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25 September 2023

District & Boroughs Update



- Supported local SMEs to gain government funding to Go Digital and towards Net Zero
- Small Change Big Difference – Following up the schools involved in the Eco Film that premiered in July
- Eco Arts Trail being installed at Cannock Stadium during summer 2023 involving Cannock Chase Cultural Education Partnership (CCCEP)
- Chase Creatures Trail launched at Marquis Drive – link to animation <https://youtu.be/4B1rdxvCnSc>
- Grant application being submitted to CCC's Climate Action Fund for 'Nurturing Nature Networks' which supports the nature recovery declaration.
- Launched 'Food of Life' initiative into 5 local primary schools. From farm to plate, focused on healthy eating.
- Established a district wide Teachers Network as part of the CCCEP legacy linked to Nurturing Nature Networks.



Climate Change and Nature Recovery: 2022-23 Key Actions

- 40% decrease in our carbon footprint since reporting began in 2009/10.
- Energy Audits and Heat Decarbonisation Plans for the key council buildings.
- Green REGO energy tariff agreed from October 2023.
- Published a new climate change webpage signposting residents to sustainability information/toolkits.
- Climate Awareness/Carbon Literacy Training has been introduced for all staff and elected members.
- 300 native tree species planted, 100 of which were grown by the Council.
- Three public EV charging points installed in Coopers Square Car Park, Burton and continuing to work in partnership with Staffordshire County Council to support Electric Vehicle charging installation for on-street parking using LEVI funding.
- Completed a review of resources in waste management to tackle the pressures caused by housing growth;
- Developing a fleet transition and depot infrastructure plan;
- Continuing to trial electric vehicles

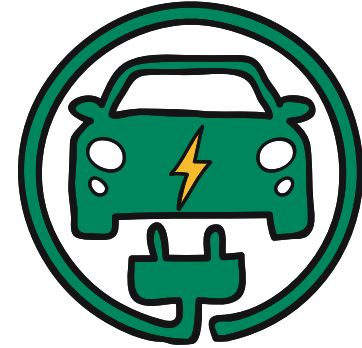


Heat Networks Delivery Unit
Round 13 Bid Application

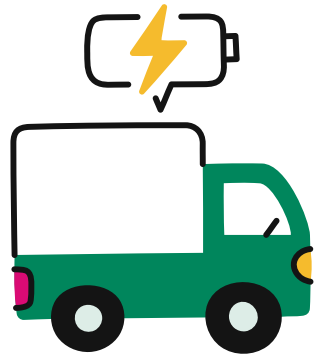
Sustainability



New council-wide Climate and
Environment group



Additional EV charging points planned
for installation across the district



New EV vehicles being sourced
for Streetscene operations

Waste



'Collection Modelling Scenarios' in
preparation for food waste collections, waste
minimisation, and increased recycling rates



New recycling campaign
agreed with Tamworth

Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

- HVO is the default fuel in all collection vehicles, and most of the Streetscene vehicles, representing a saving of 90% in vehicle emissions.
- Our Roadmap to Net Zero is heading for sign-off as our Council project plan, focussed on reducing emissions from our built infrastructure
- Our collection service has been nominated as a finalist in the APSE 2023 service awards in the 'Best Service Team of the Year' category.
- Our food waste collection service is being extended from domestic properties, nurseries, and residential settings into our flats and independent living hubs.
- Hand-held tools such as blowers, strimmer and chainsaws are part of a programme to move to battery-powered alternatives. Many have already been replaced.
- Successful trials are leading to further plans and projects to upgrade the range of land holding the Council is responsible for – closed churchyards, parks, woodlands etc



Climate Change

- Audit of carbon reporting and further work on plans for net zero
- Delivery of carbon awareness training to members and senior staff
- Improve the energy efficiency of our industrial estates
- Green business support through UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Waste and recycling

- Garden Waste Collection Service Year 4 – over 30,000 subscribers so far
- Development of new online webforms to improve customer experience
- Continued strong recycling performance (~50% in Q1)

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Climate Change

- Annually updated carbon audit is produced, enabling the reduction of internal carbon emissions to be tracked.
- Carbon Literacy training is being rolled out to council officers and members.
- The council has recently adopted its Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.
- Continuous work to develop the Stafford Brooks Project in partnership with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, the Environment Agency and National Highways.
- Tree planting projects have been delivered across the Borough. This has included on Local Nature Reserves, and on areas of amenity grassland.
- We have continued to work with community groups and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust to enhance areas of green space and deliver biodiversity enhancements.

Waste

- Zero waste disposed of as landfill
- 99.95% kerbside collection success rate
- 40 fruit trees planted at schools across the Borough as part of the Veolia Orchard project
- Veolia Easter egg donations and food bank donations continued to take place
- Excess bin containers removed from locations across the Borough
- Targeted anti contamination campaigns have taken place

- Adoption of Staffordshire Adaptation strategy (September)
- Launch of round 4 of the Climate change action fund
- EV infrastructure consortium member with 4 other LA's with total LEVI funding allocation of c.£20M
- HVO roll out in heavy fleet in HWRC, Highways and Library service
- Building infrastructure improvements at the Kingston Centre, saves 150 tCo2e



- So far this year we have sent 63,717 tonnes to Energy Recovery Facilities.
- Only approx. 0.02% tonnes are being sent directly to Landfill
- Between January – August we have reused 150.47 tonnes of Waste that would otherwise have been thrown away.
- We have introduced a Van permit system to our HWRCs and limited our sites to Staffordshire business only
- We have successfully completed a Food waste Tender making us ready for future changes to waste collection

Aiming Low

- Reported carbon emissions – reduced 22% since 2019/20
- Recruiting Biodiversity Officer
- About to launch Plan for Nature
- Collaborate on bid for rewilding, citizen science – news soon
- Launch first round of ECO Youth Leaders – debate in October
- Community Fund has supported 17 projects
- Established ECO 4 Flex referral scheme

- Support Community Energy day
- Public Sector Funding to decarbonise leisure centre
- Developing Green Spaces Strategy for parks etc
- Launch Move More with partner organisations.
- Developing Asset Plan to incorporate decarbonisation of estate
- Reduce recycling contamination
 - Targeting
 - Community Outreach
 - Label
 - Monitor and measure success



Tamworth Borough Council

The Borough Council is commissioning :

- ▶ a climate change action plan
- ▶ an adaptation plan
- ▶ an EV Strategy for the Borough
- ▶ 360 fruit trees planted in a local park, creating an orchard funded by the Trees for Climate funding package from DEFRA, through the Forest of Mercia Community Interest Company
- ▶ 50 Tamworth homes decarbonized with £3.2m investment resulting in a reduction of 1.6 tonnes of carbon per property each year, equivalent to the amount absorbed by approximately 70 trees.
- ▶ WASTE – SAME AS LICHFIELD

Base Pledge Update & Renewed Commitment





Base Pledge Review

The following pledges have been updated following recommendation from the board and Staffordshire CEO group.

- **Communications**

The New Joint Communications Plan will be discussed at the board in November 2023.

- **Energy Reduction**

By 2024, all Councils will start/complete energy audits on operational buildings only. This would exclude ancillary items such as housing or HRA funded assets.

- **Waste & Recycling**

All Councils will be actively supporting the development of a new Joint Waste Strategy for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent by 2025.

- **Innovation & Technology**

Explore new avenues and provide new examples of engagement with businesses and industries – a particular focus point should be the recommendations received following completion of the Energy Audits as stated in pledge 7 – Energy Reduction - .



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