



**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

**A summary of progress for the period
October to December 2023 (Q3)**





A great place to live well

A Community with Lifelong Good Health



- Completed Skate Park at Killamarsh Active.



- A total of **4880 attendances** to community-based activity.
- **14 housing disrepair cases** involving private landlords were resolved. 18 cases were dealt with giving energy efficiency advice.
- The new Environmental Health Outreach team dealt with **69 service requests.**



A place where people enjoy spending time



- £250k grant funding secured for leisure centre upgrades and two further bids submitted for decarbonation work
- Developed the Food and Drink Trail with business partners.



A place to live that people value



- **48 social houses being built** in Whiteleas.
- Worked commissioned on Improvements to the 'public realm' at Clay Cross and Dronfield.



- The Enforcement team responded to **112 service requests** from partners and residents to act on environmental issues including abandoned vehicles, fly tipping / litter accumulations, and dog related issues (strays, lost, fouling).



A great place to work



A community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents



- Working with Chesterfield Borough Council to increase 'Green Skills'



- Active partner, working with stakeholders to shape East Midlands Combined County Authority.
- Shop Front Enhancement Scheme funded 13 sites to date, with 5 under appraisal and 23 in the pipeline.

A community with growing, commutable employment opportunities



- Procured construction partner for **16 new build commercial units** as part of the Clay Cross town centre.





A great place to access good public services



Assist and influence other public partners to improve their services in the district



- Voluntary and community grants issued to advice agencies.
- Supported residents with **£53k grant funding** following Storm babet.
- Armed Forces Community (AFC) Service Providers Consultation event held to consult on AFC needs in the District.



- Of the **3,269 responses** to the survey, 2,732 respondents (83.6%) stated they were satisfied with their local area as a place to live.



Continually improve Council services to deliver excellence and value for money



- Revs and Bens exceeding targets in processing new claims for housing benefit and council tax benefit processed in 17 days (target 20 days) and changes in 9 days (target 10 days).
- The S151 Officer has confirmed in the MTFP that estimates are robust and reserve levels adequate at this time.
- Positive staff feedback. 75% of employees feel like they belong at North East Derbyshire District Council and 94% of employees understand how their work contributes to the success of North East Derbyshire District Council.
- 26 staff across the organisation are undertaking L3 and L5 ILM apprenticeship courses including a degree apprenticeship.





A great place that cares for the environment



Reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district



- Employed a sustainability officer to deliver the climate change strategy.
- Held several events to promote energy efficiency and carbon reduction.
- Air quality monitoring carried out, indicating a reduction in NO₂.
- Conditions being applied to planning conditions to mitigate against climate change.
- Feasibility study procured on the more sustainable new depot.
- Accumulatively a total of **146 external wall insulation installed.**
- Feasibility study being carried out into EV charging points and PV panels at Mill Lane.



Increasing biodiversity across the district



- Community led initiatives encouraged including engaging with Derbyshire County Council regarding the development of the Heartwood Community Forest.
- Working with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to deliver against biodiversity duty.
- **£50k agreed to be invested** to improve biodiversity for the Clay Cross Active development.

Comprehensive update against tactics

A great place to live well

Appendix

The following progress has been made on
a community with lifelong good health



Tactics

- Maximise opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities to participate in physical and social activity.
- Directly or in partnership, reducing health inequality supporting Public Health, DCC and other partners to deliver targeted programmes in the district.
- Assist residents in ensuring their homes are suitable and meet their health needs.



Maximise opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities to participate in physical and social activity

- Secured S106 contributions of £38,124.50 to be spent on Recreation ground/cricket ground, Birkinstyle lane, Stonebroom. Plus, a £13,393.82 10-year maintenance fee (22/00886/OL) (Planning).
- Leisure participation was 48,234 visits through this period which is 8,338 above the target.

Directly or in partnership, reducing health inequality supporting Public Health, DCC and other partners to deliver targeted programmes in the district

- Secured S106 contributions towards Chesterfield Royal hospital of £66,000 as part of application at Stonebroom (22/00886/OL) (Planning).
- In December a Stay Well, Check In on relatives, keeping health partner campaign was launched (Communications).
- Funded Parkinson's project finished December 2023, sessions continue at Eckington and Killamarsh centres. A total of 4880 attendances to community-based activity e.g., health intervention this quarter against a target of 4,800 (Leisure).

Assist residents in ensuring their homes are suitable and meet their health needs

- Secured conditions requiring accessible and adaptable homes in line with Policy LC4, including applications at Stonebroom (22/00886/OL). Approved application 23/00834 to amend the layout of Ellen House, Holmewood scheme to provide support space for residents (Planning).
- 30 External Wall Insulation (EWI) measures have been completed on the Council's housing stock in December. The total for Q3 (Year to date) is now 146. Service Delivery performance information for the management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock for Q3 was reported to the Board of Rykneld Homes in December. No variances or exceptions to report in Q3 and service delivery is being maintained. Performance data is being produced in line with the Regulator for Social Housing's Tenant Satisfaction Measures. (Housing).
- During this quarter works have been completed at 5 premises to facilitate adaptations to meet health needs to the value of £34,050. Six Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) applications were approved to the value of £86,863 and 19 new applications were received.



- 14 housing disrepair cases involving private landlords were resolved. 18 cases were dealt with giving energy efficiency advice. The new Outreach team dealt with 69 service requests.
- 2 private landlords were served notice to bring housing up to standard, 1 landlord was served notice to clear debris relating to an empty property; 2 premises owners were served notice to provide information regarding investigation of suspected unlicensed Homes in Multiple Occupation (HMO).
- 108 pest control treatment courses were completed, and 143 new Pest Control requests were received (Environmental health).
- Property & Estates assist Rykneld in the delivery of several disabled adaptations across the Council Housing estate. One scheme in Dronfield ongoing for 2023/24.
- Included conditions on CCTD (planning permission ref. 23/00601/FL) decision to ensure acceptable living conditions for adjacent residents. (Planning).
- The Commercial Team received 22 infectious disease notifications including 1 for legionella which is currently still under investigation due to the patient still being in hospital and a total of 104 food hygiene inspections/ audits were carried out with 7 revisits. 9 complaints were received regarding food hygiene; 10 H&S at work visits at business premises took place and 2 H&S related complaints were investigated resulting in actions (Environmental Health).
- 88 business enquiries were received of which 76% were responded to within 3 working days and 39 domestic pollution service requests were dealt with (Environmental Health).
- The Licensing Team issued 213 new licences (4 animal welfare, 10 House to House collections, 2 gambling, 4 small lotteries, 25 premises, 8 personal, 31 temporary events, 106 vehicle, 22 drivers, 1 operator) and issued 8 notices for either driver or vehicle suspensions (no taxi licences were revoked) on the grounds of public safety. (Environmental Health).

The following progress has been made on *a place to live that people value*

Tactics

- Develop and continually improve the quality and range of housing providing a nice home and area for all residents to meet all needs.
- Directly and with partners, improve where people live to ensure they are safe, clean, functional, and attractive.
- Well maintained public realm that connects our communities.



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- As part of approved application ref. 23/00708/FL at North Wingfield we approved a variation to increase the numbers of affordable rent to adapt scheme to demand/need of local residents. (Planning).
- We have committed to 2 properties as part of the safe and legal route consultation for a max of 8 people for Asylum Dispersal. At the end of December eleven families were in B&B accommodation including three because of winter provision. This is down by four from November. 23 households were in temporary accommodation in December, down from 35 in November. New measures have been introduced including senior sign off for placements and 2 weekly reviews of occupants in temporary accommodation. Service delivery performance information for the management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock for Q3 was reported to the Board of Rykneld Homes in December. No variances or exceptions to report in Q3 and service delivery is being maintained. Performance data is being produced in line with the Regulator for Social Housing's Tenant Satisfaction Measures. (Housing).

Directly and with partners, improve where people live to ensure they are safe, clean, functional, and attractive

- Worked with police and Environmental Health to approve new and upgraded public realm with a scheme of CCTV as part of CCTD application (planning permission ref. 23/00601/FL). (Planning)
- Community Safety events planned with the Police, Schools and Extreme Wheels. Currently working indoors at Clay Cross, Killamarsh, and Holmesfield. New community safety officer commenced in role and this increased capacity has allowed the team to have a more visible presence in key district areas. Target Hardening currently in place for over 20 households.
- Working in Dronfield and Unstone to increase awareness of ASB and Serious Acquisitive Crime. 5 "cuppa with a copper visits" carried out in December x2 Killamarsh x1 Dronfield x1 Eckington. 50 community door knocks carried out at Pilsley and Clay Cross and 70 households door knocked during burglary week too.
- Gully and sweeping schedules have been adjusted following requests from DCC for areas of known flooding. Full review will commence in April 2024 (Streetscene).



- The Enforcement team responded to 112 service requests from partners and residents to act on environmental issues including abandoned vehicles, fly tipping / litter accumulations, and dog related issues (strays, lost, fouling), and proactively carried out 4 patrols in town centres to tackle littering and dog fouling. 18 targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols were undertaken, and CCTV was placed in a fly tipping hotspot for evidence gathering.
- 9 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) were issued for littering (3), fly abandoned vehicles (3), Failure to produce (2) and Breach of Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) (1). (Environmental Health).
- Campaign was run in December to promote making resident's houses safe from burglars over the festive season. This was run as a website and social media campaign (Communications).

Well maintained public realm that connects our communities

- Approved new and upgraded public realm as part of CCTD application. Discussions with Economic Development regarding improvements to Dronfield Civic Centre Public Realm (Planning).
- Working with Sport England to explore opportunities through the Active Parks/ Environment for Clay Cross Active. A list of items with costs has been sent for potential project to improve connectivity to Clay Cross Town Centre (Leisure).

The following progress has been made on *a place where people enjoy spending time*

Tactics

- Improve and promote places and attractions to spend leisure time.
- Develop and promote the local 'offer' to ensure high quality and a diverse range of activities and places to spend time.



Improve and promote places and attractions to spend leisure time

- Promotion at Killamarsh Active of 7-4-1 soft play offer, trampolining promoted at Killamarsh Active too. Both were run as social media and website campaigns (Comms).
- Promotion of excellent customer satisfaction results. Leisure rebranding is progressing well and the creation of a new Leisure website (Leisure).

Develop and promote the local 'offer' to ensure high quality and a diverse range of activities and places to spend time

- Food and Drink trail being finalised in order to launch at the beginning of the 2024 tourist season.

The following progress has been made on
A community with growing, commutable employment opportunities

Tactics

- Support existing businesses (including the Council) to maintain and grow workforce.
- Support new business to start creating employment.
- Attract new businesses to the area which brings new jobs.



Support existing businesses (including the Council) to maintain and grow workforce

- Shop Front Enhancement Scheme funded 13 sites to date, with 5 under appraisal and 23 in the pipeline (Regeneration and Programmes).
- Approved app 23/00333/FL (old Colliery Yard, Morton) for new building at existing business to increase storage space (Planning).
- Prompt payment of invoices aids the supply chain especially for smaller local businesses so it important that we pay suppliers on time. In December 99% of invoices were paid promptly (Target 98%) (Finance).

Support new business to start creating employment

- UKSPF supporting Vision Derbyshire Business Start-Up project (Regeneration and Programmes).
- Approved CCTD (23/00601/FL) redevelopment which will potentially create 16 new build commercial units and bring back into use two historic buildings in the town centre (Planning).
- Instagram campaign held in December supporting local businesses which was run as a Christmas calendar, highlighting a new business for each of the 24 days (Communications & Finance).

- Environmental Health officers provided advice to businesses and potential new business owners on a range of issues including creation of Houses in Multiple Occupation, new developments requiring permitting under Environmental Pollution regulations, setting up of new food premises etc. During the next quarter the service will be exploring ways to better capture this to demonstrate our impact.

Attract new businesses to the area which brings new jobs

- Participated in the consultation and development of the forthcoming Derbyshire (D2) Inward Investment Strategy (Regeneration and Programmes).
- Disposal of land specifically brought forward for Employment Uses could be prioritised through the Asset Management process. The sites should be attractive to developers so they will be built out and new businesses are then attracted to the area. Land at Rotherwood Rd Killamarsh under review to be brought forward - 3.3acre site zoned General Employment Area in Local Plan (Property and Estates).

The following progress has been made on
a community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents



Tactics

- Work with partners to match and develop local skills with local business employment need.

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- Developing a joint procurement exercise for the Green Skills project with Chesterfield Borough Council (£100k UKSPF) - (Regeneration and Programmes).
- Ensure major developments encourage local training and employment opportunities in line with condition requested by Economic Development Team e.g., condition 2 of planning permission 23/00708/FL (Whiteleas Avenue) - (Planning).
- Clay Cross Active Social Value initiative: Local labour 52%, 1 local employee who was previously unemployed, Local apprentice started 4th September, 2x t-level students to start on January 2024 (Leisure).

The following progress has been made on continually improve Council services to deliver excellence and value for money

Tactics

- **Fiscally responsible and efficient.**
- **Listen to customers (Residents and Businesses) to improve services.**
- **Ensure good governance and transparency in all we do.**
- **Modernise and innovate services to continually improve.**
- **Maintain a motivated and skilled workforce.**



Fiscally responsible and efficient

- Processed new Housing Benefit (HB) & Council Tax Reduction (CTR) claims in 16.8 days (target 20). Processed change of circumstances for HB & CTR in 4.2 days, against a target of 6. Council Tax collection rate is 83.5% (on track - 97% by 31.3.24). Business rates 82.8% (on track 97% by 31.3.24). (Revs and Bens).
- Implemented improved workflow procedures to enable more accurate tracking of payments for Environmental Permitting, and to take enforcement action where necessary for non-payment. (Environmental Health).
- Capital receipts received in December totalled £166k. To date this year, we have generated £1.775m. The Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) is now drafted and going forward for approval. The budget position through to the end of 2025/26 is manageable. Future years become more challenging due to the uncertainty around national funding. Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2023 requires the Council's S151 Officer to comment on the robustness of estimates and adequacy of reserves on an annual basis. The S151 Officer has confirmed in the MTFP that estimates are robust and reserve levels adequate at this time. (Finance).
- In ICT, the production server hosts have been replaced. The next estimated replacement will be in 5 years' time, although move to Cloud hosting may be viable by then and costs will be re-evaluated. (ICT).
- Working on tender process through Orbit 4 for gym equipment replacement. We have secured an additional £250k from Sport England towards Clay Cross Active to de-risk the project (financially). Secured £130k from the swimming pool support fund via Sport England to off-set Gas/ electric costs. Submitted a second bid for capital funding of £105k for efficiency improvements at Dronfield Sports Centre and awaiting decision. A further bid submitted to Town Deal for £110k for 240 additional solar panels. Developing a 5-year capital investment programme (Leisure).
- Bid submitted for Protec funding that will use Virtual Reality to showcase Dronfield public realm works in conjunction with private sector works in the town as a way of showcasing what the finished works will look like. Awaiting outcome (Programmes).
- Ongoing Disposals/Capital Receipts Programme; £552,410 - completed to date this year, £101,500 with legal pending completion, £279,000 approval obtained, £8m actively being reviewed and brought through Asset Management Board process. Major disposals now being brought forward are Pioneer House Wingerworth and Manor Farm Dronfield - both for 100% affordable housing schemes. Eckington Depot Relocation - ongoing

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with target date to be operational in new premises by end of 2025. (Property and Estates).

Listen to customers (Residents and Businesses) to improve services

- Customer satisfaction survey analysis showed just under 60% of clients were satisfied with the Environmental Health service overall. The area with highest satisfaction was the way officers explained initially what could or could not be done, however customers were least satisfied with how well they were kept informed of progress. Areas for improvement will be explored during Q4 and inform the service improvement plan. (Environmental Health).
- Customer Services team visiting communities to promote Self Service. Elections and Revenues also participating in these drop-in sessions. (Customer services).
- Customer Satisfaction Survey completed with over 361 responses. The service achieved a score of 88.69% which is 5% higher than 2022 and far higher than the public sector benchmark of 76.6% (Leisure).
- AD for Planning is attending introductory meetings with Parish Council chairs and clerks (approximately 10 to date) and collating feedback on the performance of the Planning Service. (Planning).
- 3,269 residents completed the Residents' Survey, analysis commenced. (Performance).

Ensure good governance and transparency in all we do

- Three complaint Internal reviews received, all dealt with in standard. 48 formal complaints received this quarter, 85% dealt with in standard. 1 upheld Ombudsman complaint. (Customer services).
- Ombudsman reports reviewed by the Monitoring Officer have been referred to the Standards Committee for oversight. The Annual Constitution review got underway in this period, expected completion for May Council meeting. Scrutiny work plan currently being worked up following work done in the first half of the year and

successful recruitment of a Scrutiny Officer. Electoral Services have completed a Polling Place review in this period and are undergoing preparations for several elections in 2024. Work has also commenced on cyber preparedness as this will be a high-profile target during 2024. (Governance).

- ICT are currently testing Exchange Online, and the rollout of mobile device management is continuing. Training exercise with ICT staff has fed into this year's work plan / forward schedule of change to make resilience improvements, including moving to cloud Exchange online and M365 security products.
- Cyber event preparedness is a strategic risk for the Council. Work is ongoing in this area; current focus is on high-risk areas including elections. Gloucester cyber event lessons learned report has been taken to SMT. (Finance).
- ICT are currently testing Exchange Online which provides more resilience along with Microsoft Defender End point security and Web filtering also being tested.
- Internal Audits completed: VAT and Treasury Management. Both received substantial assurance (Finance). IT for Members - Reasonable Assurance (ICT).
- Equalities and data protection training for Streetscene operatives commenced on 05/12/23, to continue until February 2024 (9 sessions). A series of communications were put together to mark International Day of People with Disabilities (03/12/23). (Performance).

Modernise and innovate services to continually improve

- Hybrid Mail now live in several departments and proving highly effective and delivering significant savings. Roll out across the Council continues (Customer services).
- A review of all website information and e-forms for Food Safety has been undertaken and improvements will be progressed in Q4 to improve the customer journey when



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looking for information and reporting issues etc. (Comms & Environmental Health)

- Further development of the integration between online webforms to the Licensing back-office system has taken place enabling Taxi Renewal applications to be completed online. Compared to this period last year we have seen an increase in the number of electronic Taxi Licensing applications. This integration has increased efficiency, avoiding double entry of application information (Environmental Health).
- Cabinet considering the use of Planning Performance Agreements to recover the cost of processing applications (Planning).

Maintain a motivated and skilled workforce

- Ongoing training for Streetscene staff and good discussions taking place. Improvements suggested by workforce. (Streetscene).
- Ongoing CPD training is taking place within the Environmental Health Service. We are supporting seven colleagues to completed training and gain the necessary experience to become qualified EHOs. In this quarter 1 of the 7 became the first officer in many years to successfully complete the qualification. (Environmental Health).

- The Biennial staff event took place in December which was incredibly well attended and successful. Work continues on the People Strategy and Talent Pipeline and new connections have been established with local universities. The annual appraisal process concludes at the end of December (Human resources).
- 26 staff across the organisation are undertaking L3 and L5 ILM apprenticeship courses including a degree apprenticeship (Leisure, Environmental Health, Planning and Programmes).
- One Estates officer now on day release on MSc. Property Valuation & Management. One engineer now on HNC in Land Engineering (Property and Estates).

The following progress has been made on *assist and influence other public partners to improve their services in the district*

Tactics

- Actively participate, nurture relationships, and maximise benefits for NEDDC residents in partnerships such as Health, Economy, Resilience, etc.
- Collate and analyse district wide data to inform improvements.
- Directly assist residents and businesses to access all available public services and support.



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- Voluntary and community grants recommendations approved by panel; provisional offer letters sent to meet Derbyshire Compact. NEDDC Housing Strategy have agreed to contribute £13k towards the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre grant (£22,377). (Programmes).
- Sale of former Bridge St Depot Site completed on 10.01.24 to Derbyshire Police for new SNT Headquarters. New NHS Health Clinic being considered on remaining Council owned land at Bridge St Clay Cross. (Property & Estates).

Collate and analyse district wide data to inform improvements

- Derbyshire Observatory area profiles dated from 2014 being used to inform of trends in a range of local indicators. Residents Survey (3269 respondents) being analysed. (Performance Team).

Directly assist residents and businesses to access all available public services and support

- Armed Forces Community (AFC) Service Providers Consultation event held on 05/12/23 to consult on AFC needs in the District. This was supported by a social media campaign.

- Administering £500 Community Recovery Grants to residents affected by Storm Babet. As at 21/12/23 98 grants awarded, totalling £53,000. 138 applications received to date, 31 not eligible. 4 business applications processed each receiving £2,500. This has been supported by a communications strategy (Economic development & Communications).
- Contact Centre calls answered at first point of contact 81% (target 90%). 772 in person visits which is a significant increase on previous quarter, due to RHL moving into Mill Lane (Customer services).
- Legal continue to support other teams in addressing ASB throughout the district. A closure order was made in December in Pilsley and 2 tree Preservation Orders were also made (Legal).
- Revised promotional material and website information available to the public regarding damp and mould, changed the procedure for receipt of complaints where damp and mould is identified and devised a landlord checklist and guidance to address. (Environmental Health).
- Refuse collection dates and times including Christmas collections all promoted by social media in December, email sign up campaign carried out as part of the campaign. Web pages have been developed. Calendar dates now provided in the NEWS have seen missed bins drop over Christmas catch up period from 387 in 2023 to 262 in 2024 (Streetscene).

The following progress has been made on *increasing biodiversity across the district*

Tactics

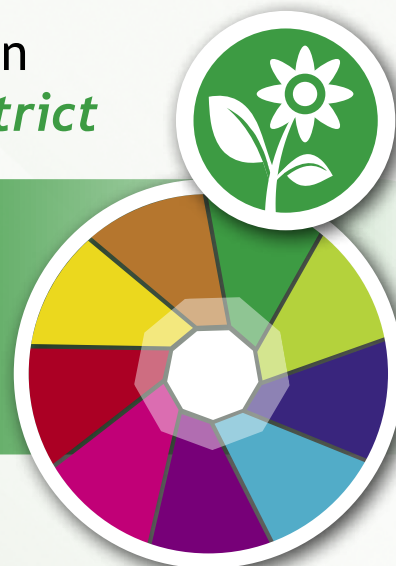
- Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to utilise their assets to improve biodiversity.
- Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity.

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to utilise their assets to improve biodiversity

- Engaging with DCC regarding the development of the Heartwood Community Forest following its approval in November. Potential for Community Action Grant support for community-led initiatives and using redundant NEDDC sites (Regeneration & Programmes).
- Working with planning colleagues on identifying patches to be used of Biodiversity net gain. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) have submitted draft proposal for nature recovery plan for NEDDC (Streetscene).
- Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have produced a draft Nature Recovery Plan and NEDDC's first Biodiversity Report has been drafted (Cabinet to consider before publication in Jan 2024) - (Planning).

Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity

- Sustainability Officer engaging with Planning for Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) work to ensure synergy on approach to deliver new legislation (Regeneration & Programmes).
- Planning permission ref. 23/00601/FL (Clay Cross Town Deal) to preserve and enhance bat mitigation on existing historic buildings (Planning).
- A sum of up to £50k will be invested to improve biodiversity for the Clay Cross Active development. This will include planting of trees, edgeways, etc and will be complete by December 2024 (Leisure).



The following progress has been made on ***reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district***

Tactics

- Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions.
- Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions.
- Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce pollution.
- Develop policies and plans which require and encourage alternatives to car usage.



Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions

- Sustainability Officer commenced in post on 27th November 2023 to co-ordinate the delivery of the Climate Change Strategy (Regeneration & Programmes)
- Clay Cross Low Carbon Challenge Fund business engagement event held 16th November 2023. 10 Expressions of Interest and 4 full approvals for the commercial scheme received by end of quarter (Regeneration & Programmes).
- 18 cases of delivering efficiency advice to households for vulnerable people and providing signposting where eligible for assistance (Environmental Health).
- The 2023 Annual Status Report, which documents the air quality monitoring data from the calendar year of 2022 has been compiled, submitted, and approved. During 2022 there were no reported exceedances of any Air Quality Objectives, including the annual mean NO₂ objective. This continues the trend of no exceedances over the last 6 years and therefore there remains no requirement to declare a Local Air Quality Management Area. The maximum reported NO₂ concentration in 2022 was 36.6µg/m³ recorded at a new monitoring location (the annual mean objective for NO₂ is 40µg/m³).

A decrease in annual mean concentrations from 2021 to 2022 was observed at 14 out of the 16 monitoring sites. The continued decrease in annual mean concentrations could be due to the establishment of a 'new normal' in traffic volumes, with organisations maintaining 'Working from Home' (WFH) patterns, thus reducing the number of vehicles comparative to pre-pandemic periods. Reductions can also be attributed to 'natural' compliance as the development of vehicles is seeing an increase in cleaner vehicles on the roads. (Environmental Health).

- A media campaign was run throughout October, highlighting the safe and clean use of wood burners (Environmental Health).
- Nox tubes were exchanged monthly at all sites and an order placed with the supplier for tubes for 2024, so the monitoring of Nitrogen Dioxide can continue throughout the year (Environmental Health).
- Working with Authorities such as Wakefield Leisure Services to provide support on facility development and sharing best practice through APSE performance networking sessions (Leisure).
- Attaching a condition on major planning permissions for major developments mitigating climate change condition e.g., 23/00708/FL (Whiteleas Avenue) - (Planning).



Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions

- Sustainability Officer undertaking a light touch review of the Climate Change Strategy to ensure alignment with the new Council Plan (Regeneration & Programmes).
- Technical and financial audits underway for Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Round 3 (PSDS3) (Dronfield Leisure Centre), documentation submitted (Regeneration & Programmes).
- AD has submitted an Expression of Interest to Town Board for a further 240 solar PV to be located on the pool roof (Clay Cross Active. Awaiting decision (Leisure).
- District Council Office - options being looked at for EV charging points and PV panels at Mill Lane. Coney Green Business Centre - Low Carbon Challenge Fund application progressing. Streetscene depot (feasibility currently underway) should be significantly less than the existing facility at Eckington. EV fleet is also a further consideration (Property and Estates).
- Meeting room and desk booking software setup and being utilised by Rykneld Homes and NEDDC staff to enable hotdesking and sharing of office spaces. Council Chamber Audio visual equipment project complete, providing large, hybrid meeting space for future meetings which could reduce travel requirements for staff, Members and members of the public (ICT)
- 30 External Wall Insulation (EWI) measures have been completed on the Council's housing stock in December. The total for Q3 (Year to date) is now 146 (Housing).
- The project to replace hardware phones with softphones is continuing. This is an ongoing project; phones are not being taken away but not replaced when they break (Finance).
- Most meetings, webinars and training with outside bodies and providers now take place online. This has allowed the finance team to interact on a more frequent basis and attend many more sessions than when travelling to an event but without increasing carbon emissions associated with travelling (Finance).

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce pollution

- Encourage and condition need for car charging points and renewable energy provision on major development approvals e.g., condition 13 of planning permission ref. 23/00601/FL at Clay Cross - (Planning).
- Pollution control team dealt with over 150 service requests including responding to over 100 planning/licensing consultations and over 40 requests for advice on or complaints about industrial or commercial air/noise/ odour/light pollution; 4 risk assessments of industrial premises were completed, and 3 check inspections carried out in respect of medium to high-risk premises (Environmental Health).
- Parish council visits going well - making useful contacts and discussing Biodiversity Nett Gain (BNG) options (Streetscene).

Develop policies and plans which require and encourage alternatives to car usage

- Economic Development working with Network Rail, DfT and DCC to consider next steps for the feasibility for Clay Cross Railway Station (Regeneration & Programmes)
- Working with the Barrow Hill Line Restore Your Railways initiative regarding potential Killamarsh Rail Station (Regeneration & Programmes)
- Secured travel plans on major developments in this quarter. Bus station improvements as part of CCTD approval (ref. 23/00601/FL) - (Planning).
- Directly and with partners and residents, reduce litter and pollution from waste.
- DEFRA initial settlement has been released which was under the amount needed to purchase all the vehicles required. Further meetings programmed to discuss procurement options (Streetscene).

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- Attach waste management plan conditions on planning permissions for major development e.g., condition 22 of planning permission 23/00708/FL - (Planning).
- 16 business waste compliance inspections were carried out across the district to ensure commercial waste is disposed of legally and correctly and 9 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for: littering (3), fly abandoned vehicles (3), Failure to produce (2) and Breach of PSPO (1). High profile social media campaign and press release re renewal of dog control PSPO which will deter dog fouling. Communications on a littering Fixed Penalty Notice and a business waste compliance offence have been issued. (Environmental Health).
- Sustainable Christmas campaign on social media and website targeting reducing litter has been undertaken in December (Communications).