

## Three Rivers District Council Climate Emergency and Sustainability Action Plan 2024 -2027

### Council's Operational Emissions

Theme	Action	Target	Lead department and partners	Budget	Completion date(s):	Progress	Status of Action
Buildings, Emissions and Energy	Monitoring and reporting progress of the climate action plan including the development a visual demonstration of progress on the Climate Action Plans for the District and Council	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Customer Service Centre</b> , Climate Change Team, LASER, Wave and Utility companies	In existing budgets	Visual demonstration April 2024. Monitoring and reporting to be done annually.	Have improved the accuracy of utility readings and developed a sustainable process for data collection. Reprocured water supplier to improve accuracy, cost and responsiveness of supplier. Researching dashboard options.	In Progress - On Track
Buildings, Emissions and Energy	Produce buildings action plan with a timeline and agreed actions as to when the core council buildings will be decarbonised outlining how this could be financed, including Three Rivers House, Watersmeet Theatre, William Penn & South Oxhey Leisure Centres, and the Fairway Inn.	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Customer and Community Property Phil Whiting Consulting Finance, Parking and Projects, Grand Union Community Energy (GUCE)	Fast Followers Funding, Existing budgets, Public Sector Decarbonisation Skills Fund (where possible)	Core Building finance decarbonisation plan completed June '25	Core Building Green Finance work project is on target to complete proposal to Council for Autumn 2024 to propose possible solutions on how to finance net zero options. (Three Rivers House, Basing House, Watersmeet, William Penn, South Oxhey Leisure Centre, Fairway Inn). Outcome of Sport England grant application Jan '24 will influence requirement for the Leisure Centres.  Watersmeet net-zero plan produced.	In Progress - On Track
Buildings, Emissions and Energy	Explore renewable energy projects on car parks owned by the council with consideration of using community energy financing.	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Phil Whiting Consulting Parking and Projects Property Grand Union Community Energy (GUCE) Croxley Green Parish Council	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project and an application being submitted to the Community Energy Fund (CEF)	Agreed plan by June'25	Options for CEF application underway. Consideration of renewable energy is being included in Route to Zero Action above. This action is repeated in Council's emissions action plan	In Progress - On Track
Buildings, Emissions and Energy	Require the integration of net-zero aligned design and construction methods and materials, including renewable energy, within any new council developments and existing assets, and (where possible) within public and private sector developments.	Enable and inspire the district to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045	<b>Property</b> , Development Management	Within each project budget	Ongoing and aligned to upcoming projects	The Property Team will fully consider the inclusion and adoption of net-zero aligned technologies within its future development projects. The development of the British Red Cross building in Croxley Green and the garage site redevelopments for the Local Authority Housing Fund will be included within this commitment. Local Plan regulation 19 consultation in 2024	In Progress - On Track

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Travel and Air Quality	Monitor staff travel trends through the staff survey and encourage change through internal newsletter	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Transport &amp; Parking Projects</b>	In existing budget	2024 Staff Survey	Staff monitoring of travel trends could lead to a future Green Travel Plan.	In Progress - On Track
Travel and Air Quality	Investigate and implement EV charging in selected Council owned car parks	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Regulatory Services, Property</b>	External Government funding via ORCS and/or LEVI funding. Commercial model options. CIL monies identified.	Proposals delayed, to be determined by Qtr1 24/25 with implementation later 24/25	Proposals delayed due to staff resource/vacancy and availability of funding. LEVI funding potentially available via HCC which may influence project delivery and timescales. Will also be affected by other external grant funding. Proposals progressing in discussions with an operator with consultancy support.	Delayed but still progressing
Travel and Air Quality	Embed anti-idling policy for council vehicles	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Environmental Protection, Leisure and Landscapes, Property</b>	In existing budget	Apr-24	This will be relayed in tool box talks and included in the driver hand book	In Progress - On Track
Travel and Air Quality	Explore procuring Ultra-low Emission vehicle (ULEV) and Electric Vehicle (EV) salary sacrifice scheme	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Strategy and Partnerships and HR</b>	In existing budget	Sep-24		Not Started
Travel and Air Quality	Establish a route to zero for the council fleet as part of a 5 year fleet procurement plan	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Environmental Protection, Facilities, Leisure and Landscapes, Strategy and Partnerships</b>	Existing facilities and climate change budgets.	Apr-25	Significant work has started, but a more formal plan needs to be developed. Electric charging points have been installed at the new Depot. Three Electric vans Enforcement and Animal Welfare Licensing Officers in operation. New refuse collection vehicles will be Euro 6 which is the cleanest technology available. Carbon is embedded in vehicles we own, so only to be replaced with low carbon technology when replacements are needed. Currently not feasible to change waste collection vehicles, all smaller fleet vehicles should be replaced with electric vehicles at end of life.	In Progress - On Track
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Increase recycling and reduce waste production by staff and visitors across the 6 council buildings.	Improve circular economy	<b>Facilities, Environmental Protection</b>	In existing budgets	March 2024 for improved signage. Education and awareness ongoing	Initial assessment of waste infrastructure and signage has been undertaken.  Undertake regular staff awareness-raising around office recycling and waste reduction, and what they can do in their personal lives.	In Progress - On Track
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Review the procurement and IT strategies to ensure IT and furniture reuse, repair and recycling are embedded.	Improve circular economy	<b>Facilities, ICT</b>	Existing facilities budget.	Mar-24	Waste connected to forthcoming IT procurement needs to be considered	In Progress - On Track

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Nature and Water	Compliance with Biodiversity Duty as per the Environment Act 2021	Improve biodiversity and/or water quality	<b>Leisure &amp; Landscapes,</b> Herts County Council, Friends of Groups, Grounds Maintenance, Development Management & Planning	Existing budgets, Officer time, grant funding	First consideration made by Jan 2024, report due by January 2026 and then ongoing	First Consideration has been completed	In Progress - On Track
Adaptation and resilience	Implementation of the further actions arising from the risk register for adaptation and resilience against the impacts of climate change	Build a climate resilient council adaptable to climate change.	Strategy and Partnerships	N/A	Ongoing	Actions being incorporated into service plans	In Progress - On Track
Adaptation and resilience	Monitor Progress of resilience in service plans	Build a climate resilient council adaptable to climate change.	Strategy and Partnerships all Service areas	In existing budgets	Ongoing		In Progress - On Track
Other	Implement Procurement Strategy which ensures purchasing decisions align with the Council's Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy.	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	Procurement	N/A	Ongoing	Procurement Strategy was adopted by P&R committee December 2023. Process will be embedded into forthcoming IT procurement as existing staff computers are coming to end of life.	In Progress - On Track
Other	Review staff benefits package connected to sustainability and publicise.	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Human Resources,</b> Strategy and Partnerships	N/A	July 2024	To review cycle to work scheme and explore EV Vehicle salary sacrifice schemes.	Not Started
Other	Embed specialist staff training relating to climate change and sustainability, relevant to employee roles, into Performance Development Reviews.	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Strategy and Partnerships,</b> HR	Within existing budgets	Jun-25	Ensure as part of staff development all staff are undertaking specialist, relevant climate training and track through PDRs	In Progress - On Track
Other	Review and prepare a plan to reduce emissions from power tools and other council owned machinery.	Net-zero emissions for council operations by 2030	<b>Environmental Protection</b>	In existing budget	Ongoing	Always seek to investigate whether or not an alternatively powered tool exists that compares favourably in cost and performance with its diesel/petrol comparator.	In Progress - On Track

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### District Emissions

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Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Encourage installation of Solar PV on residential dwellings through the uptake of the Solar Together bulk-buying scheme.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , HCCSP, Solar Together	£600 for promotion In existing budget	Annual scheme from 2022 - 2025	Cohort 1 - 73 installations taken place. 65 acceptances in cohort 2 to date.	In Progress - On Track
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Engage with regional energy strategic planner on the development and implementation of a LAEP (Local Area Energy Plan).	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Greater South East Net Zero Hub, Energy Systems Catapult, DNO, HCCSP, Regional Energy Strategic Planners (RESPs)	N/A	Dictated by OFGEM timelines. Ongoing.		Not Started
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Reduce emissions from commercial buildings and operations by distributing grants for renewable energy technologies, energy efficiency improvements, and EV vehicles, to businesses in Three Rivers from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Chamber of commerce,	£130,000 capital grants	March 2024	Project in scoping phase	In Progress - On Track
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Install community-funded renewable energy on a building in Three Rivers.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Grand Union Community Energy, Phil Whiting (Consultant), Leisure, Property, Finance.	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project.	One building install by June 2025	Work started in July 2023.	Delayed but still progressing
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Host a developer conference to encourage developers to voluntarily adopt net-zero building standards by proving the commercial viability of this approach.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	Strategy & Partnerships, HCCSP, Development Management, LEP, Herts Growth Board, Hertfordshire Building Control	£4,000	Mar-25	Obtain sponsorship for event - consider OVO sustainability fund	Not Started
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Commission a report to understand the extent to which the Draft Local Plan can require optimal energy efficiency standards for new developments to meet net zero targets.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Planning Policy</b>	Within existing budget	Jul-24	Being scoped at present	In Progress - On Track

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Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Encourage and support the 'able to pay sector' to retrofit their home, through projects such as 'One Stop Shop'.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , The National Energy Foundation (NEF)	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project.	By June 2025: Properties representative of five key "hard to treat" archetypes successfully retrofitted as a result of engagement with the Retrofit One Stop Shop.	Retrofit One Stop Shop, known as "Super homes Three Rivers" launched in December 2023. By mid-December 2023, 63 homes had expressed an interest.	In Progress - On Track
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Investigate innovative sources of funding and financing for domestic retrofit for the "able to pay" sector.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Hertfordshire County Council, Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Greater South East Net Zero Hub, OVO	Funding to investigate options provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project.	By 2026: Innovative sources of funding and/or financing for able-to-pay retrofit secured.	Meeting with OVO and HCC to investigate role of private sector on 12/12/23.	In Progress - On Track
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Engage with local trades and SMEs about the market opportunity for retrofit in Three Rivers, and upskilling to retrofit related roles.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, the National Energy Foundation (NEF), Hertfordshire Building Control, OVO, local Housing Associations	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project and UKSPF, and some activities funded by Herts LEP. Sponsorship considered too	July 2024	NEF compiling potential attendee list for Retrofit Supply Chain Engagement event. Link in with Job centre to get people qualified and info employment -	In Progress - On Track
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Continue to manage and deliver grant-funded domestic retrofit schemes, and take relevant grant-funded retrofit opportunities as they arise.  Regularly promote funding opportunities for retrofit to residents and businesses through Climate Change Team Communication Plan and through the Transitions Street programme	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , SHDF Wave 2 - OVO Energy Solutions & Thrive Homes  ECO4: E.ON and NEF	SHDF Wave 2 - £2.19m grant funding plus co-funding contribution from Housing Association.  ECO Funding - undefined amount.  Fast Followers  Existing TRDC Warmer Homes budget	SHDF Wave 2: March 2025  ECO4: March 2026.	SHDF Wave 2 project which aims to retrofit 121 socially-rented homes owned by Thrive and eligible private infill properties, to begin installations in January 2024  A dedicated Energy Company Obligation Phase 4 scheme in partnership with E.ON, launched in Nov '22, enabling eligible homes in target areas to receive multiple fully funded energy efficiency measures to improve homes by at least 2 EPC bands.  ECO 4 Scheme to be launched in Mill End and Maple Cross by Feb '24.	In Progress - On Track

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Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Report on the enforcement of the Minimum energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) regulations and establish interventions once outcomes are known.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Housing</b> , Facilities / Regulatory Services		Ongoing. Annual report to be published online.	Private landlords in Three Rivers who fail to meet the minimum standards will be signposted to relevant funding for energy efficiency improvements, where available.  Annual Letter to Letting Agents advising them of legislative updates, grant opportunities and retrofit guidance / example case studies. Letter sent to 27 local letting agents on 6/12/23, this will continue annually.	In Progress - On Track
Housing, Buildings, Energy and Emissions	Identify and bid for additional funding to enhance the provision of the National Energy Foundation's Home Energy Support Service (Better Housing Better Health) helpline to include home visits, community engagement, and an enhanced retrofit funding pot.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , The National Energy Foundation (NEF)	Funding to be sought.	July 2024	No potential funding sources are obvious at present	Delayed but still progressing
Travel and Air Quality	Work with community groups to encourage them to take action on tackling vehicle idling in their areas.	Influence residents and stakeholders to live, work and travel more sustainably.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , HCC, HCCSP, Air Quality, Parish Councils, Community Groups	£500 in carbon neutral	Ongoing	HCC have material. Croxley Green have expressed an interest	Not Started
Travel and Air Quality	Continue to monitor air quality and submit an Annual Status Report (ASR) to DEFRA ensuring any recommendations are considered and implemented accordingly	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Environmental Health (Commercial)</b>	In existing budget; external grant funding where applicable.	Annual	March '22 12 new diffusion tubes agreed in in the Air Quality Management Plan and District to ensure sufficient monitoring of air quality. These are in place and actively monitoring.	In Progress - On Track
Travel and Air Quality	Prepare and implement an EV strategy to guide the growth of EV infrastructure in the district	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Transport &amp; Parking Projects</b> , HCC Highways, Phil Whiting consulting	In existing budgets	Nov-24	Latest updates with regard to EV charging can be found at <a href="https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/electric-vehicle-charging">https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/electric-vehicle-charging</a>	Not Started
Travel and Air Quality	Investigate and implement EV charging in selected Council owned car parks	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Transport &amp; Parking Projects</b> , Property	External Government funding via ORCS and/or LEVI funding. Commercial model options.	Proposals delayed, to be determined by Qtr1 24/25 with implementation later 24/25	Proposals delayed due to staff resource/vacancy and availability of funding. LEVI funding potentially available via HCC which may influence project delivery and timescales. Will also be affected by other external grant funding. Proposals progressing in discussions with an operator with consultancy support.	Delayed but still progressing

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Travel and Air Quality	Investigate options for home charging infrastructure projects and pilots which could be funded by the On-Street Residential ChargePoint Scheme or other future funding schemes	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , HCC	External funding opportunities	Nov-24		Not Started
Travel and Air Quality	Review draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) following 2023 consultation with progression to an adopted LCWIP.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Transport &amp; Parking Projects</b> , HCC, WBC, DfT	Preparation and implementation of LCWIP in existing revenue budgets. Delivery of schemes will be reliant on existing budget and external funding.	Nov-24	Following the summer 2023 consultation on the draft LCWIP, a significant number of responses have been received and are currently being analysed. Further details to progress in early 2024.	Delayed but still progressing
Travel and Air Quality	Identification and implementation of cycling infrastructure (routes and equipment)	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Transport &amp; Parking Projects</b>	In existing budget	Apr-24	New cycle stands in Rickmansworth High Street (Q1 April 2024) Cycle maintenance stands installed in main centres - funding secured and implantation Apr '24 Progress new routes which are possible to do in advance LCWIP approval	In Progress - On Track
Travel and Air Quality	Introduction of 2 year pilot bike rental scheme in Croxley Green as an expansion to Watford scheme	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Transport &amp; Parking Projects</b> , Watford Borough Council, Beryl Bikes (SMIDSY Limited)	External funding sourced	Apr-24	P&R (Dec 2023) resolved to progress this 2 year pilot scheme subject to WBC extending their contract. Requires further exploration of the contract.	In Progress - On Track
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Encourage upcycling, use of second hand goods, and reduction in buying new goods in order to reduce consumption.	Reduce total household waste collected at the kerbside by 50% by 2042 against 2019 levels.	<b>Environmental Protection</b> , Communications Team, Watford & Three Rivers Trust, Waste Aware, Comms, community groups	Existing Environmental Protection and WasteAware budgets	Ongoing	Ongoing campaigns, projects, education and events should continue to reduce household waste. New #WorthSaving food waste campaign should continue to reduce waste from households across the District. ~ 2019/20 household waste collected per person: 349.5(kgs)	In Progress - On Track
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Encourage the establishment of at least one *Repair shops/cafes, *Library Of Things, or furniture re-use and skills workshops for local people through the Sustainability Fund and signposting enquiries to existing providers to share knowledge.	Reduce total household waste collected at the kerbside by 50% by 2042 against 2019 levels.	<b>Environmental Protection</b> , Watford & Three Rivers Trust, Waste Aware, Communications Team, community groups	Existing Climate Change budget is funding the community sustainability grant.	Jul-25	Currently have had no interest aside from I Chooser from external partners/residents in starting up a repair café or library of things. iMatter Health and Wellbeing Support CIC has received £2,020 for purchasing and restoration of furniture through Love Art Recycling Workshop. * <a href="https://www.repaircafe.org/en/">https://www.repaircafe.org/en/</a> * <a href="https://www.libraryofthings.co.uk/">https://www.libraryofthings.co.uk/</a> 2019/20 household waste collected per person: 349.5(kgs)	In Progress - On Track

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Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Implement government resources and waste strategy including simpler recycling.	Reach 65% recycling rate for household waste by 2035.	<b>Environmental Protection,</b> Communications Team, Watford & Three Rivers Trust, Waste Aware, community groups	Existing Environmental Protection and WasteAware budgets	Dependent upon Government timeline.	TRDC and Herts Waste Partnership have feedback to ongoing DEFRA consultations.	In Progress - On Track
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Continue to seek opportunities to increase the reuse of furniture and large items collected by the Council in bulky waste collections.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Environmental Protection,</b> Herts Waste Partnership, HCC	Existing Environmental Protection and WasteAware budgets	Ongoing	This is discussed at WasteAware meetings and will continue to be explored.	In Progress - On Track
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Complete trial to increase the uptake of food collections from flats in the District.	Reach 65% recycling rate for household waste by 2035.	Environmental Protection, HomeGroup Housing Associations	Existing Environmental Protection budget	May-24	We are collecting data on the current uptake and barriers to food waste collections in flats.	In Progress - On Track
Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Support businesses in reducing waste and increasing recycling and begin trade collections of food waste.	Influence residents and stakeholders to be live, work and travel more sustainably.	<b>Environmental Protection,</b> HCC	N/A	Apr-25	This action would work towards the Government target within the Resources and Waste Strategy that 65% of municipal waste must be recycled by 2035.	In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Plot spaces managed for nature across Three Rivers to identify the best opportunities to encourage and connect nature	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes,</b> Strategy and Partnerships.	In existing climate change budgets	Jun-25	Project at very early stages, and resource to support is currently under discussion. Engagement event for Landowners and managers to happen in 2024	Not Started
Nature and Water	Raise awareness of Biodiversity Net Gain and opportunity to connect nature with landowners and managers. Aim to encourage sites to be added to the HCC matching site	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes,</b> Strategy and Partnerships, HCC,	In existing budgets	2027	Project at very early stages, and resource to support is currently under discussion. Engagement event for Landowners and managers to happen in 2024. Landowners to be given the knowledge they need and understanding of the council's role for them to consider whether to promote land for BNG	Not Started
Nature and Water	Establish a carbon offsetting / insetting approach for the district and the potential requirement for trees and hedgerows in delivering this	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>HCC and Trees and Landscapes,</b> Strategy and Partnerships	In existing budgets	Ongoing		Not Started
Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Alternative Grassland Management	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure &amp; Landscapes,</b> Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	Within existing budget - Alternative Grassland Management Budget & with external funding	Ongoing - actions reviewed annually		In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Spring Wildflower Planting	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure &amp; Landscapes,</b> Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	In existing Community Biodiversity Budget	Ongoing - actions reviewed annually		In Progress - On Track



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Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Standard Tree Planting	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure &amp; Landscapes</b> , Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	Within existing tree planting budget and with external funding.	Ongoing - actions reviewed annually		In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Woodland Creation	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure &amp; Landscapes</b> , Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	External Funding Required	Ongoing - actions reviewed annually		In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Deliver the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit - Hedgerow Creation and Restoration	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure &amp; Landscapes</b> , Grounds Maintenance, CMS and volunteers	External Funding Required including UKSPF	Ongoing - actions reviewed annually		In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Support the ColneCAN Smarter Water Catchment funding bid which will result in £3m cash injection to improve water quality and river restoration	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Leisure and Landscapes, ColneCAN, Environment Agency, Thames Water, Neighbouring local authorities	N/A	It is understood the application conclusion will be known by April '24	Currently working on water pollution protocol which addresses response mechanism to pollution instances and have it signed off by Environment Agency, Thames Water, and relevant TRDC teams by March 2024.  Ensuring all river restoration projects are recorded on the ColneCAN website  Continuing to take an active role in ColneCAN working groups including water quality, steering group and invasive species group	In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Continue to deliver tree planting within TRDC owned land as per the Council's Tree Strategy in relation to replacement trees, new standard trees and woodland planting.	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes</b> ; Grounds Maintenance	Within existing tree planting budget and with external funding.	Annual, by the end of March	Replacement trees; planting identified in management plans and the Biodiversity Opportunities Audit; Memorial trees. Target 2022/23 - 110; 2023/24 - 200; 2024/25 - 122	In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Delivery of the Nature Recovery Strategy - continue to develop chalk stream recovery projects on TRDC open space	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes</b> ; Grounds Maintenance and Partners	External Funding may be required depending on scale of work	Ongoing as opportunities arise	Initial discussions commenced with partners.	In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Delivery of the Nature Recovery Strategy - investigate decultivating and naturalising of the water courses through South Oxhey Playing Fields	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes</b>	External Funding is required	Ongoing as opportunities arise	Communication with Thames Water required.	Not Started
Nature and Water	Delivery of the Nature Recovery Strategy - Develop detailed plans for conservation grazing at Bishops Wood Country Park	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes</b> ; Countryside Management Service	External Funding is required	Ongoing		Not Started
Nature and Water	Delivery of the Nature Recovery Strategy - Investigate opportunities to use wildflower mixes to benefit pollinating insects within urban settings	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes</b> ; Grounds Maintenance	In existing budgets	Ongoing		In Progress - On Track

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Nature and Water	Commission hydrological study of the Aquadrome to optimise management of water on the site in the Aquadrome as part of the management plan Implement recommendations of hydrological study (5.2.1) related to ditch restoration and management Implement recommendations of hydrological study (5.2.1) related to flood risk management	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes;</b> Countryside Management Service	External Funding is required	Ongoing		In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Establishment of a small community orchard and a community planting garden in the Aquadrome as part of the management plan	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes;</b> Countryside Management Service; Grounds Maintenance; Volunteers	External Funding is required	Not started		Not Started
Nature and Water	Maintain non-intervention approach within wet woodland and informal areas in the Aquadrome as part of the management plan	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes;</b> Countryside Management Service	External Funding is required	Ongoing		In Progress - On Track
Nature and Water	Create a new management plan for Pheasants and Solomons Wood. To include an action plan to support the management and enhancement of the woodlands for public use and biodiversity	Increase biodiversity and improve terrestrial and aquatic landscapes.	<b>Leisure and Landscapes;</b> Countryside Management Service	External Funding is required	Ongoing		In Progress - On Track
Sustainable Living	Support and encourage public education around sustainable diets and food waste reduction to reduce food related emissions and local food production	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships, and Environmental Protection, Healthy Hubs, Schools, Community centres, Services for Young People, South West Herts Partnerships</b>	In existing budgets	Ongoing	DEEP DIG involves teaching new skills to people in need through a community allotment. Work with Healthy Hubs, food banks, community gardens, and other community services to deliver education on sustainable diets and food waste reduction	In Progress - On Track
Sustainable Living	Pilot a Transition Streets project in the District to explore the impact and effectiveness of community-led approaches to sustainable behavioural change.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships,</b> Grand Union Community Energy (GUCE)	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project.	June 2025	Transition Streets launched September 2023.	In Progress - On Track
Sustainable Living	Update the Council's "Guide to Greening Your Home" document annually.	Influence residents and stakeholders to live, work and travel more sustainably.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b>	N/A	Ongoing. Next update due July 2024.	<a href="https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/environment-climate-emergency/home-energy-efficiency-sustainable-living#Support%20to%20help%20you%20become%20greener">https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/environment-climate-emergency/home-energy-efficiency-sustainable-living#Support%20to%20help%20you%20become%20greener</a>	In Progress - On Track

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Sustainable Living	Create and implement a communication plan on all topics relevant to the Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy to schedule the promotion of information, key engagement events, funding availability, volunteering opportunities and to share help on eco-anxiety .	Influence residents and stakeholders to live, work and travel more sustainably.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Communication team, Three Rivers Museum, Watersmeet Theatre, Healthy Hubs, Faith Groups	£10,000 to deliver from existing budgets	Ongoing.	Communications Plan for energy efficiency schemes and initiatives under development.	In Progress - On Track
Sustainable Living	Host a sustainability and green economy focused careers fair in Three Rivers to inspire and inform local students about skills and careers in the "green" sectors, with a focus on retrofit.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Employers, Schools and Colleges, Employment Support Organisations, OVO	Funding provided by Innovate UK Fast Followers project with potential additional sponsorship	March 2024	Planned for 27th March 2024.	In Progress - On Track
Sustainable Living	Continue to Lobby central Government and relevant agencies to maximise policy, regulatory, and financial support to advance decarbonisation, sustainable development, and biodiversity protection and enhancement.	Influence residents and stakeholders to be live, work and travel more sustainably.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships, Planning, Housing, Leader of the Council</b> , UK100, Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership, Fast Followers cohort.	N/A	March '25	Consider Report on electricity pricing prepared for CMT submission Consider report to ask Government to support the outcomes of the Safeguarding the UK's Water by cross party Thinktank - Demos	Not Started
Sustainable Living	Encourage uptake of the Council's sustainability grants by community groups in the District, with emphasis on community gardens and other community led initiatives.	Influence residents and stakeholders to live, work and travel more sustainably.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , Watford and Three Rivers Trust (W3RT)	£11,000 in carbon neutral budget.annually	March 2025	Promotion plan prepared and delivery due to commence January 2024	In Progress - On Track
Sustainable Living	Research, seek agreement, develop and deliver a grant-funded programme to support local businesses to decarbonise their buildings and operations.	Reduce emissions in the district by 14% annually 2023 - 2027	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , HCCSP, LEP,	£130,000 capital funding from UKSPF	March 2025	Project to help at least 15 businesses using capital funding grant to launch by 2024.	In Progress - On Track
Adaptation and resilience	Work with the driveway installer trade and planning to take every opportunity to encourage residents to either install or modify driveways to reduce potential impacts of flooding.	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b> , HCCSP	In climate change budgets	September '24	Ongoing comms will be required once formal engagement complete	Not Started

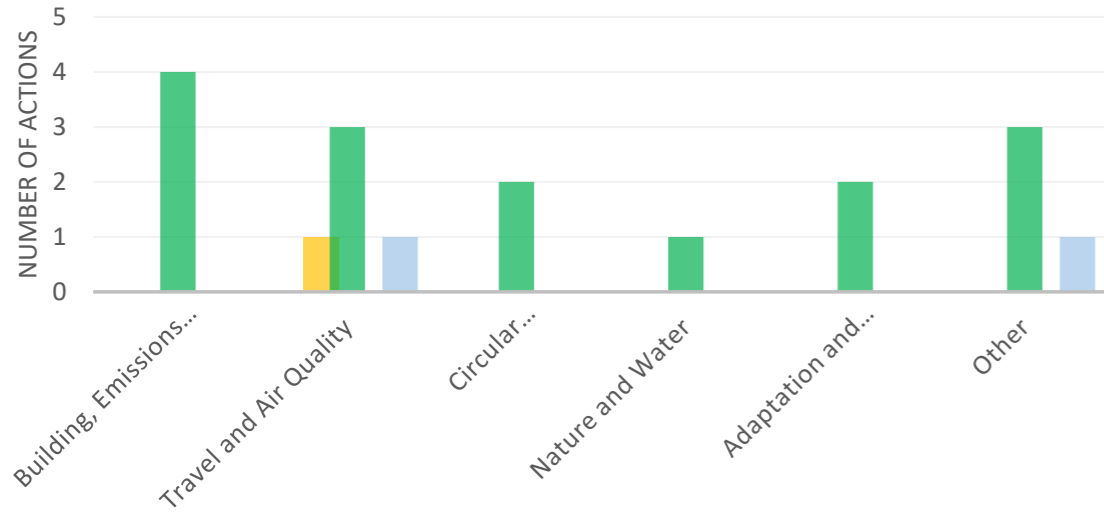
Theme	Action	Target	Lead department and partners	Budget	Completion date(s):	Progress	Status of Action
Adaptation and resilience	Encourage residents to prepare their homes and adapt behaviours to lessen the impact of severe weather	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b>	In climate change budgets	July '24	Guide to greening Your Home, and information on emergency planning and dealing with impacts of climate change are available and kept up to date on the website. <a href="https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/environment-climate-emergency/home-energy-efficiency-sustainable-living#Support%20to%20help%20you%20become%20greener">https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/environment-climate-emergency/home-energy-efficiency-sustainable-living#Support%20to%20help%20you%20become%20greener</a>  <a href="https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/environment-climate-emergency/adapting-to-climate-change">https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/environment-climate-emergency/adapting-to-climate-change</a>	In Progress - On Track
Adaptation and resilience	Assist the Local Lead Flood authority (LLFA) as required in the installation of the pilot retrofit SUDS project in Eastbury / South Oxhey	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	<b>LLFA, Environment Agency</b>	LLFA to fund	Mar-26	LLFA need to source further funding to continue feasibility. Until this is found project is stalled.	Delayed and vulnerable to not happening
Adaptation and resilience	Prepare a comms plan to encourage residents to be ready for severe weather incidents. To be issued when forecasts are severe	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships</b>	N/A	Ongoing. To be reviewed annually.	Wild Fire Prevention already prepared. This will focus on cold and flood. Once completed this will need annual review	In Progress - On Track
Adaptation and resilience	Prepare a behaviour change advice leaflet to encourage water saving, home management for extreme weather including heat and cold, flooding, correct disposal of litter and use of sewerage system.	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships, HCCSP</b>	In climate change budgets	December '24	Once completed the advice will be used in the comms plans	Not Started
Adaptation and resilience	Work to raise awareness of misconnections and encourage remediations where they are found to reduce flooding incidents.	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships, Hertfordshire Building Control, Thames Water, Environment Agency</b>	In climate change budgets	Ongoing	A protocol between building control and Thames Water for reporting and acting upon misconnections will need to be developed. Awareness of the issue to be raised	Not Started
Adaptation and resilience	Address sustainability issues impacting on the wider determinants of health, and reduce disparity in impacts of climate change on different parts of the community.	Build a climate resilient community adaptable to climate change.	<b>Strategy and Partnerships Small Acts of Kindness</b>	Public Health Funding and existing budgets.	Ongoing	Funding being sought for community garden in Lincoln Drive temporary accommodation  Warm in Winter bags distributed during winter months to support older residents in accessing local services and keeping warm.	In Progress - On Track

# Three Rivers District Council Climate Emergency and Sustainability Action Plan 2024 -2027 - Tracker

Council Emissions Action Progress	Council Emissions						
	Building, Emissions and Energy	Travel and Air Quality	Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Nature and Water	Adaptation and resilience	Other	Total
Delayed and vulnerable to not happening	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delayed but still progressing	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
In Progress - On Track	4	3	2	1	2	3	15
Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Started	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>							<b>18</b>

District Emissions Action Progress	District Emissions						
	Building, Emissions and Energy	Travel and Air Quality	Circular Economy/Waste and Resources	Nature and Water	Sustainable Living	Adaptation and resilience	Total
Delayed and vulnerable to not happening	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Delayed but still progressing	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
In Progress - On Track	8	3	6	12	7	3	39
Completed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Started	2	3	0	6	1	3	15
<b>Total</b>							<b>59</b>

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