional consideration of options.
19. Increase the energy efficiency of properties in Council management or ownership.	Reduction in energy consumption (kWh) of Council properties annually / Display Energy Certificate of buildings (Performance reporting and monitoring will be undertaken through existing performance management arrangements)	Good Progress – 19% reduction in CO2 from previous year.
20. Reduce the consumption of energy of Council premises by implementing and expanding the Energy	Reduction in energy consumption (kWh) of Council properties annually / Display Energy Certificate of	Good Progress – although figures impacted due to Covid 19.

Strategy for County Offices 2019-2022, aspiring to achieve a 5-10% annual reduction.	buildings (Performance reporting and monitoring will be undertaken through existing performance management arrangements)	
21. Develop and implement a carbon reduction plan to achieve the UK target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, aspiring to deliver carbon neutrality at the earliest possible opportunity.	Reduction in CO ₂ emissions (tonnes) as reported in the Carbon Reduction Plan.	Good Progress – LED Street lighting investment continues
22. Develop and implement a programme to support and advise schools on actions and funding opportunities to achieve net zero carbon emissions.	No. of schools engaged with programme for advising on reducing emissions and/or improving energy consumption of schools.	No further progress - will require additional resources to deliver.
23. Provide online training for members and employees on good environmental practice at work, including the principles of smarter working and energy efficiency measures in our buildings.	Development of online training offer / No of employees completing training on MyLearning	No further progress - will require additional consideration of options.
Flood risk management		
24. Implement more Natural Flood Management schemes countywide.	No. of Natural Flood Management Schemes implemented in Nottinghamshire	Some progress in Southwell, Lambley/Lowdham and Claborough – although additional resources required to progress further schemes.
25. Enhance the Council's education programme for Nottinghamshire riparian owners, as well as residents and businesses, on resilience measures.	TBC	Good Progress – NCC website updated.
26. Work with partners and other agencies to reduce the risk of flooding to properties and businesses in Nottinghamshire.	No of properties/services that could be affected by flooding, as reported by a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA).	Good Progress – working extensively with public and private sector partners.
Investing in Nottinghamshire		
27. Complete and deliver the Investing in Nottinghamshire Programme, a review of the County Offices, which aims to reduce the carbon footprint of the Council's estate and incorporate renewable energy sources into new offices.	No of environmental benefits secured as outlined in IIN benefits profile.	Good Progress – with a number of IIN projects.
28. Achieve excellent BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) rating for the new offices at Top Wighay and County Hall, with the long-term ambition for the West Bridgford campus to be carbon neutral.	Achievement of Excellent BREEAM rating for new builds.	Good Progress - BREEAM Excellent agreed as a standard for Top Wighay.
29. Develop and implement a Parking Management Strategy to incentivise staff to use 'greener' modes of transport and increase the number of members to the car	% of employees using 'greener' modes of transport (public transport/ car sharing) as captured by annual travel surveys.	Some progress – Covid 19 has reduced car park use as offices are closed. Strategy to be progressed as part of recovery planning.

sharing scheme, with the environmental aim to reduce the impact of work-related travel.		
Planning		
30. Reduce and sustainably manage all waste arising from the demolition and construction of buildings from our property estate.	TBC	No further progress – although recycling and diversion from landfill already at high levels within Arc managed projects.
31. Work with partners through the planning system guided by the Spatial Planning and Health Framework to mitigate the impact of new residential, commercial minerals and waste developments on air quality including electric vehicle charging infrastructure.	TBC - No. of developments that fulfil the Nottinghamshire Rapid Health Impact Assessment Matrix (no. IV relates to Air Quality)	No further progress - will require additional resources to deliver.
32. Utilise the role of the planning system for health and wellbeing outcomes and related environmental co-benefits.	TBC	No further progress - will require additional resources to deliver.
Procurement		
33. Use the Council's purchasing power to positively affect the environment and ensure its investments, services and goods are environmentally responsible.	No. or % of contracts with measures to secure environmental benefits (as outlined in the Procurement Strategy, p. 10)	No progress – although may move rapidly now new (environment friendly) procurement strategy approved.
34. Implement the Council's new Procurement Strategy, ensuring the Council has a green and sustainable supply chain and secures environmental benefits and increasing social value from our contracts.	No. or % of contracts with measures to secure environmental benefits (as outlined in the Procurement Strategy, p. 10)	Some progress - new (environment friendly) procurement strategy approved.
Property Asset Management		
35. Design environmental guidelines on achieving good to excellent BREEAM rating, or an equivalent environmental standard, for the design, construction and operation of all new builds and developments by the Council.	No of new builds that achieve a good to excellent BREEAM rating.	Some progress – Arc working on new NCC design standards with environmental performance and sustainability as a priority.
Public Health		
36. Provide leadership to the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board on their Healthy and Sustainable Places agenda.	TBC	No progress – Covid 19 response has taken up resources.
37. Coordinate an Air Quality Strategy for the County which includes mitigating the impact of development on air quality, enabling the shift from zero to low emission transport, reducing emissions from the built environment, engagement and communication with residents.	TBC - Air Quality Index for Nottinghamshire.	Some progress – although Covid 19 response has taken up resources.

38. Work with partners to develop a food charter for the County which recognises the role of food for communities, the local economy and environmental outcomes.	Development of Nottinghamshire Food Charter	Some progress – although Covid 19 response has taken up resources
39. Work with partners to develop healthy and sustainable places as part of the Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire / Bassetlaw Integrated Care Systems.	TBC - delivery of Healthy and Sustainable places strategic aims	No progress – Covid 19 response has taken up resources.
Highways and transport		
40. Develop and implement a Greener Highways Plan covering the management of trees, green corridors and road verges, with targets to increase trees and wildflower planting on the highways network.	Delivery of Greener Highways Plan (with key performance targets for green corridors, trees and wildflower planting)	Good Progress – work through C&PR&D Committee. To C&P Committee in spring 2021.
41. Complete conversion of all street lighting to LED by 2026.	% of street lighting converted / reduction in kWh consumed / Co2 emitted by street lighting.	Good Progress – on track to convert fully to LED by 2026
42. Switch Council-owned transport vehicles to electric or alternatively fuelled models (Please refer to Travel & Transport ambitions 9 &10).	No. of vehicles owned/leased by NCC that are electric/ alternatively fuelled.	Good Progress – 4 more electric busses on order.
43. Develop and implement a Staff Travel Plan to provide advice and guidance encouraging staff to take more active or public modes of transport with the environmental aim to reduce staff mileage.	Annual business mileage	No further progress - will require additional resources to deliver.
44. Research and action making the Pool cars electric (or hybrid for out of county trips) and expand their rollout to other Council premises.	No. of electric pool vehicles.	Some progress – reviewing requirements post Covid 19
45. Develop and implement a strategy to green all the Council's vehicles by 2030, including vehicles used for business travel and service provision.	No. of vehicles owned/leased by NCC that are electric/ alternatively fuelled.	No further progress - will require additional resources to deliver.
46. Implement initiatives to encourage use of public and community transport and orchestrate the move towards greener modes of public and community transport.	TBC	Some progress – although impacted by Covid 19.
47. Retrofit 70 buses in the Nottingham conurbation to meet Euro 6 emission standards by 2021.	No. of buses meeting Euro 6 emissions standards	Good Progress - 38 buses completed to date with the remaining 29 to be completed by April 2021
48. Develop the electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Nottinghamshire.	No. of public electric vehicle charging points in Nottinghamshire (20 points currently available in early 2020)	Some progress – working with partners to deliver more charging points across the County.
Waste strategy and development		
49. Maintain landfill diversion to above 95%, aspiring to achieve 100% diversion from landfill for Nottinghamshire's waste.	Landfill diversion rate	Some progress - Landfill diversion for 2019-20 was 95.25%

50. Improve the recycling performance of the County to above current rate of 43%, aspiring to achieve 52% by 2025.	County's recycling performance	No progress - Covid 19 has impacted on waste tonnages and public behaviours.
Other		
51. Organise and promote initiatives to inspire our employees and partners to become healthier and more active and consider alternative modes of transport.	No. of initiatives promoted/funded by NCC that encourage healthier and more active lifestyles for its workforce.	Data unknown currently
52. Encourage and support workforce initiatives championing positive environmental action through the newly formed Employee Green Initiatives Group.	No. of events/initiatives supported by NCC	No progress – Covid 19 response has taken up resources.
53. Encourage and support our partners and subsidiary companies on delivery of their own environmental agendas: Via East Midlands	TBC - Involvement in delivery of partners' environmental agendas	Data unknown currently
54. Encourage and support our partners and subsidiary companies on delivery of their own environmental agendas: Arc Partnership.	TBC - Involvement in delivery of partners' environmental agendas	Some progress – Arc working on new NCC design standards with environmental performance and sustainability as a priority.
55. Encourage and support our partners and subsidiary companies on delivery of their own environmental agendas: Veolia UK.	TBC - Involvement in delivery of partners' environmental agendas	Data unknown currently
56. Encourage and support our partners and subsidiary companies on delivery of their own environmental agendas: Inspire.	TBC - Involvement in delivery of partners' environmental agendas	Some progress – working effectively with partner organisations.
57. Identify opportunities where the Council can influence and collaborate with communities to support behaviour change and help communities become resilient to climate change.	TBC	Data unknown currently
58. Promote environmental volunteering opportunities with our workforce, community partners, schools and residents.	No. of volunteering opportunities promoted by NCC / No. of volunteers taking part	Data unknown currently
59. Set up a Green Investment Fund to provide annual funding for projects and initiatives improving the Council's environmental performance or promoting innovative solutions to mitigate against the impacts of climate change.	£ spent on green investments/projects by the Council.	Some progress – See the main report.