

Action Reference	Name	Latest Update
Energy		
1.1	Investigate procuring truly renewable energy.	no progress
1.2	Explore forming a non-profit green energy company and understand the capacity of renewable energy generation in the area.	Beginning to develop understanding in LA owned ESCo's (Energy Service Companies). Plymouth City Council have previously done a feasibility study around HMNB Devonport. Ener-vate have worked with other councils, such as Eastleigh BC, webinar organised by Energy Hub set out that the indicative costs incurred by other Councils have been in the region of £90k in consultancy to set up ESCo
1.3	Review strategic scale solar, wind and hydro energy for both commercial and community energy development.	Preliminary work underway and brief developed for potential Joint Local Plan allocations ready for tender
1.4	Identify options for how smart renewable heat, power generation and storage could be considered when the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan are reviewed.	Pre-feasibility work identified as next step. Discussion with Local Enterprise Partnership and Growth Hub being progressed to identify a funding source for it to be commissioned at the appropriate time.
1.5	Aim for a Higher result in the energy performance certificates	Secured additional Green Homes Grant money through the Local Authority Delivery Scheme Phase 1B. A total of approx. £600,000 being targeted through this scheme with additional funding from the Better Care Fund for ECO top-ups.
1.6	Promote and administer grants for home insulation, efficient heating systems and sustainable energy sources for owner-occupied and tenanted properties.	Ongoing as per 1.5. Community Forum have been briefed and asked to help promote where possible and started discussions about building a local supply chain of installers
NEW ACTION 1.7	Local Energy Support	Insert under 'Activity' - 1. Council to actively support the Local Energy Bill. 2. Investigate business rates reductions for farmers who wish to use land for renewable energy
Sustainability		
2.1	Investigate the Introduction of differential changes to parking permits and in car parks e.g. Higher carbon emission vehicles pay more.	No progress yet

2.2	Ensure new housing developments are much more walking and cycling friendly.	Ongoing
2.3	Better bus provision and strategic park and ride facilities to reduce traffic in towns (R&R Plan action 1.9)	Beginning to work on as part of the wider Placemaking strategy around public transport and Active Travel
2.4	Increase uptake of cycling in West Devon. & Take a lead in encouraging people to maintain the positives from lockdown – less travel, more exercise etc.	Beginning to work on as part of the wider Placemaking strategy around public transport and Active Travel Input into the Governments consultation on the Future of transport - Rural strategy. Working with CoCars to survey the interest for shared e-bike and EVs across the borough
2.6	Promote the use of recycled and Sustainable construction materials through input at planning stage for new developments.	Ongoing
2.7	Monitor and review policies to reduce the carbon footprint of new developments (Policies DEV32, DEV33, DEV34)	Ongoing
2.8	Investigate adaption and resilience methods for new developments.	Discussion on this topic at Joint Local Plan (JLP) Board in April
2.9	Review the potential for District Energy Networks in the Borough and invest in housing energy-saving measures.	Proposed to merge action with action 1.4
2.10	As part of JLP review consider an Article 4 Direction that removes permitted development rights on class Q barn conversions.	No progress yet
2.11	Allocate sites for renewable energy, in particular strategic scale solar and wind for both commercial and community energy development.	Preliminary work underway and brief developed ready for tender
2.12	Lobby for changes to the National Planning Policy Framework or any such replacement to prioritise carbon reduction target over housing targets.	Responses to recent Planning White Paper completed as well as input into the Future Homes Standard Consultation
2.13	Maximise local and closed-loop recycling to minimise transport impacts and valorise waste materials.	NEW Activity - Support and encourage Community Small-Scale Anaerobic Digesters through assistance and guidance to access the BEIS Rural Communities Energy Fund
2.14	Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans to ensure the provision of EV charging points where parking spaces are provided in new developments.	Ongoing
2.15 (to be corrected)	Explore installing electric car charging points in car parks. AMEND to widen scope for on-street residential	Instructed APSE Energy to conduct a feasibility study for further EV charging points, solar above car

, shown as 2.19 in December 2019 version)	projects, ensure DCC bids properly represent town and parish councils	parks and battery storage. - DELETTI project still progressing as planned
2.19 (to be corrected, shown as 2.20 in December 2019 version)	Make use of funding opportunities to provide employment and community assets across the Borough, particularly where the market is unlikely to provide this, to minimise the need to travel for access to services. (DELETE 'access to services', widen scope to include retrofit installers as an employment goal)	no progress NEW Activity Support and promote training opportunities for trademark and retrofit, this has already taken place this year with a recent government scheme where tradesmen could apply for free or subsidised training under the Green Homes Grant skills training competition scheme. Council to continue to identify and promote opportunities and support the building of a local supply chain
2.18 (to be corrected, shown as 2.21 in December 2019 version)	Investigate the creation of a new EP policy to ensure the correct use of litter bins potentially reducing collection need.	update from Waste pending
2.19 (to be corrected, shown as 2.23 in December 2019 version)	The Council will support the principles proposed through the English Waste Strategy regarding the Extended Producer Responsibility. The principles support a circular economy approach which will be funded by producers and will lead to better packaging design, improved recycling and better consumer awareness of what can be recycled.	update from Waste pending
NEW ACTION - 2.20	Support and encourage use of shared EV's, cycles and E-couriers	Discussions have taken place with CoCars who are currently looking to widen the number of locations. Organising a Borough wide survey with CoCars to gauge interest and identify opportunity
NEW ACTION - 2.21	Support and encourage 'reuse and repair cafes' and initiatives such as 'Share Shed'	Insert under 'Activity' - 1. Promote existing facilities through communications activity 2. Produce educational material to spread awareness of the benefits of reuse, repair and share
Biodiversity		
3.1	Securing tree planting through development proposals and Biodiversity Net Gain from new development including pushing the	The requirement for submission of a completed Metric calculation is now a requirement for new planning applications as reinforced by the Joint Local Plan Supplementary Planning

	new Defra Biodiversity Metric 2.0 at pre-app and for new applications.	Document evidencing Biodiversity Net Gain of 10% (or mechanism of securing this offsite). A 'minors' Metric is anticipated soon from Defra which officers will review with a view to use if appropriate.
3.2	Support more approaches by communities for tree planting on our land where there aren't any trees and is consistent with the land use and not likely to lead to conflict with neighbours or conflict with the outcomes from the Devon Nature Recovery Network Mapping project (DNRN) (i.e. right trees in the right place).	Officers are liaising with Town Councils on potential for an application (with Devon County Council as higher-tier Authority) to the Local Authority Treescapes Fund, and also for separate town bids to the Urban Tree Challenge Fund, in an effort to increase tree cover in our towns on our own sites (albeit with limited land ownership in the towns) and other sites.
3.3	Develop and adopt a more biodiversity/environmentally conscious Grounds Maintenance procedure (also linked to R&R action 2.6 and 2.7)	A review of the Grounds Maintenance specification with a view to a more biodiverse conscious approach is anticipated to be undertaken during the summer/early autumn of 2021 with a view to presenting a proposal to Hub Committee in autumn 2021 for Member endorsement. This will follow on from a similar review underway in South Hams and will apply learning from this experience.
3.4	Pushing tree planting agenda within Neighbourhood Plans (allocating spaces for woodland creation and sustainable management). Supporting mapping of local ecological networks/corridors within Neighbourhood Plans.	no progress
3.5	Ring-fencing and promoting a % of Members grant schemes (Sustainable Localities Fund) towards tree planting schemes for community groups, Town and Parish Councils, or money towards a 'Tree Planting grant scheme'	no progress
3.6	Develop and adopt a Natural Environment Design Guide to support Development Management proposals – establishing the importance of street trees in urban/built environment proposals, trees in new hedge lines, and tree/woodland planting as part of on-site public open space provision.	this is now an Interim Devon Carbon Plan proposal (action F2) - Develop a Biodiversity Net-Gain Supplementary Planning Document that can be adopted by local planning authorities
3.7	Natural flood management approaches to increase carbon sequestration, reduce erosion, and	no progress

	deliver improved catchment management.	
3.8	Investigate the potential to apply a % management fee to offsite compensation/Biodiversity Net Gain payments (via s106) to part-fund a new/existing role (there will be an additional pressure) in terms of findings sites to delivery this offsite habitat creation (which the LA could either buy and manage or work in partnership with another, e.g. DWT, RSPB).	At present it is considered that the requirement for offsite compensation/Biodiversity Net Gain payments may be less than anticipated. Nonetheless, where appropriate a management fee will be applied to cover offsite contributions/arrangements where they would incur officer input and this secured by section 106. As a new approach, there continues to be evolution and learning as more Authorities start to adopt such arrangements. It is anticipated that with other LPAs in Devon, a common approach will be agreed to assist developers, applicants and LPAs.
3.9	New development led by West Devon Borough Council to be exemplar (e.g. Building with Nature, bird and bat boxes, good design with GI, etc.)	Ongoing
3.10 (to be corrected, shown as 3.11 in December 2019 version)	Contribute to the creation of a Devon Nature Network and assist with the recovery of Devon's biosphere.	Ongoing
3.11 (to be corrected, shown as 3.12 in December 2019 version)	WDDBC engages with members of the public and farmers to look at alternatives to using herbicides and pesticides (in particular glyphosate).	no progress
Capability and Engagement		
4.1	Raise awareness of Climate Change and Biodiversity issues as part of a communication strategy involving newsletters, web updates and social media activity.	- Ran a Carbon Footprint/Lifestyle Campaign with Carbon Savvy, North Devon Council and Torridge in March - Monthly Newsletters continue to be created and publish, subscriber counts have risen from 149 in October 2020 to 231 as of April 2021
4.2	Volunteer/support collective action via community groups and provide time and resourcing to Town and Parish Councils	West Devon Community Forum Established following an expression of interest exercise undertaken in February and first meeting took place on 26th April
Other Updates		

	Joining forces with Torbay Council to obtain bespoke Carbon Literacy Training for ELT/SLT to begin to embed climate change understanding across the organisation.	Training expected to take place in late May, June and July
	Fleet review taking place	Capacity to do this secured through staffing changes
	Conducting preliminary Service reviews to align CC&B activity into decision making	Reviews taking place as they come forward

Glossary

APSE – Association of Public Service Excellence

CC&B – Climate Change and Biodiversity

DEFRA – Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

DELETTI - Devon Low-carbon Energy & Transport Technology Innovator Programme

LPA – Local Planning Authority