

Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel - 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015

# Climate Change: progress, opportunities, challenges

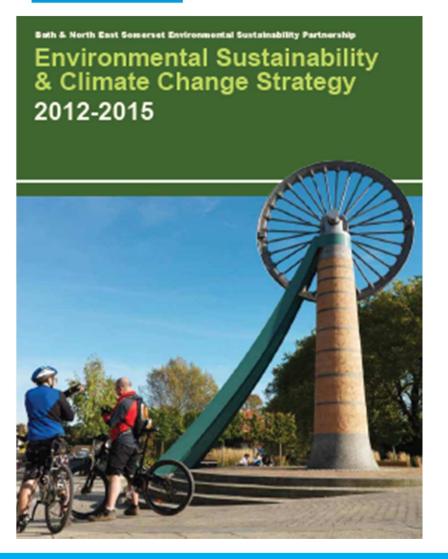
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#### **Presentation format**

- Vision & Ambition
- Progress and achievements
- Context
- Opportunities & Challenges

#### Bath & North East Somerset Council



#### **Vision & Ambition:**

'We will lead B&NES to an environmentally sustainable, low carbon future that is resilient to the expected changes to our climate.'

'We want B&NES to be a leader in green innovation and achievement.'



### The Strategic Approach

#### 1. Partnership working

Bringing together the right people

#### 2. Community enablement

 Supporting residents and community groups to achieve their aims

#### 3. Leading by example

 Council and partners taking bold actions to lead and influence



#### **Priorities driven from ESP:**

- Reducing our impact on the climate and our dependency on fossil fuels:
  - Domestic energy efficiency
  - Renewable energy development
  - Low carbon economy
  - Public sector energy management
  - Local food
  - NB Transport & Waste driven from those departments

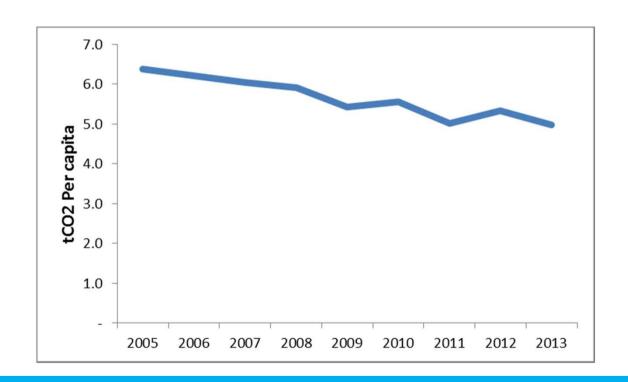


## Progress in numbers ...

- Carbon reduction
- Renewable energy generation



## **Area carbon emissions** 22% down from baseline year



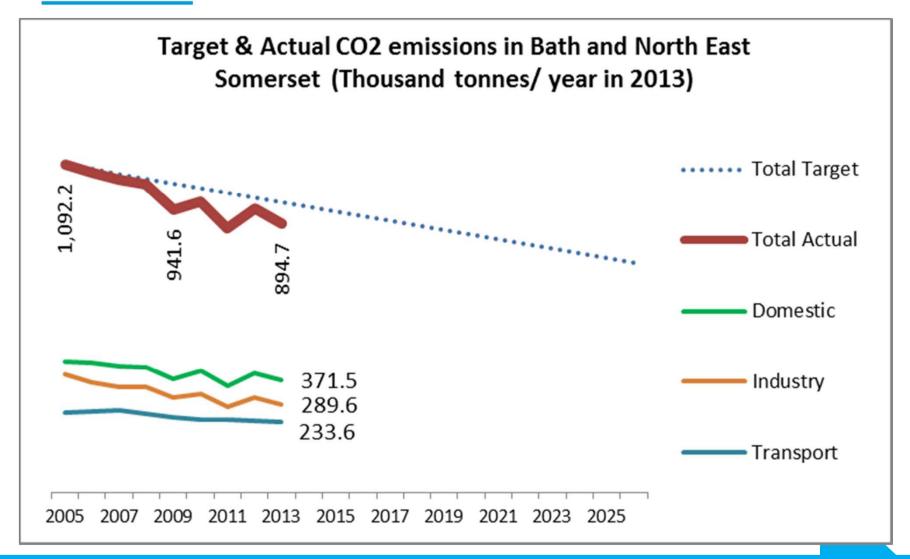
Target: 45% cut by 2029 from baseline year 2005

## Scope of influence:

- Local
- National

Bath and North East Somerset – *The* place to live, work and visit





#### Bath & North East Somerset Council

The Council's 19,700 t/CO<sub>2</sub>\* emissions only made up

The **rest of B&NES** produced 875,300t/CO<sub>2</sub> \* from:

98%

The Council's emissions are produced by its:

of B&NES



CO<sup>2</sup> emissions of B&NES 895,000 t/CO<sub>2</sub> \*







**Fleet** 



**Business travel** 

of the total CO2 emissions



Leisure services



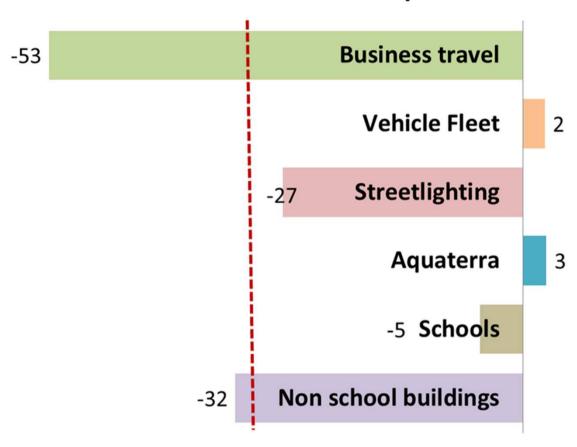
**Street Lighting** 



Schools and other sites e.g. offices



#### % CO2 reduction from 2007/8 Baseline



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---- original Carbon Trust 30% target

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## Next steps

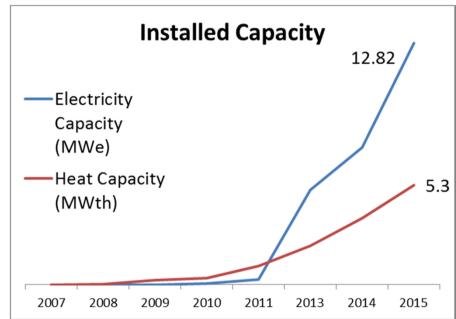
- Build into service delivery
- Workplaces & Corporate Travel
- Leisure
  - CHP in Bath LeisureCentre
  - New build Keynsham





#### Renewable energy generation





- 18.2 MW capacity
- Of which 7.3 MW community owned



## Progress – some highlights......



## External funding gained since 2006

• £770,000 Our Big Energy Challenge

£115,100 DECC £ HNDU (Heat Network Development)

Unit)

• £929,000 Green Deal Communities

£804k for householder grants, £10k for open homes,

£11k assessments, £104k for Trade Support and

business development

£162,000 NEA's Warm & Healthy Homes fund

£1.98million



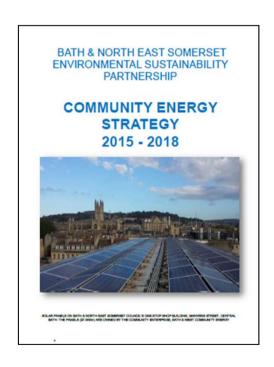
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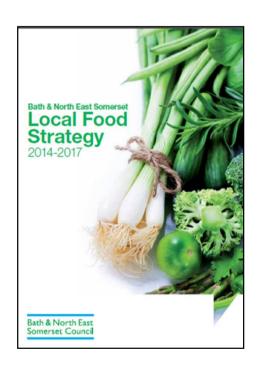
- 90% cut in energy use from previous building
- Saving £140k pa
- National and regional awards





Adopted: two delivery strategies, new planning policies & guidance









## **Community Energy**

- » Innovative Co-operation Agreement with Bath & West Community Energy
- » 6 solar schools
- » 7.3MWe installed
- » Awards for BWCE & Council





# Chelwood – from coal to broadband

- Chelwood Community Energy
- 3% of village land to provide over 100% village electricity
- £50k/yr village income to fund rural broadband
- Panels low visual impact









## **Energy at Home Scheme up and** running







### **Energy at Home – key facts**

- DECC householder grants: £800k
- 213 homes by Sept 2016 with grant
- Ideal scenario 400-800 homes per year potential
- NEA further £175k for fuel poor households
- B&NES model for similar councils





## Community @67

#### Local food project

- Fruit and veg buying co-op
- Locally grown
- Affordably priced
- Cookery demonstrations
- Weekly hot meal in a social environment





## **Policy & Market Context**

- Green Deal removal & impact
- Bonfield Review, March 2016
- Renewable energy tariff changes, January 2016: community energy impact
- Current market uncertainty



**Opportunities & Challenges for** 

2016-19

- Energy at Home
- Community Energy
- 'Energy Services' & 'smart energy'
- Local Food
- Tackling adaptation to climate change





### Request to PDS Panel

- Note progress
- Note current policy context
- Continue to support work of the Environmental Sustainability Partnership
- Contribute views and ideas to the strategy refresh