



## **CHARNWOOD**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

**2018 – 2030**

***“Taking action to protect the environment for  
future generations”***

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## Foreword

Climate change has been recognised internationally as the most important environmental challenge that we currently face. Scientific consensus recognises human activity as a major cause of recent unprecedented warming and climate projections show that past, current and future greenhouse gas emissions will influence the climate for decades. A changing climate has profound effects on all our lives, and those of future generations. It directly impacts how we, as a Council, plan our activities in order to meet the needs of all residents in the Borough.

This Climate Change Strategy sets out our commitment to local action on climate change. We expect to make a full contribution that reduces carbon emissions and improves resilience to the effects of a changing climate and extreme weather events. The strategy also recognises that our local contribution is part of a complex challenge that involves all of us both nationally and globally.

This Climate Change Strategy not only helps the Council meet its statutory environmental duties it also looks to capture the opportunities and benefits of tackling climate change. These include savings on energy bills, encouraging renewable energy in the transition to a low carbon economy, strengthening business competitiveness, enhancing energy security, reducing air pollutants harmful to health, attracting new jobs and investment in 'green' industries, reducing flood risks and managing the impacts of extreme weather.

The Council is committed to helping local people and businesses to be smarter about their energy use, deliver services that are resource efficient, ensure council buildings and operations use low carbon energy supplies and are well prepared for the impacts of a changing climate. Significant progress has been made so far in improving the energy efficiency of our own operations and reducing the overall carbon emissions associated with them. However, there is still much more we need to achieve to move towards a low carbon future as we all work to deliver the Government's strategy and our ambition to be a carbon neutral Council by 2030.

Climate change is a collective issue and we can all make changes to our lifestyles to reduce our impact on the environment. Together, these contributions will influence the extent to which the climate changes. We recognise the key role that the Council has in supporting and promoting these local actions and supporting local people and businesses in the move to a low carbon future.

**Cllr Roy Rollings – Lead Member for Transformation**

## Vision

**“Charnwood Borough Council will seek to minimise the environmental impacts of our own activities and will contribute to the improvement of the wider environment through local action. We will continue to play a significant role in protecting and enhancing the environment of Charnwood, meeting the challenges and opportunities of climate change.”**

Taking action to protect the environment for future generations is a priority the Council recognises in our Corporate Plan. We care about our environment and understand our legal duty to protect it. We will seek to minimise the environmental impacts of our own activities, and work with other partners and stakeholders to protect and enhance our local environment

## Overview

Climate change is a large-scale, long-term shift in the Earth’s weather patterns or average temperatures. In recent decades, changes in the climate have caused extreme weather conditions such as flash floods, storms and high winds, heatwaves, and a reduction in summer water availability.

In January 2018, the Government published ‘A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment’. The 25 year plan confirms the government’s aim to take all possible action to mitigate climate change, while adapting to reduce its impact by continuing to cut greenhouse gas emissions and making sure that all policies, programmes and investment decisions take into account the possible extent of climate change this century.

The International Panel on climate change published a report in October 2018 which concluded that we have less than 12 years to act to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. The report highlights a number of climate change impacts that could be avoided by limiting global warming to 1.5°C compared to 2°C, or more. It suggests that limiting global warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action across all national governments that signed the Paris Agreement.

On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019, the UK government amended the Climate Change Act 2008, introducing a net-zero greenhouse gases target by 2050. This means emissions from homes; transport, farming and industry will have to be avoided completely or in the most difficult cases offset by planting trees or sucking CO<sub>2</sub> out of the atmosphere.

On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Charnwood Borough Council declared its ambition to be a carbon neutral organisation by 2030. We will be looking to directly reduce emissions related to our own operations as well as identifying opportunities for offsetting emissions, for example, by tree planting. We also want to work with residents, businesses and other public bodies across the borough and region to deliver this ambitious goal through all

relevant technologies, strategies and plans and encourage others to consider how they can make a difference to the environment.

Carbon emissions from activities in Charnwood fell by 26% between 2005 and 2015, consistent with UK reductions of 28% over the same period, despite an increase in population.

We have reduced the impact of our own operations on climate change by developing and implementing a Carbon Management Plan (2015) which aimed to reduce carbon emissions by 15% by 2020. In February 2019 we reported a 32% decrease in emissions reducing the Council's carbon footprint from 2,133 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2012/13 to 1,436 tCO<sub>2</sub>e in 2017/18.

We want to see a further reduction in carbon emissions and there is a role for all of us to play; every resident, business, school and community group. For example, the electricity we use in Charnwood generates significant amounts of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Whilst the majority of our electricity is generated outside the Borough we can reduce the amount we use. Subject to procurement regulations, we can also choose to buy local produce which not only supports our local economy it also reduces carbon emissions from freight transport and travel.

## Taking Action

This Charnwood Climate Change Strategy provides the strategic direction that our sustainability initiatives will be aligned to over the next 10 years. The Strategy has been developed taking in to account the important role the Council plays in protecting and improving the lives and livelihoods of its residents, communities and business.

The Council identifies 'taking action to protect the environment for future generations' as a key commitment of its Corporate Plan and has set out its ambition for carbon neutrality by 2030. This Climate Change Strategy is consistent with those over-arching pledges and identifies these strategic priority areas for the period through to 2030:

- **RAISING AWARENESS**
- **REDUCING OUR IMPACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **RESILIENCE**

The Strategy will be coordinated by the Council's Sustainability team but its implementation will involve collaborative working with a number of other teams and partner organisations.

## **RAISING AWARENESS**

Climate change is one of the key challenges facing Charnwood today. Climate projections show that past, current and future greenhouse gas emissions will influence the climate for decades. Ensuring that the Borough fully contributes to local efforts to reduce the impacts of climate change is a priority for the Council. We can all make changes to our lifestyles to reduce our impact on the environment. These collective contributions will influence the extent to which the climate changes.

We can help stakeholders understand what support is available and what they can do themselves to reduce their impact on the environment. We will focus our activities on the following actions and objectives:

### **A. We will recognise climate change as a corporate commitment for the Council**

- Ensure climate change is recognised as a priority within the corporate plan

### **B. We will encourage environmental education and promote climate action through a proactive communication campaign**

- Encourage residents to adopt energy efficiency measures
- Encourage residents to reduce waste to landfill and increase recycling
- Encourage the improvement of our environment by taking part in Loughborough in Bloom
- Encourage residents to cut down on meat consumption to within accepted health guidelines to help reduce the carbon emissions associated with meat production and to bring about health benefits

### **C. We will encourage a low carbon economy**

- Work with partnership agencies to encourage businesses to adopt energy efficiency measures by signposting to relevant services and opportunities

### **D. We will promote environmental behaviour change and showcase best practice**

- Develop and implement an environmental behavioural change programme
- Work with teams to showcase positive changes in environmental practice

## **REDUCING OUR IMPACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Council care about the environment and has a legal duty to protect it. We will endeavour to reduce our impact on the environment, and work with partners and stakeholders to protect the Borough's environment. We will do this through the following actions and objectives:

### **A. We will measure and reduce carbon emissions across our buildings and operations, including our fleet**

- Prepare and implement a Carbon Neutral Plan
- Review low carbon solutions across Council buildings, operations and fleet
- Improve energy efficiency of Council IT equipment
- Support tree planting across Charnwood to offset CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, provide habitat for wildlife, enhance natural landscape and reduce flood risk

### **B. We will encourage energy reduction, clean energy and energy efficiency and promote its benefits to our community and businesses**

- Update and implement the Home Energy Conservation Act report
- Work in partnership to deliver government energy efficiency programmes
- Provide top-up roofing insulation, cavity wall and boiler upgrade programme for Council housing stock
- Carry out stock condition surveys to monitor energy condition of Council housing stock
- Update energy performance certificate records for Council housing stock
- Ensure the 'Charnwood Standard' (enhanced standard to which social housing is improved) is implemented and maintained for Council housing stock

### **C. We will minimise the climate impact from development and encourage a low carbon economy through the planning system**

- Encourage a sustainable pattern of development supported by a low carbon transport infrastructure
- Encourage renewable sources of energy supply
- Promote sustainable design in buildings

### **D. We will encourage an increase in the proportion of reuse and recycling and a reduction in waste to landfill**

- Update and implement the Zero Waste Strategy
- Implement waste education and promotional campaigns
- Phase out use of single-use plastics within Council offices and buildings

### **E. We will encourage reduced car use and promote sustainable travel**

- Prepare and implement a Sustainable Travel Plan
- Promote cycling, walking, running and other physical activity to our own staff and the wider community
- Promote non-recreational cycling for commuting as well as recreational cycling

**F. We will work in partnership to improve air quality**

- Monitor and review air quality across the borough to determine whether national air quality objectives are being met

**G. We will ensure that services are delivered in a way that protects the quality of the environment**

- Consider environmental and broader sustainability issues throughout the Council's procurement process



## **RESILIENCE**

Climate predictions for the East Midlands indicate hotter, drier summers, warmer, wetter winters and an increase in incidents of severe weather such as storms and flooding. We have plans in place to prepare for these impacts and minimise the risks to our communities. In doing this, we will collaborate with partners to focus on the following actions and objectives:

### **A. We will work with our partners to understand the current and future risks of flooding**

- Review Charnwood Community Flood Plans with Local Resilience Forum partners

### **B. We will work with communities and businesses to increase resilience to future changes in climate**

- Promote the community flood warden monitoring scheme
- Advise residents on steps to increase resilience
- Development of community resilience plans with parish councils
- Promotion of climate resilient buildings through the revised Local Plan

### **C. We will ensure business continuity planning at the council is resilient to climate impacts**

- Work with partners to prepare and assess Council business continuity plans

### **D. We will ensure Council owned open spaces and habitat are well adapted to the changing climate**

- Work in partnership to carry out biodiversity and heritage audits in Charnwood
- Work in partnership to deliver projects in Charnwood Forest Regional Park to enhance / promote heritage, geological and biodiversity assets

### **E. When new development is considered in areas with nature conservation value we will ensure that risks can be managed through suitable adaptation measures**

- Protect and enhance native species and habitats
- Promote and support opportunities for environmental enhancement and regeneration

### **F. We will support health and ethical local food and produce**

- Promote the allotment and community orchard schemes
- Work with partners to support the Loughborough farmers' market and locally sourced produce

- Work with partners to promote and support Fairtrade in the borough

## **Actions and Monitoring**

This strategy sets out strategic priorities and objectives.

An action plan has been developed which shows how the strategy will be delivered. It is important that actions are monitored in order to evaluate performance of delivery and to assess how much progress is being made in achieving the objectives of the strategy. Monitoring of actions will occur through the Council's scrutiny processes and regular updates to the responsible Lead Member within Cabinet.

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**CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

**2018 – 2030**

## Action Plan 2018 – 2030

**Awareness Raising**

Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Responsibility	Timescale	Links to Policies
1.1	We will recognise climate change as a corporate commitment for the Council	Ensure climate change is recognised as a priority within the corporate plan	Climate Change included in the Corporate Plan for 2020-2025 and 2025-30	Corporate plan published with Climate Change as a key priority	Corporate Management Sustainability	2020-2025 2025-2030	Corporate Plan
1.2.1	We will encourage environmental education and promote climate action through a proactive communication campaign	Encourage residents to adopt energy efficiency measures	Frontline Services training & awareness taking place  Information on website	Training provided  Website up to date	Private Sector Housing  Landlord Services  Sustainability	Annual	Climate Change Strategy
1.2.2		Help residents save money on fuel bills and work towards alleviating Fuel Poverty	Provide information and advice on energy efficiency measures at Charnwood Big Switch Roadshows	Roadshows take place	Private Sector Housing	3 times a year	HECA
1.2.3		Encourage residents to reduce waste to landfill and increase recycling	Awareness programmes in place:  #Recycle Right campaign  Big Guide brochure delivered to all new properties	Deliver two number of promotions	Cleansing  Communications	Annual	Zero waste strategy
1.2.4		Encourage the improvement of our environment by taking part in Loughborough in Bloom	Resources and promotion's in place to support and take part in competition	Maintain the number of Love Your Neighbourhood groups >30	Open Spaces	Annual	Open Spaces Strategy

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1.2.5		Encourage residents to cut down on meat consumption to within accepted health guidelines to help reduce the carbon emissions associated with meat production and to bring about health benefits	Work with Leicestershire Nutrition Dietetic Services (LNDS) as part of the Lifestyle Exercise Activity Programme for adults to raise awareness	Ensure key messages delivered through our dieticians	Recreational Services	Annual	Climate Change Strategy
1.2.6			Awareness programme in place	Deliver 1 promotional campaign	Sustainability	Annual	Climate Change Strategy
1.3.1	We will encourage a low carbon economy	Work with partnership agencies to encourage businesses to adopt energy efficiency measures by signposting to relevant services and opportunities	Engage with Businesses to promote energy efficiency  Details made available on website and publications	Deliver 1 promotional campaign	Economic Regeneration  Sustainability	Annual	Climate Change Strategy
1.4.1	We will promote environmental behaviour change and showcase best practice	Develop and implement an environmental behavioural change programme and work with teams to showcase positive changes in environmental practice	Programme in place Questionnaire to staff to get feedback on the scheme	Number of staff taking part 40	All Services  Sustainability	Annual	Climate Change Strategy

## Reducing our Impact on Climate Change

Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Responsibility	Timescale	Links to Policies
2.1.1	We will measure and reduce carbon emissions across our buildings and operations, including our fleet	Implement actions in Carbon Neutral Plan	Reduction in carbon emissions from energy saving schemes	Carbon Neutral by 2030	All Services Sustainability	2030	Climate Change Strategy
2.1.2		Resources available to complete annual carbon monitoring report	Production of annual report	Sustainability	Annual	Climate Change Strategy	Climate Change Strategy
2.1.3		Review low carbon solutions across Council buildings, operations and fleet	Number of schemes implemented	Carbon savings will depend on schemes developed	Asset Management	Ongoing	Climate Change Strategy
2.1.4		Improve energy efficiency of Council IT equipment	Minimise surplus hardware and energy demand through virtualisation of devices by the implementation of Thin Client Terminal	Carbon savings will depend on schemes developed	Information & Communication Services	Ongoing	ICS Strategy
2.1.5			Implementation of Office 365	Migrate all users by April 2020	Information & Communication Services	April 2020	ICS Strategy
2.1.6			Investigate options for what systems can be migrated onto a network of remote servers hosted on the Internet (cloud)	Implementation of recommended approach	Information & Communication Services	2020	ICS Strategy
2.1.7			Options identified for improving remote working systems, encouraging smarter, more efficient working	Carbon savings will depend on schemes developed	Information & Communication Services	Ongoing	ICS Strategy
2.1.8			Support tree planting across	Number of trees planted	Plant 100,000 trees	Open Spaces	2020

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		Charnwood to offset CO <sub>2</sub> emissions, provide habitat for wildlife, enhance natural landscape and reduce flood risk			Natural & Built Environment		
2.1.9			Prepare a Tree Strategy	Tree Strategy published	Open Spaces Natural & Built Environment	2020	Climate Change Strategy
2.1.10		Assess the feasibility of electric or hybrid vehicles when the Council's existing fleet vehicles are replaced	Number of electric or hybrid vehicles / leased	Minimum of 3 electric / hybrid vehicles leased	Fleet Management	Ongoing	Climate Change Strategy
2.2.1	We will encourage energy reduction, clean energy and energy efficiency and promote its benefits to our community and businesses	Update and implement the Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) report	Production of HECA report	Report published biennial	Private Sector Housing	Ongoing	HECA
2.2.2		Work in partnership to deliver	ECO top up grant contribution	Guidance available to support residents	Private Sector Housing	Ongoing	Private Sector Housing Grants Policy
2.2.3		government energy efficiency programmes	Resources in place to signpost to first contact plus	Guidance available to support residents	Private Sector Housing	Ongoing	
2.2.4		Collective Energy Switching; The Council will encourage partners to continually review the current approach and to consider introducing a 'green' category to the suppliers auction	Regular meetings with partners to review the auction categories	Meetings 3 times a year (to coincide with auctions)	Private Sector Housing	Ongoing	HECA



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2.2.5		Energy Performance Certificate records for Council housing stock to be updated to give an average SAP value	Energy Performance Certificate records being updated on the stream line software which will give an average SAP value	To carry out EPC's at all void properties and upload to software	Landlord Services	Ongoing	Housing Business Plan
2.2.6		Provide top-up roofing insulation, cavity wall and boiler upgrade programme for Council housing stock	Investment in programme	125 loft insulation installations based on £400 per property	Landlord Services	Ongoing	Housing Business Plan
2.2.7		Carry out stock condition surveys to monitor energy condition of Council housing stock	Stock condition surveys	250 stock condition surveys per year this may be increased with the new capital contract starting in April 2018	Landlord Services	Ongoing	Housing Business Plan
2.2.8		Ensure the 'Charnwood Standard' is implemented and maintained for Council housing stock	'Charnwood Standard' in place and being maintained	No properties failing to meet standard.  Programmes created from the Housing Management System to ensure the Charnwood Standard is maintained	Landlord Services	Ongoing	Housing Business Plan
2.3.1	We will minimise the climate impact from development and encourage a low carbon economy through the planning system	Encourage a sustainable pattern of development supported by low carbon transport infrastructure	New major developments provide walking, cycling and public transport access to key facilities and services	100% of major developments to provide walking, cycling and public transport links to key facilities and services	Plans, Policy & Place Making  Development Management	Ongoing	Local Plan

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2.3.2				100% of major development to have a travel plan	Plans, Policy & Place Making Development Management	Ongoing	Local Plan
2.3.3		Encourage renewable sources of energy supply	Amount of new energy being provided from renewable or low carbon energy developments embedded in the emerging local plan	27.5 MWe of energy provision from decentralised and renewable sources of energy supply	Plans, Policy & Place Making Development Management	2028	Local Plan
2.3.4			Include policies in our Local Plan that encourage developers to achieve high energy standards and to incorporate renewable and decentralised (on-site) energy generation.	Local Plan policy and target evidenced and consulted on	Plans, Policy & Place Making	2020	Local Plan
2.3.5			Include policies in our Local Plan that encourage new large scale development to explore and incorporate new low carbon district heating networks	Local Plan policy and target evidenced and consulted on	Plans, Policy & Place Making	2020	Core Strategy
2.3.6		Promote sustainable design in buildings	Sustainable Design category in the Charnwood Design Awards	Design Awards Scheme delivered biennial	Conservation & Landscape	Ongoing	Core strategy
2.4.1		We will encourage reduced car use and promote sustainable travel	Prepare and implement a Sustainable Travel Plan	Prepare new Sustainable Travel Plan	Plan in Place	Sustainability	2020
2.4.2			Implementation of actions	2 new schemes introduced	Sustainability	2030	Climate Change Strategy
2.4.3		Promote cycling, walking, running and other physical activity to	Assess the feasibility of electric or hybrid pool car / bike	1 electric / hybrid vehicles leased 1 electric pool bike	Fleet Management Sustainability	2030	Climate Change Strategy

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2.4.4		our own staff and the wider community	Engage with workplaces in the Borough	Provide a bespoke physical activity package to 5 Charnwood based workplaces per year	Sport and Active Recreation Team	Ongoing	
2.4.5			Deliver and promote national physical activity/health  Campaigns to Charnwood residents	In line with Public Health Priorities, deliver 3 campaign weeks per year and achieve 300 new participants annually	Sport and Active Recreation Team	Ongoing	
2.4.6			Provide support to Charnwood based cycling clubs and groups to deliver recreational and family bike rides	2 New ride leaders trained annually  10 Recreational / family Bike Rides delivered annually	Sport and Active Recreation Team	Ongoing	
2.4.7			Promote non-recreational cycling for commuting as well as recreational cycling	Promote the 'Choose how you move' programme to encourage cycling for commuting	Promotional campaign in place	Sport and Active Recreation Team  Sustainability	Ongoing
2.5.1	We will encourage an increase in the proportion of reuse and recycling and a reduction in waste to landfill	Update and implement the Zero Waste Strategy	New Zero Waste Strategy in place	Strategy published	Cleansing	2024	Zero Waste Strategy
2.5.2			Zero Waste Strategy in place to divert waste from landfill and improve recycling	Compare tonnage of landfill waste with other LCC authorities as well as against the national average	Cleansing	Ongoing	Zero Waste Strategy
2.5.3			Increase the household recycling rate. Tonnages of green waste and recycling as a percentage	Contractors to achieve a 50% household recycling rate	Cleansing	Ongoing	Zero Waste Strategy
2.5.4			Implement waste education /	Resources available to deliver educational	Deliver waste promotional	Cleansing	Ongoing

Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Responsibility	Timescale	Links to Policies
		promotional campaigns	campaigns on reducing waste to landfill and recycling	programmes on an annual basis			
2.5.5		Phase out use of single use plastics within Council offices and buildings	Investigate use of single use plastics	Implement reduction of single use plastics	Sustainability	Ongoing	Zero Waste Strategy
2.6.1	We will work in partnership to improve air quality	Monitor and review air quality across the borough to determine whether national air quality objectives are being met	Preparation of DEFRA annual monitoring report  Air Quality Annual Status Report	Review annually	Environmental Protection – Regulatory services	Ongoing	Charnwood Air Quality Action Plan
2.6.2			Production of Monitoring Report	National air quality targets being met each year	Environmental Protection – Regulatory services	Ongoing	Charnwood Air Quality Action Plan
2.7.1	We will ensure that services are delivered in a way that protects the quality of the environment	Consider environmental and broader sustainability issues throughout the procurement process	Follow guidelines in procurement toolkit	Guidelines met	All Departments	Ongoing	Procurement Strategy
2.7.2			Promote environmentally friendly products available to order via the Councils' stationary provider	Promotional campaign delivered each year	Sustainability  All Departments	Ongoing	Climate Change Strategy

## Climate Change Resilience

Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Responsibility	Timescale	Links to Policies
3.1.1	We will work with our partners to understand the current and future risks of flooding	Review Charnwood Community Flood Plans with Local Resilience Forum partners	Charnwood Community Flood Plans & recommendations being implemented	Review biannually	Resilience Officer in association with LRF partners	Ongoing	Business Continuity Plan Major Incident Plan
3.2.1	We will work with communities and businesses to increase resilience to future changes in climate	Promote the community flood warden monitoring scheme	Number of Flood Wardens in place	At least 1 flood warden for each flood warning area	Resilience Officer	Ongoing	Business Continuity Plan Major Incident Plan
3.2.2			Flood wardens scheme on Charnwood and LRF websites	Website updated on a regular basis	Resilience Officer	Ongoing	Business Continuity Plan Major Incident Plan
3.2.3		Advise residents on steps to increase resilience	Up to date information made available on Charnwood and LRF websites	Website updated on a regular basis	Resilience Officer	Ongoing	Business Continuity Plan Major Incident Plan
3.2.4		Development of community resilience plans with parish councils	Number of community resilience plans in place	Plans in place	Resilience Officer	Ongoing	Business Continuity Plan Major Incident Plan
3.2.5		Promotion of climate resilient buildings through the revised Local Plan	Embed policy in emerging Local Plan	Local Plan policy published and consulted on	Plans, Policy & Place Making	2020	Local Plan
3.2.6		Maintain an updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment to inform strategic	Updated Strategic Flood Risk Assessment in place	Assessment supporting development decisions	Planning	Ongoing	Local Plan

Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Responsibility	Timescale	Links to Policies
		policies and to manage flood risk					
3.3.1	We will ensure business continuity planning at the council is resilient to climate impacts	Work with partners to prepare and assess Council business continuity plans	Annual assessment of business continuity plans and reviews of live incidents.	Annual assessment complete	Head of Strategic Support	Ongoing	Business Continuity Plan Major Incident Plan
3.3.2			Quarterly assessment of Strategic Risk Register	Quarterly assessment complete	Head of Strategic Support	Ongoing	
3.4.1	We will ensure that Council owned open spaces and habitat are well adapted to the changing climate	Work in partnership to carry out biodiversity and heritage audits in Charnwood	Full list of Council owned land and their wildlife features	2 Biodiversity & Heritage audits conducted	Open Spaces	2020	Open Spaces Strategy
3.4.2				5 new Local Nature Reserve sites to be accredited			
		Work in partnership to deliver projects in Charnwood Forest Regional Park to enhance / promote heritage, geological and biodiversity assets	Promote and enhance heritage, biodiversity, geology, history and cultural values of Charnwood sites	Projects being delivered	Open Spaces Conservation & Landscape	2020	
3.5.1	When new development is considered in areas with nature conservation value we will ensure that risks can be managed through suitable adaptation measures	Protect and enhance native species and habitats	Monitoring the implementation of Local Plan policies on Landscape, Countryside, Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity and Geodiversity	Local Plan annual monitoring report published	Plans, Policy & Place Making Conservation & Landscape	Ongoing	Local Plan
3.5.2							

Ref	Commitment	Action	Measure	Target	Responsibility	Timescale	Links to Policies
3.6.1	We will support healthy and ethical local food initiatives.	Promote the allotment and community orchard schemes	Number of new allotment schemes introduced Number of community orchards introduced	1 new allotment scheme introduced 1 community orchards scheme introduced	Open Spaces	Ongoing	Open Spaces Strategy
3.6.2		Work with partners to support the Loughborough farmers market and locally sourced produce	Number of businesses participating in the Farmers Market.	Sustain the number of businesses participating in the Farmers Market	Leisure Services – Markets & Fairs	Ongoing	
3.6.3			Programme in place to support locally sourced produce	Deliver 1 promotion annually	Sustainability	Ongoing	
3.6.4		Work with partners to promote and support Fairtrade in the borough	Information provided on website	Deliver 1 promotion annually	Sustainability	Ongoing	