

Melton Borough Council Climate Local Action Plan

Climate Local is a Local Government Association initiative, supported by the Environment Agency Climate Ready service, to drive, inspire and support council action on climate change. Launched in June 2012, it aims to support councils both to reduce carbon emissions and to increase resilience to a changing climate. The initiative is the only one of its type in England and is the successor to the old Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change.

Alongside current economic challenges, Climate change is becoming an ever increasing issue of concern, and is widely accepted to be happening.

As a result of these predicted changes, the East Midlands in particular is set to expect an increase in the occurrence of extreme weather events, including:

- Flooding events which affect people's homes, businesses and wellbeing;
- Summer heat waves, which put vulnerable people at particular risk e.g. elderly people, and increased pressure on local health services;
- Reductions in water availability, which could have serious implications for the agriculture industry of the Borough in terms of irrigation, productivity and economic viability (UK CCRA, 2012).

We cannot change the effects that have already come about as a result of climate change, but we can change the future. The local community can adapt to the risks that climate change poses to the Borough, to increase our resilience and so that we can be better prepared to take advantage of the opportunities it may present.

The Carbon Plan, the UK Government's national carbon strategy, explicitly acknowledges that for the UK national target to be achieved for reducing carbon emissions, action to support government initiatives and programmes will be required at a local level.

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Local Commitment “We will...”	Local Actions “By...”	Measure	Timescale	Impacts (Direct/indirect)
Demonstrating the Council’s commitment to acting on climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gain Members commitment to sign Climate Local - Develop and maintain up to date climate change information on the Council’s website - Informing the public and local stakeholders of our commitment to tackling climate change through Climate Local 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Local signed - Preliminary Action Plan developed - Website section maintained and updated at least bi-annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report to be taken to Committee of Rural, Economic & Environmental Affairs July 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate strategy and development - Improved reputation
Engagement of staff in achieving our Climate Local commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating a working group constituted of representatives from key departments and stakeholders to enable delivery of key actions - Updating staff on environmental initiatives through the Corporate Messenger - Integrating climate change/environment policy into induction programmes for staff to raise awareness of mitigation and adaptation measures they can put into practice in the work place or at home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of staff members regularly engaged and involved at meetings - MIKE training updated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End of 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building Council capacity
Set out a strategy with clear targets for reducing emissions across our estate, services and the wider community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishing clear targets, timescales and measures of progress as well as annual reporting processes - Quantifying the local authority baseline estate emissions if not done so already – this can probably be done through the Carbon Reduction Commitment or other commitments. - Signposting local businesses to grant funding that supports energy efficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseline audit conducted - Number of funding referrals - Number of funding bids (successful and unsuccessful) - Action Plan developed and maintained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End of 2015/2016 financial year? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate strategy and development - Improved reputation - Council money saved - Measurement/data improvements
Promote community action on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signposting community groups to external 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of referrals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On-going 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community development and empowerment

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reducing carbon emissions in our area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sources of support and funding - Sharing expertise and advice with community groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of funding bids (successful and unsuccessful) 		
Develop sustainable transport measures for Melton Borough Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at the potential for re-instating MBC's car share scheme and Choose How You Move. - Promoting and enhancing the benefits of CyclePlus, Cycle2Work and homeworking schemes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schemes reinstated - Numbers of people working from home - Numbers of people using the CyclePlus and Cycle2Work schemes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribution to health & well-being
Promote biodiversity, and green infrastructure that helps the area adapt to climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Melton in Bloom, BID in Bloom, Greener Streets Better Lives - Enhanced planting in Town Centre parks and Parkside beds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 new planters to be installed in the Town Centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improvement to the public realm and infrastructure - Contribution to health & well-being
Use the Planning system to promote energy efficiency and a low carbon community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Embedding climate change policies into the new Local Plan, which will demonstrate the need to mitigate and adapt to climate change, in terms of all new development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Plan specific indicators and metrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consulting on a draft Local Plan in October 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribution to Statutory targets - Improvement to local infrastructure - Contribution to health and well being - Community development and empowerment - Contribution to local economic growth
Home Energy Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing the Council's involvement in Leicestershire's Light Bulb Project. The project includes funding to contribute to Warm Homes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project specific measurables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project specific timescales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribution to Statutory targets - Contribution to health and well being