



# Community Impact Assessment

<b>Part 1 – Details</b>	
What Policy/ Procedure/ Strategy/Project/Service is being assessed?	Climate change mitigation action plan
Date Conducted	19/11/2024
Name of Lead Officer and Service Area	Charlotte Cheesman Climate Change
Commissioning Team (if applicable)	Climate Change
Director Responsible for project/service area	Anna Miller - (Assistant Director of Growth and Regeneration)
Who are the main stakeholders	All Staff at TBC Residents of Tamworth Businesses in Tamworth Not for profit Organisations in Tamworth TBC Partner organisations Members
Describe what consultation has been undertaken. Who was involved and what was the outcome	<p>On the 19th of November 2019, Tamworth Borough Council (TBC) declared a climate emergency following on from the UK Parliament's declaration in May 2019. The council committed making its estate net zero by 2050 or sooner if financially able to do so.</p> <p>Since 2022 the Borough Council have been on a journey to understand what the carbon footprint of the authority is, to support the net zero commitment made in the declaration. Consultants were commissioned to assist with a baseline position and to kick start climate action within the authority. This report went through Cabinet with a commitment to prepare an action plan by the end of 2024.</p> <p>In December 2023, TBC made a nature recovery declaration, committing to undertake targeted actions to protect local nature and biodiversity. TBC will make a positive contribution to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the Nature Recovery Network and embed nature recovery across policies and all work areas.</p> <p>TBC commissioned Aether, SE2 and CAG Consultants to assist the authority in understanding the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated</p>

	<p>with its operations and develop a climate mitigation action plan and conduct 9 operational building energy audits to map a decarbonisation pathway.</p> <p>Climate action workshops were delivered to key Officers at the Council and Members to help prioritise actions and inform these groups of the impact of climate change and how the Council can mitigate this.</p> <p>The mitigation plan was presented to the Executive Leadership team for discussion and feedback on 06.11.24</p> <p>An internal climate action working group has been established who will meet quarterly to steer the climate action and adaptations set out in the plan.</p>
Outline the wider research that has taken place (E.G. commissioners, partners, other providers etc)	<p>An external consultant (Aether) calculated the carbon emissions baseline data for 2019/2020 and the years following to identify where emissions can be reduced across the Borough's operations and map out the route to net zero.</p> <p>The work included climate modelling to compare the outcome of business-as-usual versus actively reducing emissions between now and 2050. The model showed that business as usual will not result in achieving net zero.</p>
What are you assessing? Indicate with an 'x' which applies	A decision to review or change a service <input type="checkbox"/>
	A Strategy/Policy/Procedure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	A function, service or project <input type="checkbox"/>
What kind of assessment is it? Indicate with an 'x' which applies	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Existing <input type="checkbox"/>
	Being reviewed <input type="checkbox"/>
	Being reviewed as a result of budget constraints / End of Contract <input type="checkbox"/>

### Part 2 – Summary of Assessment

Give a summary of your proposal and set out the aims/ objectives/ purposes/ and outcomes of the area you are impact assessing.

In response to rising global temperatures due to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released the [Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C](#). The report makes it clear that ensuring global temperatures stay well below 2°C pre-industrial levels is crucial to reduce large risks to human and natural systems, and efforts should be made to pursue warming of only 1.5°C to prevent the largest risks.

Achieving the UK target will require cross-government cooperation - local authorities are well placed to influence emissions in buildings, transport, and waste whilst holding the best knowledge of the needs and opportunities of their area. Local authorities can also drive emissions reductions in their areas through their role as community leaders and major employers, as well as their regulatory and planning capacities.

Through their planning role, local authorities can leverage change by enabling sustainable development and placemaking, establishing building energy efficiency standards, implementing sustainable travel programmes and infrastructure, approving renewable energy projects, pursuing district heating programmes and implementing sustainable waste management programmes. Therefore, local action to adapt to climate change is vital for the UK to meet its international commitments to reduce global warming.

The mitigation plan identifies key actions for reducing emissions associated with TBC's assets and service provision, detailing timelines, key partners, cost assumptions and predicted emissions reductions. It also highlights the co-benefits and opportunities where there is the potential for positive consequences due to climate change.

Some actions will be delivered in partnership with external organisations across Staffordshire and our internal Climate mitigation action working group will drive the delivery of specific actions.

The timescales for action delivery set out in the plan are short, medium and long term - it is important to note that these may change subject to TBC's monitoring and evaluation, availability of funding, updated government legislation and improved climate technologies.

#### Who will be affected and how?

The plan will positively impact staff at TBC, Members, all local people (including marginalised groups and those more vulnerable), businesses and organisations within Tamworth.

Actions such as procuring more electric vehicles and upgrading heating systems in the Council's operational buildings will improve health and wellbeing. Air quality will be cleaner, energy efficient heating which will reduce energy bills and access to nature will be increased.

There are cost implications to TBC to deliver some of the proposed actions and the projected investment needed has been identified in the plan. However, this is subject to change due to new climate technologies and government legislation and TBC can focus on the quick wins to begin with and cost climate actions into future budgets. All external funding opportunities will be explored.



Please include refugees and asylum seekers,			
Social inclusion: Armed Forces The Armed Forces Covenant is a pledge that together we acknowledge and understand that those who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect and any impact should be considered	X		As above
Health and Wellbeing	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The plan outlines measures to enhance and protect biodiversity which will positively impact health and wellbeing of customers of TBC if access to nature is increased.</p> <p>Switching to electric vehicles will improve air quality which will improve health and wellbeing and reduce health risks.</p> <p>Retrofitting projects will improve energy efficiency, providing better insulation and cooling in buildings during extreme weather.</p>
Climate Change	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The plans will reduce carbon emissions across the Borough's operations and mitigate the impact of climate change such as extreme weather.</p> <p>TBC can leverage change by enabling sustainable development and placemaking, improving energy efficiency in operational buildings, implementing greener travel incentives and infrastructure, approving renewable energy projects, pursuing district heating programmes and implementing sustainable waste management programmes in partnership with Lichfield.</p>

**Part 4 – Risk Assessment**

**From evidence given from previous question, please detail what measures or changes will be put in place to mitigate adverse implications. this includes climate change considerations**

**This is the section in which to please outline any actions to mitigate negative or enhance positive impacts in terms of economic, environmental or wider societal considerations, and actions to review and monitor the overall impact of the change accordingly.**

Impact Area	Details of the Impact	Action to reduce risk
Health	Poor air quality leading to health issues and respiratory problems	Action to switch internal Council fleet to electric vehicles will reduce emissions and provide cleaner air, improving health and wellbeing
	Inactivity due to lack of active travel options, impacting mental health and wellbeing	Action to review travel policy and encourage a modal shift towards active travel e.g. cycling to work

**Part 5 - Action Plan and Review**

Detail in the plan below, actions that you have identified in your Community Impact Assessment, which will eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and/or foster good relations.

If you are unable to eliminate or reduce negative impact on any of the impact areas, you should explain why

Impact (positive or negative) identified	Action	Person(s) responsible	Target date	Required outcome

Date of Review (If applicable) .....

Guidance and form updated July 2023 following CMT approval.

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