

North East Derbyshire Council

Environment Scrutiny Committee

**Council Plan Objective – A Great Place that Cares for the Environment - Update
January to March 2026**

11th May 2026

Report of the Information and Improvement Manager

Classification: This report is public

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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 31st March 2026

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	
<p>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:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	N/A
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
<p>Stage 1 screening undertaken</p> <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
<p>Stage 2 full assessment undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
<p>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"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details:</p>

<p>Links to Council Plan priorities:</p> <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
<p>A great place that cares for the environment council plan objective:</p> <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 continued to care for the environment by reducing carbon emissions and improving energy efficiency across homes and operations. Warm Homes Wave 3 funding supported the retrofit of 376 homes over three years, with 92 homes completed in year one, alongside the Warm Homes Local Grant Scheme improving 58 homes in 2025/26. Council-led action included progress on electric vehicle charging infrastructure, expansion of the low-emission fleet, completion of the Whiteleas regeneration scheme, and continued biodiversity work through the Lido Action Plan, with survey work informing a district Biodiversity Recovery Plan due in 2026.

2.2 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 20th April 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.

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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 March 2026
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)	