

Climate Change Briefing

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Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership

A draft Behaviour Change Strategic Action Plan has now been produced and approved in draft form. The subgroup has now prioritised the following three key themes:

- Raising awareness of the value and need for protection of biodiversity and promoting behaviour change to residents and businesses
- To increase deployment of renewable energy in Hertfordshire
- Raising awareness of the value of water and promoting behaviour change to residents and businesses

Net Zero Week

Net Zero Week took place across 2-8 July 2022. Throughout the week, Council communications highlighted the Council's net zero targets within our climate change strategy, promoting our work that contributes toward achieving those targets, and promoting the actions of community groups that are contributing to reducing carbon emissions in the district. An updated version of the climate change strategy infographic (below) sets out the Council's recent actions to address climate change.

Cabinet Panel on the Environment

The Cabinet Panel met on 20th July to discuss Biodiversity. The Panel received presentations from officers on the HCCSP Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan and what the council has been doing to improve biodiversity in North Herts. It also received presentations from the community on the Green and Growing Network, biodiversity and development. The panel was well-attended and the council was given various ideas by participants as to how we can further improve local biodiversity.

Solar Bulk Purchase Scheme

A number of district authorities have partnered with iChoosr to provide an opportunity to be part of a solar bulk purchase scheme. This will enable residents to install solar panels at their homes at a reduced rate. This scheme will launch at the end of August 2022.

Letchworth Green Festival

Letchworth Green Festival will take place on 10 September, between 10am – 4pm at The Wynd and The Arcade in Letchworth. The Council will have a presence at the festival to engage with residents on what environmental actions are being taken by the Council and what actions individuals can take.



In 2019, North Herts Council declared a **climate emergency**. Here's our response:

