

**North East Derbyshire Council**

**Environment Scrutiny Committee**

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

**Report of the Information and Improvement Manager**

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Kath Drury, Information and Improvement Manager

Contact Officer: As above

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**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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:**

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details**

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

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**Staffing:** Yes  No

**Details:**

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

**DECISION INFORMATION**

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

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

## 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 continued work to support its environmental priorities through a range of decarbonisation, waste reduction and sustainability activity. Progress included the approval of planning applications for rooftop solar schemes and a 50MW battery storage facility, alongside the ongoing delivery of Warm Homes programmes. Feasibility work also progressed on expanding electric vehicle infrastructure, including studies across the commercial estate and early planning for future public charging at Clay Cross Active. Fleet decarbonisation continued through the introduction of electric and hybrid vehicles and reduced mileage within parts of the fleet following operational changes. Public engagement activity continued, supported by litter prevention campaigns, fly-tipping enforcement communications, community-led litter picks and education work with schools and community groups.
- 2.2 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026 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.

## **DOCUMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A great place that cares for the environment – for the period ending December 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)

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