
Bath & North East Somerset Council

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Climate Strategy and Nature Recovery Update

CES PDS Panel

6 July 2023

Climate Strategy Update – to cover

- Brief overview of Climate and Nature ‘package’ adopted by Council in March 2023 (strategy, action plans and annual report)
- Priorities for climate and nature
- Key areas of challenge
- Engaging with PDS Panel

In March, Council signed off a package setting out clear policy and ambition for climate and nature



Bath & North East Somerset Climate Emergency Strategy

2019-2030

Version: March 2023



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Bath & North East Somerset Ecological Emergency Action Plan

2023-2030

16 March 2023



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View the strategy on our website [here](#)

View the action plan on our website [here](#)

We set out our four priorities for climate, with clear targets and a range of supporting actions...



Decarbonising buildings

- UK's first **Net Zero new build** planning policy in our LPPU
- **Targeting 65,000 residential retrofits**, via WECA 'Accelerator'



Decarbonising transport

- **Reducing car use by 25%** by 2030.
- 95 public **EV charging points** (Jan)
- **£138m investment** in infrastructure



Increasing renewable energy generation

- **Targeting 300 MW capacity** by 2030
- Support renewables through **LPPU**
- **Domestic solar PV** has doubled
- 300 Solar Together installations



Cut council operational carbon emissions to net zero by 2030

- **Council estate retrofit programme** (eg Charlton, Cleve, Coombe Lea)
- **30 EVs in our fleet**, more planned
- 12MW target for **renewables on B&NES estate**

... and three policy priorities for Nature, together with a our first Ecological Emergency action plan



Increase the extent of land and waterways managed positively for nature across B&NES

- Maximising opportunities for nature recovery on **Council land**
- **More trees** on our own estate
- Nature-based solutions to **reduce pollution**
- **Working with other landowners** to improve land management



Increase the abundance and distribution of key species across B&NES

- More for wildlife in our **regen and infrastructure projects** – spaces for bats and birds
- Reducing our use of **pesticides**
- **Pollinator** projects
- Working with BART to **restore River Chew** for fish



Enable more people to access and engage with nature

- **Neighbourhood Nature Areas** – supporting communities to manage local green spaces
- **Green Social Prescribing** – promoting health & wellbeing
- **Green jobs** and apprenticeships

Climate Progress Report 2023

Bath and North East Somerset area-wide emissions (Transport, businesses and homes)

Baseline: 2005 = 1063.3 ktCO₂

2019 = 671 ktCO₂

2020 = 599.6kt CO₂*

Council Emissions

Baseline: 2010/11 = 8,330 tCO₂

2020/21 = 2,821 tCO₂

2021/22 = 2,644 tCO₂

Renewable energy capacity in Bath and North Somerset

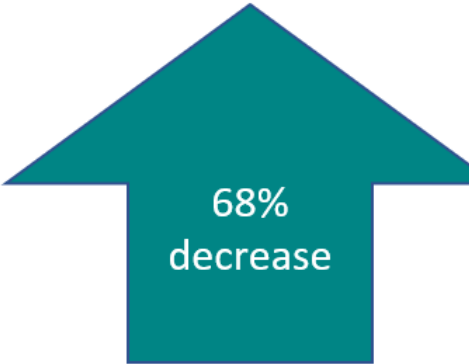
Baseline: 2019 = 21 MW

2021 = 22.5MW

2022 = 29 MW



44%
decrease



68%
decrease



8MW
increase

Scrutiny of Council performance on Climate

Our [annual report](#) in March highlighted progress against our headline indicators on emissions and energy generating capacity.

Following feedback from PDS Panel, we are working to develop a fuller set of key performance indicators to track performance against our strategic objectives.

This will allow us to provide more comprehensive and consistent annual reporting in future.

Key Challenges

There are a number of areas where we need to take further action, where consideration by Scrutiny over the next two years could help to shape policy and action:

- Scaling up work on retrofit for energy efficiency
- Grid connections for new renewable energy infrastructure
- *Sustainable local food*
- *Climate adaptation*
- *Building public support for change*
- *Measuring progress*