



**North East  
Derbyshire**  
District Council

# Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **a great place that cares for the environment** for the period January to March 2025 (Q4)



## *A great place that cares for the environment*

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

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

- **The Government has awarded North East Derbyshire District Council £5,160,618 to deliver a Warm Homes: Local Grant Scheme from 2025-2028.** To fund energy performance upgrades, low carbon heating installations and solar panels to privately owned or privately rented households in targeted priority areas.
- Low Carbon Challenge fund closed in Q3. Cumulatively, 22 commercial and 1 residential application approved. Total spend £699,555 with the following outputs achieved to date:
  - 1 x exemplar project achieving 80 Tonnes of carbon and £45k energy savings per annum
  - 10 x projects generating electricity from renewal resources
  - 10 x projects benefiting from upgraded insulation and low carbon heating options
  - 16,351m<sup>2</sup> floor space with improved carbon performance
  - 11 residential properties with improved energy consumption
- **115 homes improved** as part of the external wall insulation social housing decarbonisation work this quarter meeting the annual target of 288 homes.
- Approved amended solar panel scheme for buildings at Coalite site - application ref. 25/00167/AMEND.



- Working in partnership with Derbyshire County Council and local District and Borough Councils to deliver EV Charging throughout Derbyshire via Government LEVI (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding).

### **Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions**

- Bike to Work Scheme promoted.
- **Air Source Heat Pump at Dronfield Active expected to be operational from mid-April after commissioning period.** Once commissioning and resilience testing are successfully completed, the gas boiler will be decommissioned, eliminating dependence on fossil fuels. Electric use will be monitored over the coming months. Eckington Active Air Source Heat Pump expected to be operational, serviced and commissioned in the next few weeks.
- Roofing work at Killamarsh Active, including insulation and over-roofing of flat roof sections, began on Monday, 10th March 2025, with completion scheduled for Friday, 16th May 2025.





## This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district***

- Sustainability measures (including renewable energy provision) to be provided on The Bungalows redevelopment (Stonebroom) - approved at March Planning Committee - application ref. 24/01001/MFL

• **Four compact road sweepers have been upgraded to newer models**, resulting in improved CO2 emissions efficiency per litre.

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

- **In collaboration with Rykneld Homes Ltd (RHL) we are improving estate walkabouts.** Several were conducted in March, focusing on areas with antisocial behaviour issues, where litter picking, and rubbish removal activities were carried out.

- Approved installation of EV charging points at car park on Old Colliery Lane, Holmewood - app ref. 25/00001/LDC.

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

- Secured cycle storage to be provided on The Bungalows redevelopment (Stonebroom) - approved at March Planning Committee - application ref. 24/01001/MFL.

**Directly and with partners and residents, reduce litter and pollution from waste.**

- Litter pickers purchased with UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) grant monies for use with community interventions.

- **Utilised local media and social media campaigns** to showcase two successful prosecutions of fly-tippers and individuals caught littering. These were shared with local groups to raise awareness and encourage community engagement.

- Collaborated with the 'Out & About Partnership' to support litter picks in and around Clay Cross.
- A recycling promoter has been successfully recruited to work closely with schools and community groups, delivering key messages on litter reduction and waste prevention.



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

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

- Biodiversity plans are in place for Clay Cross Active facility and 3G pitch.
- Agreed the sites that Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) will prioritise for assessing Biodiversity Net Gain potential.

• **Community Action Grants:** In Q4, a grant of £250 was awarded to a school for the creation of a green space, which included installing planters and renovating a neglected area to support flower planting and biodiversity-enhancing installations. Over the 2024/25 period, a total of 18 grants have been awarded, funding seven projects worth £2,011. These initiatives encompass activities like flower and tree planting, as well as providing equipment to develop and sustain green spaces while promoting biodiversity.

- Additional funding of £1,800 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund has been secured to purchase more trees, along with tree and hedge protectors. These funds have also been used to acquire community equipment for tree planting, supporting our strategy for community tree and bulb planting.



**Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity.**

• **Staff allotment project** Green Thumbs now underway.

- Wingerworth Lido to be brought forward as a bio-diversity hub. Notice to Quit now served on the Fishing Club to vacate the site on or before 30th June 2025.
- Internal consultations are underway to explore options for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) site allocations for council-owned land.