

# Environmental Action Plan

2026 - 2030

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# Foreword

A vibrant and healthy local environment is central to everyday life, it's where we live, work, and enjoy the green spaces that support our health and well-being. The quality of this environment directly affects how we thrive, physically, mentally, and economically.

We are facing growing challenges from impactful weather and rising energy costs to inefficient buildings and increasing pressure on our natural resources. These issues touch our communities, our economy and the nature we cherish.

Staffordshire County Council has taken a fresh approach to these challenges, replacing its climate emergency declaration with a broader more practical commitment, one that focuses on real, local solutions. This Environmental Action Plan supports our Environmental Strategy setting out how we will protect and enhance our environment while embracing new opportunities for a better future.

We are committed to working together, with residents, businesses, and partners to support a thriving economy, improve energy efficiency, reduce costs, and protect nature. Our goal is to create a Staffordshire where people and wildlife thrive, air is cleaner, and our countryside and green spaces are safeguarded for future generations.

This is our home. Let's shape a future together we can be proud of.

**County Councillor Andrew Mynors**

Cabinet Member for Connectivity

March 2026



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# Introduction

Staffordshire's people, places and businesses are shaped by the local environment. From rural villages and farmland to urban centres, our natural and built surroundings play a big part in supporting health, wellbeing, and the local economy.

This Environmental Action Plan builds on our Environmental Strategy and sets out what we aim to achieve over the next four years. It focuses on practical, local solutions that make a real difference for residents and businesses and shows our commitment to making Staffordshire a better place to live, work and invest.

Things are changing; across the UK, and here in Staffordshire, environmental pressures are starting to affect everyday life. We're seeing more impactful weather, rising energy bills and higher costs for essential items. These challenges bring opportunities to do things differently.

Tackling these issues isn't just about responding as challenges arise. It means planning ahead, using resources wisely, and making practical changes that reduce risks and help protect our environment for the future. By adapting to impactful weather and protecting the environment, we can unlock new opportunities, attract investment, create high-quality jobs, and drive innovation to support long-term economic growth.

Our ambition is to be the beating heart of the country, prosperous and forward thinking without harming the environment. Together we can build, stronger, more resilient communities that thrive today and in the future.

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# Local government reorganisation

The development of this Environmental Action Plan comes at a time of significant change within local government, with potential reorganisation creating a degree of uncertainty around future structures, responsibilities, and resourcing.

While the council remains committed to environmental action, this evolving landscape makes it challenging to commit to certain long-term initiatives, such as large-scale property retrofits, where the future of assets within the council's portfolio is unclear. This plan focuses on actions that are achievable within the current framework while also setting a strong foundation for future progress. It is designed to be flexible and responsive to change, embedding environmental considerations into council services and community engagement to ensure that progress continues regardless of structural changes.



# Staffordshire's Environmental Approach

## Our 8 Key Priorities

Staffordshire County Council's (SCC) Environmental Strategy shows how the council will respond to growing environmental challenges and change. To guide this work, the council has agreed on eight key priorities. Each action in the Environmental Action Plan will link to one of these priorities.



### Priority 1

## Reduce SCC's overall environmental impact

The Council manages a wide range of buildings, land, and services, all of which affect our environmental impact.

This includes not just energy use, but also how services are delivered. We will explore ways to improve environmental efficiency and enhance performance.



### Priority 2

## Ensuring services and communities can adapt to impactful weather

Staffordshire is already feeling the effects of impactful weather, including more flooding, prolonged dry spells and heatwaves, affecting both services and communities. As custodians of large parts of the natural and the built environment, the council will take action to help address these impacts and strengthen long-term environmental resilience.



### Priority 3

## Supporting economic growth

To secure long-term prosperity, Staffordshire must embrace emerging opportunities in sectors driven by innovation. By promoting environmental responsibility, we can attract investment, inspire innovation, and create high-quality jobs without compromising the environment. Our focus is on helping local businesses improve efficiency and supporting workforce development, equipping people with the skills needed for future industries.



### Priority 4

## Local nature recovery

Staffordshire's natural environment is one of its greatest assets, shaping the county's character making it a great place to live, work and visit. From woodlands to moorlands, parks and green spaces, these areas are home to wildlife and offer people places to relax and connect with nature. However, changes in our environment are putting pressure on habitats, and some wildlife is beginning to decline. A thriving natural environment is central to the county's economic prosperity and appeal. As guardians of some of Staffordshire's most important natural areas the Council has a vital role in reversing this decline and restoring nature across the county to make it a more attractive place to live, work and visit. This action plan complements the more detailed plans for nature recovery outlined in the Natural Environment Strategy.



### Priority 5

## Waste minimisation

Waste places pressure on both our environment and public finances. While managing waste is a challenge, it also presents opportunities for positive change. By reducing what we throw away and rethinking how we use everyday items, we can cut our demand for new materials and make better use of what we have. We aim to raise awareness and provide support to communities and businesses to use resources more efficiently and recycle more, delivering benefits for the environment, local communities, and keeping more money in our pockets. Environmental crime, such as fly tipping puts pressure on our environment and public finances. We recognise this impact and will lobby national government and regulatory agencies to strengthen enforcement to ensure polluters are held accountable, protecting both our landscapes and public funds.



**Priority 6**

**Supporting access to affordable, reliable energy**

Energy efficiency is more important than ever. With rising prices, saving energy is increasingly important. At the same time, we need to increase energy generation to cope with growing demand from homes and businesses. The Council is committed to promoting energy-saving measures and expanding solar panels on our own property assets as well as Staffordshire's homes, businesses, public buildings and brownfield sites. These steps will cut costs, and help build a cleaner, more resilient energy system. We will work with partners to speed up local energy infrastructure improvements and press government for a more strategic, integrated approach to future energy generation.



**Priority 7**

**Assist in the delivery of a multi modal transport system in line with economic growth.**

Staffordshire's transport network is essential for access to jobs, education, healthcare, and leisure. Reliable, clean and efficient transport helps businesses reach customers, attract staff, and run smoothly.

To meet future needs, Staffordshire must invest in cleaner, more accessible transport options. We will promote walking, cycling, buses, trains, and cars as part of one joined up system to give more flexible, accessible, and connected travel choices.



**Priority 8**

**Work with partners to deliver innovative actions across growth, transport, energy, buildings, waste, and environmental adaptation.**

Many of the environmental challenges we face are complex and interconnected. No single organisation can tackle these alone. By working with public, private, and community partners, we will unlock innovation, share resources, and deliver lasting benefits. Working with the Staffordshire Sustainability Board, we will translate our environmental goals into coordinated, practical and sustainable action across the county. Shared programmes will focus on environmental adaptation, waste minimisation, recycling and reuse to deliver positive outcomes for people, places and communities.



# Our approach

## Understanding the environmental risks

A well-managed environment plays an important part in supporting vulnerable individuals and groups within our communities. Some groups may face greater risks, such as women, children, ethnic minorities, older adults, people with lower incomes, and those with health conditions. We are committed to helping everyone have the best chance to live well.

To support this, we've completed a comprehensive assessment of potential risks linked to impactful weather, such as high temperatures, cold conditions, heavy rainfall and more variable weather. This work examines how these events may affect residents, businesses, and visitors across Staffordshire.

We also recognise that not every change in the environment leads to negative outcomes. Some shifts can bring new possibilities, such as increased local tourism and job opportunities.

The assessment provided a strong evidence base for our action plan to inform what is needed to adapt, respond and thrive in a changing environment.



## Clear leadership

Our plan is guided by strong leadership, clear roles, and collaboration across council departments.

We're committed to making sure environmental factors are embedded across our services to help our communities and natural environment thrive.

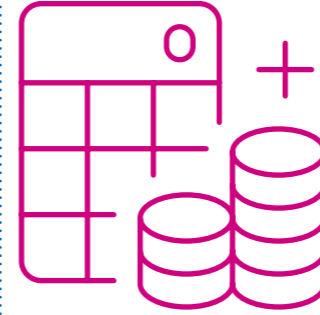


## Engaging with our communities

Good communication and active engagement are key to making this work.

We'll use trusted channels to share updates, raise awareness, and encourage people to get involved.

By building strong local connections and working together with stakeholders, we aim to create a shared commitment to protecting Staffordshire's environment and supporting practical action.



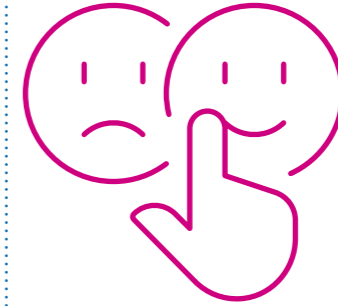
## Budget

Delivering this plan requires dedicated resources to turn commitments into measurable outcomes that protect Staffordshire's environment and build community resilience.

The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy allocates £509,710 for 2026/27, with funding reviewed each year to reflect emerging priorities.

A number of actions sit within Service Area budgets (separate to the £509,710), meaning the total spend on delivering the Strategy is much greater.

By investing now, we secure long-term benefits, stronger communities, a thriving economy, and a healthier environment for future generations.



## Monitoring and evaluation

We will monitor progress through regular reporting against clear, measurable outcomes for each action.

This approach enables us to respond swiftly to emerging challenges and opportunities, ensuring actions remain on track and identifying reasons for any delays.

Through a commitment to continuous improvement, we aim to deliver lasting environmental, social, and economic benefits for Staffordshire.

Achievements will be celebrated by showcasing case studies in the annual Environmental Report, recognising the valuable contributions of teams and partners.

## Priority 1: Reduce SCC's overall environmental impact

Action Reference Number	Core Action	Sub Action	Benefits				Timeframe
			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
1.1.1	Improve energy efficiency of council properties and assets	Ensure all property maintenance activities, where appropriate, includes implementation of energy-saving opportunities	✓	✓	✓		Ongoing
1.1.2		In addition to routine maintenance, pro-actively retrofit energy efficiency improvements to properties or assets	✓	✓	✓		Ongoing
1.2	Investigate potential for clean energy on schools and corporate properties	Expand clean energy on corporate properties and schools supported by strong business cases	✓		✓		Ongoing
1.3	Improve energy efficiency of highway infrastructure and equipment	Deliver annual LED programme for traffic signals refurbishment	✓				July 2027
1.4	Develop a comprehensive understanding of the carbon emission impacts associated with Staffordshire's highways network	Assess and report to DfT the carbon footprint of major schemes delivered, this will enable continued access to Government funding. Using findings will also drive continuous improvement across SCC's highways and transport portfolio	✓		✓		September 2026
1.5.1	Integrate environmental impact considerations into highways and waste management	Develop and agree a process that ensures a coordinated approach to highway works to minimise the environmental impact in scheme delivery	✓	✓	✓		January 2027
1.5.2		Use hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) where practicable in large vehicles to reduce environmental impact	✓	✓	✓		Ongoing
1.6	Future proof and identify ways to minimise resource use for highway maintenance and improvements	Develop a pipeline highway and transport programmes that aligns with the Local Transport Plan	✓	✓	✓		Ongoing
1.7	Expand EV infrastructure by increasing the availability of EV charging facilities across Enterprise centres	Seek funding and rollout EV charging infrastructure at the Enterprise Centres	✓				March 2027
1.8	Carbon emissions monitoring	Continue to monitor and report the Council's annual carbon emissions to support access to external funding			✓		Annual
1.9	Monitor and review Environmental action plan progress	Monitor action plan quarterly and review actions. Refresh plan annually	✓	✓	✓	✓	Annual

## Priority 2: Ensuring services and communities can adapt to impactful weather

Action Reference Number	Core Action	Sub Action	Benefits				Timeframe
			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
2.1	Keep abreast of environmental risks to council properties (e.g. heat, flooding, drought)	Ensure all property maintenance activities, where appropriate includes environmental adaptation considerations such as ventilation and flooding	✓	✓	✓		Ongoing
2.2.1	Enhance the understanding of the environmental challenges across Staffordshire's highways network	Complete a review and implement changes to enhance consideration of changeable and impactful weather into highways business resilience and operational responses	✓	✓			October 2026
2.2.2		Integrate environmental resilience measures into drainage asset management and service levels	✓	✓			December 2026
2.2.3		Conduct a pilot study to identify high-risk embankments along A roads, prioritising areas vulnerable to erosion, flooding, or structural failure	✓	✓			March 2027
2.2.4		Undertake a pilot study to map the location and assess the condition of culverts at high-risk sites, focusing on areas prone to flooding or structural failure	✓	✓			March 2027
2.2.5		Complete the verge network digitisation project to identify opportunities to enhance biodiversity and reduce environmental risks		✓		✓	June 2026
2.2.6		Evaluate the outcomes from the verge digitisation project to identify potential changes to grassland management regimes, scrub and tree planting		✓		✓	October 2028
2.3		Using existing data evaluate potential sites for tree planting to minimise flood risk	Evaluate Wildlife Trust data and establish if any suitable pilot sites can be established for planting	✓	✓		✓

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			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
2.4.1	Raise awareness and integrate resilience measures into flood risk management.	Develop education initiatives to improve public understanding of flood risk and encourage individuals to take responsibility for reducing it through effective property management	✓	✓		✓	March 2027
2.4.2		Identify and implement projects that minimise surface runoff across catchments by collaborating with landowners	✓	✓		✓	March 2033
2.5	Encourage flood management schemes to consider the wider environmental benefits	Encourage all flood management schemes to incorporate the 4 pillars of SuDS	✓	✓		✓	Ongoing to 2033
2.6.1	Improve flood resilience in schools	Pilot the formation of a local school flood resilience partnership supporting local governance and resourcing	✓	✓		✓	March 2027
2.6.2		Develop a programme for supporting schools to develop a flood response plan	✓	✓		✓	Ongoing to 2033
2.6.3		Develop climate and flood resilience indicators for schools	✓	✓		✓	Ongoing to 2033
2.7	Investigate opportunities on the County Farms estate to develop a pilot scheme that contributes to flood mitigation	Assess opportunities to consider how less agriculturally productive parts of the County Farms estate could contribute to enhancing water quality and flood alleviation	✓	✓		✓	December 2026
2.8	Provide health alerts prior to impactful weather event	Deliver targeted communications to care providers via ASC Communications or ASC Incident Management dependent on the severity of impactful weather		✓			March 2028
2.9.1	Ensure social care providers are prepared for overheating and flood risk.	Use the LARA toolkit to inform a heat action plan for social care settings		✓			March 2027
2.9.2		Refresh Green Plan for provider services		✓			June 2026

## Priority 3: Supporting economic growth

Action Reference Number	Core Action	Sub Action	Benefits				Timeframe
			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
3.1.1	Explore and implement opportunities to promote and enhance Green Skills development	Design and deliver upskilling for teachers on Green Skills to enhance knowledge and promotion of green economy opportunities	✓		✓	✓	December 2026
3.1.2		Review green skills resource pack that promotes pathways and opportunities in the green economy	✓		✓	✓	December 2026
3.1.3		Encourage and promote projects and initiatives that increase the supply of green skills development	✓		✓	✓	Ongoing
3.1.4		Enhance the existing skills web portal by introducing functionality that allows users to filter and select green skills training and development and job opportunities	✓				December 2026
3.2	Embed environmental enhancement opportunities within the new Staffordshire Economic Strategy	Identify and promote ways in which economic growth initiatives can contribute to improving Staffordshire's physical and natural environment	✓	✓	✓	✓	May 2026
3.3.1	Increase awareness among businesses about practical ways to reduce environmental impacts and improve resource efficiency	Organise and deliver workshops: Workshop 1 to focus on the circular economy, helping businesses understand how to minimise waste and make better use of resources	✓		✓		Ongoing
3.3.2		Develop guidance to help businesses carry out risk assessments related to environmental challenges and future resilience	✓	✓			June 2026
3.4.1	Support businesses to improve energy efficiency and the environment through targeted support programmes	Identify and pursue funding opportunities to deliver initiatives that assist businesses in adopting energy-saving measures through the Staffordshire Business and Environment network	✓		✓		Ongoing
3.4.2		Identify and pursue funding opportunities to implement projects that enhance biodiversity and create greener spaces through the Staffordshire Business and Environment Network	✓	✓		✓	Ongoing

Action Reference Number	Core Action	Sub Action	Benefits				Timeframe
			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
3.5.1	Promote and expand the Green Suppliers Directory	Increase number of businesses listed in the Green suppliers directory	✓				Ongoing
3.5.2		Increase awareness and usage of the Green suppliers directory among businesses and communities	✓				Ongoing
3.6.1	Maximise opportunities for positive environmental outcomes through the delivery of economic growth programmes.	Confirm proof of concept and investment decision for Eastgate regeneration scheme	✓				June 2026
3.6.2		Develop remediation strategy and delivery of remediation scheme for Doxey Road site	✓		✓	✓	March 2028
3.6.3		Develop a business case to establish a new medium sized Enterprise Centre	✓		✓	✓	January 2027
3.7	Monitor developments regarding the withdrawal of analogue services and potential repurposing of BT street cabinets	Maintain communication with BT and remain prepared to explore alternative uses of cabinet infrastructure and power supply if potential arises	✓		✓		Future

## Priority 4: Local nature recovery

Action Reference Number	Core Action	Sub Action	Benefits				Timeframe
			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
4.1.1	Secure funding for a hedgerow planting programme on the County farm estate	Propose a phased hedgerow planting programme	✓			✓	May 2026
4.1.2		Roll out Phase 1 hedgerow planting	✓			✓	March 2027
4.2.1	Secure funding for a tree planting programme on the County farm estate and regeneration estate land	Scope out the potential for tree planting on small areas of unproductive land including through engagement with farm tenants	✓			✓	September 2026
4.2.2		Develop a proposal for small scale tree planting on County farm estate	✓			✓	December 2026
4.2.3		Tree planting on County farm estate	✓			✓	March 2028
4.3	Mitigate erosion and other risks on Public Rights of Way (PROW) caused by impactful weather	Assess and specify alternative materials and design solutions to improve resilience and reduce erosion and associated risks on PROW	✓	✓		✓	Ongoing
4.4	Improve the understanding about the extent, depth and condition of our peatlands and use that information to improve their protection and restoration	Complete peatland assessment and consider peatland enhancement opportunities	✓			✓	Ongoing
4.5	Increase awareness of wildfire risk in Country Parks and Cannock Chase National Landscape	Deliver targeted wildfire risk communication campaigns to promote prevention and responsible behaviour		✓		✓	Ongoing
4.6	Raise awareness of risks from pests and diseases in Country Parks and Cannock Chase National Landscape, considering increasing environmental pressures and changing seasonal patterns	Develop and deliver awareness campaigns on tick-related diseases and other pest-related risks to visitors		✓			Ongoing
4.7.1	Develop an adaptation plan for Cannock Chase National Landscape and contribute to the adaptation plan for Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA)	Prepare an Adaptation plan for Cannock Chase National Landscape	✓	✓		✓	March 2028
4.7.2		Contribute to the development of the adaptation plan for the PDNPA	✓	✓		✓	March 2028

## Priority 5: Waste minimisation

Action Reference Number	Core Action	Sub Action	Benefits				Timeframe
			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
5.1.1	Reduce waste by 1% year on year	Increase reusable items collected by charities from the Recycling centres for redistribution to local communities	✓	✓			March 2026
5.1.2		Deliver food waste communications following the rollout of kerbside collection services to all Staffordshire households, to improve participation and reduce food waste	✓	✓			March 2026
5.1.3		Deliver a food waste reduction campaign through schools	✓	✓			March 2026
5.1.4		Deliver a waste minimisation roadshow in Primary Schools	✓				March 2027
5.1.5		Deliver film plastic communications following the rollout of kerbside collection services to all Staffordshire households, to improve participation	✓				March 2027
5.1.6		Work collaboratively with the District and Borough councils to deliver campaigns focussing on items most frequently placed in the wrong bins	✓				March 2027
5.2		Reduce haulage requirements for kerbside recycling	Develop a business case/options appraisal for a Staffordshire Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)	✓			
5.3	Investigate environmental land management opportunities for closed landfill sites	Consider and deliver initiatives to enhance biodiversity on closed landfill sites				✓	Ongoing

## Priority 6: Supporting access to affordable, reliable energy

Action Reference Number	Core Action	Sub Action	Benefits				Timeframe
			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
6.1.1	Strengthen collaboration with the Distribution System Operator (DSO) and wider energy system stakeholders to shape future energy planning, unlock economic growth opportunities, and enhance energy security for Staffordshire residents	Engage with the Distribution System Operator (DSO), and National Energy System Operator (NESO) to align local environmental actions across multiple energy vectors, including electricity, hydrogen and heat	✓		✓		December 2028
6.1.2		Explore and advocate for the role of local authorities in providing energy system flexibility and capturing local benefits, including revenue generation and resilience	✓		✓		December 2028
6.1.3		Support data-sharing initiatives (surveys/consultations) with energy system operators to improve local forecasting, planning, and decision-making	✓		✓		December 2028
6.2	Provide accessible information for businesses on opportunities and options for rooftop solar and battery storage	Organise awareness sessions and provide signposting to trusted information sources and local businesses	✓		✓		March 2027

## Priority 7: Assist in the delivery of a multi modal transport system in line with economic growth

Action Reference Number	Core Action	Sub Action	Benefits				Timeframe
			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
7.1.1	Deliver and monitor targets in the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)	Identify and pursue funding opportunities if they come available for low emission buses	✓	✓			Ongoing
7.1.2		Annual monitoring of the number of individual bus passenger journeys		✓			Ongoing
7.2.1	Maximise efficiency of home to school transport services	Increase the proportion of users on local bus services rather than contracted services		✓			Ongoing
7.2.2		Reduce the use of single occupancy taxis		✓			March 2027
7.2.3		Enhance the QRoutE App to identify and display opportunities for shared transport between neighbouring schools		✓			Ongoing
7.3.1	Reduce the number of pupils travelling to school in private vehicles	Better understand the barriers to active travel for school journeys through annual surveys and pupil/parent data to identify local solutions		✓			Ongoing
7.3.2		Work with the Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Trust to deliver a programme of School Streets		✓			March 2027
7.3.3		Deliver campaigns that encourage reduced car use through active travel		✓			March 2027
7.3.4		Establish 15 new regular walking bus routes		✓			August 2026
7.4.1	Deliver objectives of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)	Annual monitoring of available data to show walking and cycling trends		✓			Ongoing
7.4.2		Deliver active travel schemes through the Highway and Transport Capital Programme		✓			Ongoing
7.5	Encourage active travel for short journeys, reducing car use	Deliver campaigns to encourage active travel for short journeys		✓			March 2027

## Priority 8: Work with partners to deliver innovative actions across growth, transport, energy, buildings, waste and environmental adaptation

Action Reference Number	Core Action	Sub Action	Benefits				Timeframe
			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
8.1.1	Advocate for stronger national policy direction and clearer guidance to support environmental protection and enhancement at the local level	Respond to relevant national consultations to ensure local priorities and evidence inform emerging environmental policy and regulatory frameworks	✓	✓	✓	✓	Ongoing
8.1.2		Lobby national government and regulatory agencies to strengthen enforcement against environmental crime	✓	✓		✓	Ongoing
8.2	Help the vulnerable save money on energy bills	Deliver the £6.5m Warmer Homes programme, including the new Warm Homes: Local Grant project	✓	✓	✓		March 2028
8.3.1	Increase public awareness and understanding of environmental issues	Incorporate environmental themes across community learning course content including biodiversity, waste and energy efficiency	✓	✓	✓	✓	Ongoing
8.3.2		Libraries to participate in the national Green Libraries initiative by hosting environmental activities and providing accessible information to the public	✓	✓	✓	✓	May 2026
8.3.3		Work in partnership with local groups to ensure community resilience programmes to impactful weather are in place for areas with greatest need	✓	✓		✓	Ongoing
8.4.1	Build strong partnerships to deliver environmental improvements through collaboration, innovation, and shared expertise	Strengthen engagement with academic institutions to accelerate innovation and promote knowledge exchange for practical environmental solutions	✓	✓	✓	✓	Ongoing
8.4.2		Work with partners (Staffordshire Community Energy, Support Staffordshire, UCL, local authorities, community groups) to deliver Staffordshire Energetic Communities pilot project	✓		✓		October 26
8.4.3		Engage with water companies and other relevant stakeholders to identify opportunities for greater partnership working, knowledge sharing, and alignment	✓	✓	✓	✓	Ongoing

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			Economy	Health and Wellbeing	Energy Efficiency and Security	Biodiversity	
8.5	Advise and encourage the integration of energy efficiency principles into Local Plan policies and development proposals	Maintain ongoing collaboration with District and Borough Councils to ensure planning considerations incorporate energy efficiency measures in both residential and commercial developments	✓	✓	✓		Ongoing
8.6.1	Liaise with the County's district and borough councils regarding new development sites facilitating access by active and public transport	Provide transport assessments of potential Local Plan site allocations to help ensure that the most accessible sites are brought forward in line with National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	✓	✓			Ongoing
8.6.2		Agree measurable Travel Plan outcome targets with developers and monitor their delivery	✓	✓			Ongoing

