

North East Derbyshire Council

Environment Scrutiny Committee

**Council Plan Objective – A Great Place that Cares for the Environment -
Update July to September 2025**

17th November 2025

Report of the Information and Improvement Manager

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Kath Drury, Information and Improvement Manager

Contact Officer: As above

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To report progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective - “A great place that cares for the environment” for the period ending 30th September 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That progress against the Council Plan “A great place that cares for the environment” objective be noted.
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IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	N/A
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
Stage 1 screening undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2 	N/A - information only report
Stage 2 full assessment undertaken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great place that cares for the environment A great place to live well A great place to work A great place to access good public services
A great place that cares for the environment council plan objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district Increasing biodiversity across the district

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background**

1.1 The Council plan 2023-27 has four objectives:

- A great place to work.
- A great place to access good public services.
- A great place to live well.
- A great place that cares for the environment

Information on the work undertaken this quarter under the environment objective is contained at appendix one.

1.2 Under the environment objective there are two strategies - Reduce carbon emissions and pollution across the district and Increase biodiversity across the district. Underneath those sit tactics - our approaches to positively influence the strategies.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

2.1 The Council advanced its environmental agenda through a range of sustainability campaigns, including Plastic Free July and Organic September, and supported positive behaviours to reduce waste. Progress was made on decarbonisation projects, with new air source heat pumps operational at Eckington Active Leisure Centre and solar panels installed at Baileys Square, Clay Cross. The Warm Homes Local Grant scheme launched, and the Council continued to reduce its own emissions by approving temporary vehicle storage to cut travel distances and ordering electric pool cars. Community engagement remained strong, with litter picks, climate change grants, and successful prosecution for fly-tipping. Biodiversity initiatives included seasonal awareness campaigns and ongoing hedgerow planting under the Biodiversity Net Gain programme all contributing to a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable district.

2.2 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 20th October 2025 for consideration and oversight.

3 **Reasons for Recommendation**

3.1 This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the council plan objective for the environment.

4 **Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objective for the environment.

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A great place that cares for the environment – for the period ending September 2025
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	