



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Environment Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 4 March 2026

6.00 pm

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ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 22 October 2025 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, Southwater One, Telford, TF3 4JG

Present: Councillors M Boylan (Chair), H Morgan (Vice-Chair), S Handley, T L B Janke, L Lewis, T J Nelson and P Thomas.

Also Present: Councillor R A Overton (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways, Housing & Enforcement).

In Attendance: P Fenn (Head of Neighbourhood Enforcement), E Meehan (Environmental Protection Team Leader), E Harvey (Lead Lawyer: Property & Commercial) and P Starkey (Senior Democracy Officer (Scrutiny)).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor H Rhodes.

ENVSC7 Declarations of Interest

None.

ENVSC8 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 July 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

ENVSC9 Contaminated Land Strategy

By way of introduction, the Cabinet Member: Highways, Housing and Enforcement explained that the draft Contaminated Land Strategy was designed to safeguard public health and the environment while supporting sustainable development. He noted that the strategy reflected updated legislation and local priorities and invited Members to provide feedback to help shape the final document.

The Neighbourhood & Enforcement Manager and the Environmental Protection Team Leader presented the report to the Committee. Members heard that the draft strategy replaced the previous 2013 version and set out the Council's approach to managing land contamination under Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. It was confirmed that no sites within Telford and Wrekin were currently designated as contaminated land, following successful remediation and reclassification of a former chemical works site earlier in the year.

The strategy adopted a risk-based approach using the Source–Pathway–Receptor model and prioritised proportionate interventions in line with DEFRA

guidance. Key features included statutory inspection duties, maintaining a public register, and managing contamination primarily through the planning system and voluntary remediation. Officers highlighted the importance of multi-agency collaboration with the Environment Agency, Historic England, Natural England and neighbouring authorities. The strategy also addressed sustainability and climate resilience, recognising the potential impact of flooding on contamination risks. A full review of the strategy was scheduled to take place for 2030, with annual updates to remain responsive to emerging contaminants and legislative changes.

In response to questions raised about confidence in findings given limited inspection resources, the Environmental Protection Team Leader explained that statutory requirements were met through proportionate inspections and planning controls. Where development introduced new receptors, developers were required to investigate and remediate contamination before occupation. In response to questions regarding cross-boundary pollution and aquifer protection, the Environmental Protection Team Leader confirmed that the Environment Agency oversaw watercourse and drinking water contamination, while the Council regulated private supplies with annual testing based on risk assessments.

In response to questions about review frequency and emerging contaminants, the Neighbourhood & Enforcement Manager agreed to consider annual refreshes and incorporate new pollutants into future updates.

In response to questions raised around airborne pollutants and landfill gas emissions, the Environmental Protection Team Leader confirmed that air quality was monitored annually and reported to DEFRA, with statutory guidance determining what pollutants had to be assessed.

In response to questions about communication and public engagement, the Director: Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services advised that once adopted, the strategy would be published on the Council's website with FAQs explaining Part IIA thresholds and the approach to managing contamination.

Members welcomed the report and commended the Council's strategic approach, noting that the draft strategy provided a strong framework for managing contamination risks and supporting regeneration.

ENVSC10 Work Programme Review

The Lead Lawyer: Property & Commercial presented the updated work programme. Members were advised that the next meeting was scheduled for 4 March 2026 and would include an annual update from the Shropshire Good Food Partnership. The following meeting scheduled for 29 April 2026 would include annual updates on the Council's Climate Change agenda and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy following its adoption.

Additional items proposed for the two-year programme included a review of the Surface Water Flooding Strategy and a review of street waste

management. Members were invited to suggest further topics for consideration.

In response to a suggestion from the Committee regarding the timing of the work on the Surface Water Flooding Strategy, the Chair agreed that discussions would take place with officers to bring this item forward given that we were now heading into the winter period. Members also raised points about the scope of work on sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and their impact on natural habitats.

ENVSC11 Chair's Update

The Chair reported on a recent visit to the Shropshire Good Food schools project, noting positive feedback on the initiative and its role in promoting sustainability and healthy eating. The Chair also provided an update on Green Guarantee sites, advising that work was ongoing to promote these across the borough and encouraged engagement from ward members.

The meeting ended at 6.44 pm

Chairman:

Date: Wednesday 4 March 2026

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Environment Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Telford & Wrekin Becoming Carbon Neutral and Climate Change Adaptation - update report

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Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	Cabinet – 6 January 2026 Audit Committee – 28 January 2026 Environment Scrutiny Committee – 4 March 2026

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

- 1.1 To note and review the update on Telford and Wrekin Council becoming Carbon Neutral and the additional work the Council has undertaken to develop a corporate climate change risk register which identifies how the Council is seeking to adapt to manage unavoidable risks and impacts of the changing climate.

2.0 Purpose of Report

To allow Environment Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to:

Telford & Wrekin Council Becoming Carbon Neutral & Climate Change Adaptation – Update Report

- 2.1 Note and review the update on Telford and Wrekin Council becoming Carbon Neutral and the additional work the Council has done to develop a corporate climate change risk register as set out in the report to Cabinet on 6th January 2026 (Appendix A) and accompanying Carbon Neutral Action Plan (Appendix B) and Strategic Climate Change Adaptation Risk Register (Appendix C).
- 2.2 Note that in recognition of the strong synergies between climate change mitigation and adaptation both areas are reported together within a single, integrated report.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Tackling climate change is one of five priorities set out in the current Council Plan. In July 2019, the Council declared a climate change emergency and made a commitment to reduce its carbon emissions to net zero by 2030. Through its support of a borough partnership the council is also playing a full part in helping the wider borough achieve the same target.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1 In recognition of the strong synergies between climate change mitigation and adaptation both areas are reported together within a single, integrated report.
- 4.2 In summary the Cabinet report can be broken down into three sections
 - It provides an update of the work undertaken by the Council since the last report in September 2024.
 - It sets out the progress the Council has made against the net zero target and the way we measure emissions as well as our progress on climate change adaptation.
 - It includes an updated climate change action plan as set out in Appendix B and climate change risk register as set out in Appendix C
- 4.3 In 2024/25 the Council achieved an overall reduction of 63% in CO₂e emissions from a baseline of 2018/19.
- 4.4 To support this target the Council undertook a wide range of activities across its functions. These activities provided both direct benefits to borough residents and provided a wide range of other indirect co-benefits through the investment of income and efficiency savings into frontline services.
- 4.5 Direct benefits have included.
 - Further improvements to the Council's operational estate including the installation of energy efficiency measures.
 - Providing direct grants to residents who are in fuel poverty and support to those residents who can self-fund to install renewable technologies to their own properties.

- Through NuPlace, building more energy efficient homes.
- Continuing to improve the walking and cycling routes in the Borough
- Further delivery of Electric Vehicle charging points across the Borough
- Continuing to generate renewable electricity from the Council's own solar farm at Wheat Leasows.
- Improving green spaces and nature reserves.
- Continuing to reduce waste and support reuse.

4.6 These actions are detailed in the Cabinet report but include how:.

- The refurbishment of the Wellington Leisure Centre has delivered improved facilities for users and achieved an annual reduction of 70 tonnes of CO₂e emissions.
- The Council's affordable warmth programmes have retrofitted 10 off-gas properties with 22 energy-saving measures, while 50 homes in Sutton Hill benefited from 77 upgrades, including insulation, double glazing, and solar panels. These initiatives have substantially increased energy efficiency, reducing residents' heating bills by up to £640 per year and cutting emissions by up to 600 kg CO₂e annually.
- Active travel initiatives in Telford & Wrekin reduce vehicle emissions and promote healthier, more active lifestyles. The New School Journey project encouraged walking, cycling, and scooting among pupils, with 11 schools participating. In 2023–24, schools like Ladygrove Primary and Meadows Primary saw significant drops in car use and increases in active travel, demonstrating the project's effectiveness in shifting travel habits and supporting both environmental and health goals.

4.7 The Council also reviewed and refreshed its climate change adaptation risk register and integrated it into the Business Continuity Plan process.

5 Alternative Options

5.1 The alternative option would be to do nothing and not deliver on the Council's climate change commitments. However, this could lead to serious reputational risks for the Council as a community leader.

5.2 Not addressing issues such as energy efficiency of buildings or development of renewable energy generation opportunities would also lead to significant cost implications through increase in fuel bills and loss of income. Doing nothing would also lead to a negative impact on the health and social/economic wellbeing of Telford and Wrekin businesses, communities, and residents.

6 Key Risks

6.1 The Climate Change Committee's *Independent Assessment of UK Climate Risk for the UK* (CCRA3), published in June 2021¹ sets out the priority climate change

¹ <https://www.ukclimaterisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/CCRA-Evidence-Report-England-Summary-Final.pdf>

risks for the UK. In summary, risks in the report include:

- The impacts of climate change on the natural environment.
- An increase in the range, quantities, and consequences of pests, pathogens, and invasive species.
- more frequent and severity of flooding, and coastal erosion, causing damage to infrastructure services.
- A reduction in public water supplies due to increasing periods of water scarcity.
- The impact of extreme temperatures, high winds, and lightning on the transport network.
- The impact of increasing high temperatures on people's health and wellbeing.
- Disruption to the delivery of health and social care services due to a greater frequency of extreme weather.
- Damage to cultural heritage assets as a result of temperature, precipitation, groundwater and landscape changes.
- Impacts internationally that may affect the UK, such as risks to food availability, safety and security, risks to international law, trade routes and public health. Therefore, there are significant risks as outlined should the Council fail to mitigate climate change and ensure that residents, businesses, and the natural environment are able to adapt to the future climate conditions.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 The Councils' work on climate change and sustainability is a direct response to the Council's priority "Our natural environment is protected, and the Council has a leading role in addressing the climate emergency". However, as a cross-cutting agenda it also has a significant contribution towards all other Council priorities including:

- Every child, young person, and adult lives well in their community.
- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.
- All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.
- A community-focussed, innovative Council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 The initiatives outlined in the report are funded from a combination of Council funding, and external grant funding. Finance will provide ongoing support in relation to any bids for external funding as required. Scheme expenditure is monitored on a regular basis.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 The Climate Change Act 2008 (as amended) establishes a legally binding target to reduce the UK's greenhouse gas emissions by 100% by 2050 when compared with the 1990 baseline. At a local level, Section 19(1A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to include in their local plans, policies designed to secure that the development and use of land

in the local planning authority's area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change. In the management of its activities, provision of its services and performance of its functions, local Councils are in a position to play a vital role in meeting the challenges posed by climate change. The Council has wide scope to decide how best to address these challenges.

9.2 The Council has the legal power to undertake the activities set out in the report. Implementation of the proposals in this report may give rise to specific legal issues upon which legal advice will be provided as and when necessary.

9.3 There are no specific human resource implications arising from this report.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 This report has a borough wide impact.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 Climate change is expected to continue having a significant impact on the health, social, and economic wellbeing of residents in Telford and Wrekin. For example, the summer of 2025 was the warmest on record, with prolonged heatwaves posing serious health risks—particularly to vulnerable groups such as older adults, children, and those with existing health conditions.

11.2 Many of the actions outlined in the Council's Climate Change Plan offer substantial health co-benefits, including improved air quality, increased access to green spaces, and better housing energy efficiency. These measures not only support climate resilience but also contribute to healthier, more equitable communities. The impact of climate change is also considered in the Council's Health and Well Being Strategy 2023-2027.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 The Council's Climate Change Action Plan takes account of the legal requirement to pay due regard to the aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty. Key to this is consideration of people's specific needs based on their protected characteristics.

People who share protected characteristics of age, race, ethnicity, and disability are often disproportionately affected by climate change and its consequences. This is true locally and internationally. Extreme weather events, for example heat waves most detrimentally affect older residents and those with pre-existing respiratory and cardiovascular conditions.

The success of our climate change activity relies on active participation by the whole community. Steps are taken to make sure that events are inclusive, and the differing needs of individuals are considered so that they can access activities and contribute effectively.

13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

Telford & Wrekin Council Becoming Carbon Neutral & Climate Change Adaptation – Update Report

13.1 This report sets out the key areas as to how Telford and Wrekin Council is helping address climate change and environmental implications.

14.0 Appendices

- A Telford & Wrekin Becoming Carbon Neutral and Climate Change Adaptation - update report - Cabinet Report 6th January 2026
- B Corporate Climate Change Action Plan
- C Telford and Wrekin Strategic Climate Change Adaptation Risk Register

15.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal	26/01/2026	09/02/2026	EH
Finance	26/01/2026	20/02/2026	DR



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Cabinet

Tuesday 6 January 2026

Telford & Wrekin Becoming Carbon Neutral and Climate Change Adaptation - update report

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Key Decision:	Not Key Decision	
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1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 1.1 Notes the positive progress the Council has made in its journey to become carbon neutral by 2030 and that at by the end of March 2025 it has now reduced its carbon emissions by **63% from a 2018/19 baseline.**
- 1.2 Notes the importance of climate adaptation and the additional work the Council has done to develop a corporate climate change risk register as set out in Appendix B

Telford & Wrekin Becoming Carbon Neutral and Climate Change Adaptation - update report

- 1.3 Notes that this report is in relation to the Council's response to the Climate Emergency Declaration and will be referred to Full Council for information as part of the 'Matters Determined by the Cabinet' report

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To update Cabinet on progress being made to meet the Council's target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and meeting the challenges of current and future impacts of a changing climate.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 In 2019 Telford and Wrekin Council declared a Climate Emergency and set out an ambitious target to ensure its activities and operations are carbon neutral by 2030. This is known as **climate change mitigation**. The Council is delivering this through its 'Becoming Carbon Neutral Plan', reporting annually on progress to Cabinet. The Council also made a commitment to work with partners with the aim of achieving the same target across the Borough.
- 3.2 As a local authority, Telford & Wrekin Council must also ensure that its services are able to react to the current and future predicted impacts that climate change is having. This is referred to as **climate change adaptation**. In 2024 the Council published its first Corporate Climate Change Risk register to help address the impact of climate change on its own services. The Council is committed to reporting on its progress on climate change adaptation on an annual basis. The Council is also working with partners to help address the impacts of climate change across the whole borough.
- 3.3 In recognition of the strong synergies between climate change mitigation and adaptation, it is now proposed that both areas be reported together within a single, integrated report which is the aim of this current report.
- 3.4 Climate change continues to be one of the most significant issues that affects Telford and Wrekin, its residents, communities, and businesses and remains one of the Council's five key priorities.
- 3.5 We have made strong progress in reducing the Council's emissions so far, but we recognise that it is getting harder and more challenging to do. It is still the right thing to do reinforced by the wider benefits we are seeing to our residents and communities including:
- The recent upgrades at Oakengates Leisure Centre have significantly enhanced the leisure offering while simultaneously reducing carbon emissions by 161 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent per year. In addition, energy costs have been cut by 45%, enabling savings to be reinvested into front line services.

- Initiatives such as the **Bike Hub** support residents to make the switch from the use of their cars for some trips reducing emissions but also provide opportunities for leisure and resultant health benefits.
- The investment we are making into housing whether through **NuPlace, Warm and Well Telford** and our various retrofit programmes will provide properties that are more affordable to heat thereby supporting residents to address rising energy costs, tackling fuel poverty and health impacts of living in cold and damp properties.

3.6 These co-benefits show that the investment we are making provides long-term gains in health, cost of living and resilience.

3.7 There are also actions the Council is seeking to address that are affected by factors outside of its control. For example, electrical grid connections remain a huge constraint on the expansion of renewable energy generation locally and nationally. The Council, working with partners, is continuing to lobby and work with Government and National Grid to overcome barriers to delivery.

Public Attitudes Towards Climate Change and Renewable Technologies

3.8 Public opinion on climate change and the adoption of renewable technologies has remained relatively consistent in recent years. A government survey conducted in Spring 2025¹ found that 77% of respondents remain concerned about climate change, indicating sustained public engagement with environmental issues. Furthermore, awareness of the national Net Zero Target remains high, with 88% of respondents familiar with the goal, suggesting that national messaging continues to resonate with the public.

3.9 Complementing this, data from the Office for National Statistics (2024)² revealed that 76% of individuals have made lifestyle changes aimed at reducing their environmental impact. This reflects a strong willingness among the public to continue to take personal action in support of climate objectives.

3.10 At the local level, the Council's most recent **Resident's Survey** provides further insight into community sentiment. When asked to rate their concern about the impacts of climate change on a scale from 1 to 10 (where 1 indicates no concern and 10 indicates extreme concern), 63% respondents gave it a score of 7 or over with 22% of respondents scoring 10.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

Climate Change Mitigation - Carbon Neutral Action Plan:

¹ [DESNZ Public Attitudes Tracker: Headline Findings Spring 2025, UK](#)

² [Public and business attitudes to the environment and climate change, Great Britain - Office for National Statistics](#)

- 4.1 The Council's Corporate Action Plan, 'Becoming Carbon Neutral,' is a live, working document which is reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis. It encompasses actions from all areas of the Council's operations and is formally refreshed annually. It reflects the Councils' priorities for climate change; to decarbonise the corporate estate, explore the feasibility of renewable energy generation and support communities in decarbonisation
- 4.2 The Action Plan is divided into the following themes:
- Adaptation
 - Affordable Warmth
 - Biodiversity & Carbon Sequestration
 - Borough Resources/Waste
 - Corporate Catering
 - Corporate Estate
 - Highways and Transport
 - Investment in Business
 - Planning Policy
 - Plastic Free
 - Communications and Engagement
 - Performance and Monitoring
- 4.3 A high-level summary of the Carbon Neutral Action Plan can be found in Appendix A of this report.

Key climate change actions in 2024/25

- 4.4 Since the last report, the Council has progressed a wide range of decarbonisation projects as illustrated by the following case studies compiled by theme:

Corporate Estate

- 4.5 **Wellington Leisure Centre:** Following a bid to the Salix Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) Phase 3c. In April 2024, the Council was awarded £1.1 million to deliver a package of energy efficiency improvements. These include upgrades to the building's thermal fabric and the installation of an air source heat pump, which is projected to reduce carbon emissions by approximately 70 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent per year. Works commenced in September 2024, with the facility officially reopening on 26 August 2025.

In addition to the decarbonisation measures, a series of enhancements have been undertaken to improve the swimming pool environment for users. These include:

- Installation of new lighting
- Refurbishment of the pool promenade
- Upgraded ventilation systems

- A comprehensive redecoration programme

The changing rooms have also been refurbished, featuring new showers, lockers, and cubicles to improve the overall user experience.

- 4.6 **Newport Swimming Pool & Fitness Centre:** A successful bid to the Swimming Pool Support Fund (SPSF) Phase II has secured £41,800 of grant funding to install pool covers and replace fluorescent lighting with LED lighting. Both measures will increase energy efficiency on site, resulting in estimated annual cost savings of £11,500 for the pool cover and £1,300 for LED lighting. Works were completed in October 2024.



- 4.7 **Telford Theatre** The redevelopment of Telford Theatre in Oakengates is designed with a ‘fabric first’ approach. The project design team have incorporated low power LED lighting, the reuse of existing solar panels and a thermal specification that goes beyond building regulation standards to increase the energy performance of the new Telford Theatre building. In addition, heating and ventilation systems will incorporate renewable technologies such as air source heat pumps, and current roof plans incorporate a significant array of photovoltaic panels. This will all result in a theatre with a significantly lower operational carbon requirement than the existing building which is now over 60 years old. Initial demolition works have now started, with the main construction work on the new building to start in 2026.



- 4.8 Telford & Wrekin Council has submitted plans for the new **Captain Matthew Webb Swimming and Fitness Centre in Dawley**. This project addresses an identified local need by enabling residents to swim within their own community, while reinforcing the Council’s commitment to sustainable development and enhancing community wellbeing. The proposed facility, located at Telford Langley School, will include a five-lane swimming pool and an expanded health and fitness suite. Designed with sustainability at its core, the centre will prioritise low energy consumption and reduced carbon emissions, supporting the Council’s ambition to achieve carbon neutrality. The Dawley location was selected following a detailed site review, addressing the area’s significant unmet demand for swimming provision.

The development will:

- Enable over 150,000 swims annually
- Expand the learn-to-swim programme by 150 places per week
- Increase community fitness access by 50 hours per week

Subject to planning approval, the centre is expected to open in early 2027, creating over 20 local jobs and contributing to the Council's wider goal of building a greener, healthier borough

Property Investment Portfolio

- 4.9 Work to improve the efficiency of the Council's Property Investment Portfolio (PIP) has continued. In previous years this has included LED lighting installed at Southwater One carpark and LED lighting and solar PV panels installed in the industrial units at Hortonwood 12, Newport Innovation Park PH2 & Orchard Park. Further opportunities to increase the amount of solar PV panels installed on PIP properties are currently being reviewed.

Affordable Warmth and Housing

- 4.10 The Council has previously delivered a wide range of projects to support people in fuel poverty including 10 off gas properties (22 measures) were retrofitted using funding from Phase 1 of the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG1). The Local Authority Delivery Scheme (LAD2) scheme was used to retrofit 50 homes in Sutton Hill, with 77 energy efficiency measures, including external wall insulation, loft insulation, cavity wall insulation, double glazing and solar panels. This programme of works improved the energy efficiency rating of properties as well as reducing residents' heating bills by up to £640 a year and saving up to 600 kilograms of CO₂e emissions each year.
- 4.11 Additional work this year has included:
- Through our **Warm and Well Telford** grant we are providing partial glazing, external doors and heating controls for eligible properties. This grant extends eligibility beyond that required by the government to reach more residents "in the gap". Residents may be eligible if gross combined household income is less than £50,000 per year, which means we can reach more people than by using the £36,000 gross combined household income threshold set by the government. So far 25 properties have been supported so far with another 11 in the pipeline.

Arleston

Before

The householder applied for the Warm and Well scheme as their front door was wooden. The door was rotting away and letting in draughts. TRVs were old and ineffective.



After

Householder comments:

"Excellent service, work was carried out very neat and very happy with the service."



- In a joint bid with Shropshire and Herefordshire, Telford & Wrekin Council were successful in securing Warm Homes Local Grant funding for all 3 authorities of £6,717,405. This funding will allow us to deliver **energy performance and low carbon heating upgrades to low-income homes** in the borough.
- The Council and partners have delivered the second phase of the **Home Upgrade Grant** aimed at low energy efficient off gas properties. The grant scheme delivery was completed in March 2025.

4.12 The Council continues to promote energy efficiency activities addressing fuel poverty for eligible residents through Telford Energy Advice (TEA). The TEA provides a free hotline for residents to call for information, advice and support. The latest Impact Report 2024 reported that since the inception of TEA:

- Around 4,300 households reached
- 350 home visits completed
- 1,400 energy advice calls made
- 360 frontline workers trained
- 1,100 energy-saving measures distributed
- 300 homes received funded insulation or heating
- 200 households supported with crisis funding (debt relief, energy top-ups, emergency heating, etc.)
- £9,300 in direct financial gains for residents
- £75,600 in total household savings from advice and support

4.13 Over the next two years in partnership with the Marches Energy Agency the Council is supporting the **Future Ready Homes initiative**. This is aimed at the self-funded market. The project will help **2,500 householders** navigate the complex world of retrofit and providing support throughout installation of works to ensure residents are getting the correct advice and quality from contractors. By working with local businesses, the project will also provide training opportunities to develop much needed local retrofit skills.

- 4.14 The **Retrofit Skills Home** project complements Future Ready Homes providing residents with an opportunity to view measures in a ‘show home’ with regular open days, webinars, video tours and case studies. Telford College construction students are collaborating with Marches Energy Agency and The Wrekin Housing Group on a real-life house renovation project in Arleston, Wellington. This initiative aims to transform a vacant property into an energy-efficient home, serving as a hands-on learning facility for students to acquire both traditional building skills and modern retrofit techniques. The project includes adding insulation, eliminating draughts, and installing green technologies like solar panels and heat pumps, which are essential for reducing carbon emissions and making homes more sustainable.
- 4.15 The project is supported by Telford and Wrekin Council and funded by the **Energy Saving Trust**. It will feature regular open days and online updates to engage the public and showcase the progress. The initiative addresses the boroughs need for skilled workers in home energy efficiency and aims to educate both staff and tenants on future-proofing homes.
- 4.16 **NuPlace**, the Council’s wholly owned housing company, continues to focus on delivering sustainable, energy efficient properties for private rent. To date 132 properties have been completed across Telford incorporating solar panels and EV charging points, saving residents money and reducing their emissions.
- 4.17 In addition, 18 of these homes at Wildwalk, in Donnington, were built to Future Homes Standards incorporating timber frame construction, and air source heat pumps. The team are continuing to monitor energy use and customer satisfaction to understand how these dwellings perform now occupied. A “12 Month On” tenant case study is to be developed exploring how the occupier is finding living in a Future Home.
- 4.18 A further 161 low energy homes are under construction for NuPlace across a diverse range of sites including refurbishments and conversions and new build scheme.
- 4.19 117 of these homes are located in Station Quarter, within Telford Town Centre, with properties all set to achieve EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) “A” rating in terms of environmental impact and EPC “B” rating for energy efficiency. Work is progressing well on the 84-dwelling state-of-the art apartment block which will bring town centre living to Telford Town Centre alongside 33 town houses and maisonettes. In July 2025 a topping out ceremony was staged to mark the new apartments at Station Quarter reaching their highest point with completion due in March 2026.



- 4.20 Nuplace secured £4.725m grant funding from WMCA to deliver a mixed-tenure housing scheme in the town centre, offering high-quality homes in a sustainable location with amenities nearby. Sustainability drives the Station Quarter design, incorporating low-carbon technologies and infrastructure that promotes walking, cycling, rail, and bus travel. A Car Club will support short-term car rentals, reducing reliance on private vehicles and encouraging greener choices for residents and visitors.
- 4.21 Nuplace homes are fully electric with no gas, in line with emerging Future Homes legislation. Heating is provided through a mixture of electric panel heaters and storage heaters with heat loss minimised through a fabric first approach to build and the use of PVs to minimise energy costs for residents. Throughout the wider Station Quarter development, native planting coupled with an innovative approach to sustainable drainage, including the creation of rain gardens, will deliver biodiversity enhancements.
- 4.22 Through the **LED Bulb Distribution Scheme**, the Council has provided 16,184 energy saving LED bulbs distributing them via community organisations, Town and Parish Councils and housing trusts. The scheme is set to continue helping those residents at risk from the cost-of-living crisis to reduce their electricity bills, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Transport

- 4.23 As part of our home to school transport operations, the council secured an electric minibus to add to our fleet of 15 EV's across service areas. This minibus has been in operation since July 2025. Furthermore, in November 2025, the council through the Travel Telford bus network undertook a two-week trial of a electric bus as part of our continued commitment to delivering zero-emission public transport. The vehicle covered 1,800km during the two weeks saving 2.3t CO₂e and data from this trial will shape future investment into electric buses for the borough's wider public bus network.
- 4.24 The Council was awarded £683,370 from **On-street Residential Charge Point Scheme (ORCS)** for the installation of 70 dual fast EV charge points in Council car parks to support residential charge points. The Council has appointed an EV charge point operator who will deliver the ORCS funded charge points but will also fully fund additional EV charge points in Council car parks. Overall, this project could see an additional 104 EV charge points (208 sockets) installed
- 4.25 The Council has also been awarded £1,020,000 from **Local EV Infrastructure fund (LEVI)**. The Council has joined Midlands Connect Consortium with other Local Authorities to maximise the number of on-street charge points. It is anticipated the first on-street EV charge points would be installed from 2026 and rolled out over a five-year period.

- 4.26 In October 2025 the Council consulted with the public, businesses, and taxi & private hire drivers as part of the refresh of the Council's Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Strategy. The updated strategy aims to accelerate the borough's transition to electric vehicles by ensuring charging infrastructure is accessible, equitable, and aligned with local needs.

Active Travel

- 4.27 Active travel initiatives are vital because they reduce carbon emissions from vehicles, helping tackle climate change, while also improving physical health, boosting mental wellbeing, and fostering healthier, more active lifestyles for children and communities.:
- 4.28 **The New School Journey project** is a year-long initiative promoting active travel and road safety in schools across Telford & Wrekin. So far, 11 schools have participated, with evaluation data showing a marked shift from car use to walking, cycling, and scooting.
- 4.29 Key outcomes from 2023–24 include:
- **Ladygrove Primary:** Car travel dropped from 141 to 63 pupils; walking and park & stride increased.
 - **Meadows Primary:** Car use fell from 188 to 57 pupils; walking and cycling rose.
 - **Newport Juniors & Infants:** Similar reductions in car travel and growth in active modes.
- 4.30 Pupil surveys revealed strong interest in cycling and scooting, suggesting further potential if infrastructure and support continue. The project also includes air quality education, delivered with the Environmental Team. Pupils attend workshops and assemblies on pollution and environmental protection. When pupils were asked what the advantages were responses included “good for your heart and mental health”, “avoids traffic and doesn't pollute“ and “you can chat with friends”.
- 4.31 Air quality monitors are installed at the start and end of the project to assess impact.
- 4.32 Community engagement is central, with events like Bike Buses and Group Walks to School. Lawley Village Academy's recent walk drew around 200 participants, showing strong local support.
- 4.33 **Bikeability Cycle Training.** Bikeability is the national cycle training programme, helping people gain confidence and skills to cycle safely. In 2024–25, Telford & Wrekin saw major growth:

- 1,281 pupils trained, up from 869 in 2023–24—a 47% increase, the highest in England.
- Ranked 5th nationally for delivery growth over two years.
- Introduced Level 3 training, with 46 secondary pupils completing advanced road cycling skills.
- Added a fleet of 20 adapted cycles (hand cycles, trikes, tandems), improving access for SEND pupils.

Renewable Energy Generation

- 4.34 The Council-owned **Wheat Leasows solar farm** continues to generate renewable energy. In 2024/25 the solar farm produced 3144 MWh of electricity, enough energy to power 1084 homes per year (based on average annual household consumption of 2,900 kWh). With the solar farm continuing to bring benefit across communities through the sale of the energy generated back to the grid, which is then invested back into front line services, the Council is exploring the feasibility of potential new solar generation within the borough.

Planning Policy

- 4.35 Climate change and sustainability is a key consideration in the review of the Local Plan which sets policies that ensure buildings are more efficient to run, are built from sustainable materials and practices, that carbon reductions are secured through the development process and in ensuring our natural resources are protected.
- 4.36 As the review progresses following the submission of the new Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate, policies to support the Council's ambition to drive climate change action gain further weight.
- 4.37 The Council supports innovation in this area with existing policies designed to reflect the constant change and progression in this field and evidenced by the approval of a number of applications for renewable energy generation. The emerging Local Plan will reflect the more robust provisions for renewable and low-carbon energy set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.

Biodiversity

- 4.38 Protecting and enhancing Council-owned green spaces and nature reserves supports both climate adaptation and mitigation measures. Since the last report, the Council have been very proactive including:

- Expanding the number of wildflower areas across the borough, now covering 38 areas across 23 sites. A meadow establishment project is underway to overseed native perennial wildflowers in suitable locations such as verges, roundabouts, parks, and open spaces. One example is Randlay Spine, where amenity grassland has been successfully converted into a wildflower meadow.
- Partnering with Buglife on the 'B-line' project to combat pollinator decline by increasing connected wildflower-rich habitats in Telford and Shropshire. Completed in November 2024, the project also engaged local communities through events, education, and citizen science, raising awareness of UK pollinator species and empowering action for wildlife. Further wildflower seeding at Wombridge Green Guarantee site is planned for this autumn.
- Meadow cut areas are now part of all Green Flag Parks to balance nature conservation with recreational use. Additional nest boxes are being installed at Hartshill Park, and bat boxes at Dawley Hamlets Local Nature Reserve, Priorslee, Leegomery, and The Granville.
- A new community orchard has been planted in Wellington, with further tree planting in winter 2025/26.



- 4.39 The Local Nature Recovery Strategy, developed with Shropshire Council, is advancing rapidly. A steering group including the Environment Agency and Shropshire Wildlife Trust is in place, with adoption by both authorities expected in early 2026 after consultation and Defra approval. The strategy prioritizes peatland restoration, natural flood management, and urban cooling measures.
- 4.40 Dothill and Shawbirch Local Nature Reserve join Telford Town Park, Bowring Park, Apley Woods, Hartshill Park, Dale End Park and Dawley Park in retaining Green Flag status. Victoria Park in Newport also received the award, bringing the total to eight Green Flags across the Borough. This international quality mark reflects the dedication of Council staff, volunteers and 'Friends Of' groups. Two new Local Nature Reserve sites are being submitted for 2026.

Borough Resources/Waste

4.41 In 2024/25, 16 local community groups benefitted from a share of £14,507 from Envirogrant. A further £15,493 is available in 25/26 opening for bids from local groups in August 2025. Pneuma Affinity CIC was awarded a grant in 2024 to deliver creative workshops exploring the themes of people, planet and connection. The result was The Mosaic of Harmony, created by members of the Telford Autism Hub, who made tiles and used them alongside reclaimed local tiles. The artwork is now installed in The Retreat Rooftop Garden at the shopping centre.



4.42 Also in 2025/26, as part of the Veolia Added Social Value fund, a further £10,000 has been agreed to support and expand reuse opportunities. Since April 2024, 11 sale events have taken place and 3 online auctions with nearly 100 tonnes of waste reused. Monthly sale and online auction events continue.

4.43 Alongside this education on food minimisation continues to be delivered jointly with Veolia. Multi language bin hangers and literature have been developed including Punjabi, Romanian and Polish to increase recycling participation. Monthly social media plans highlight the waste journey, recycling and waste minimisation along with an annual collection day calendar delivered to all residents with key messages on reduce, reuse, recycle.

4.44 Reintroducing food recycling within Council buildings is currently being investigated by Building Services. For schools, the Waste team can signpost food waste recycling collections and through the Services for Schools team a dry recycling collection is available for schools in Telford and Wrekin to buy into.

Catering Services

4.45 The Council's **Let's Dine** school catering service continues to offer options supporting healthier, low-carbon diets. Meat content in recipes has been reduced and replaced with alternative proteins to meet food standards while lowering environmental impact. Catering teams have worked closely with school action groups to eliminate 98% of single-use plastics. Regular reviews are conducted to identify more sustainable alternatives across all catering operations. Where possible, the service partners with local suppliers who share our commitment to quality and sustainability.

4.46 Used cooking oil is collected and recycled into biofuel, reducing food waste and supporting cleaner energy sources. Efforts are also underway to improve kitchen energy efficiency, with staff encouraged and trained to adopt more sustainable practices. To further reduce emissions, the Council is exploring the replacement of three hired delivery vans with electric or hybrid alternatives, alongside assessing the feasibility of on-site vehicle charging infrastructure.

Carbon Emissions 2024/25

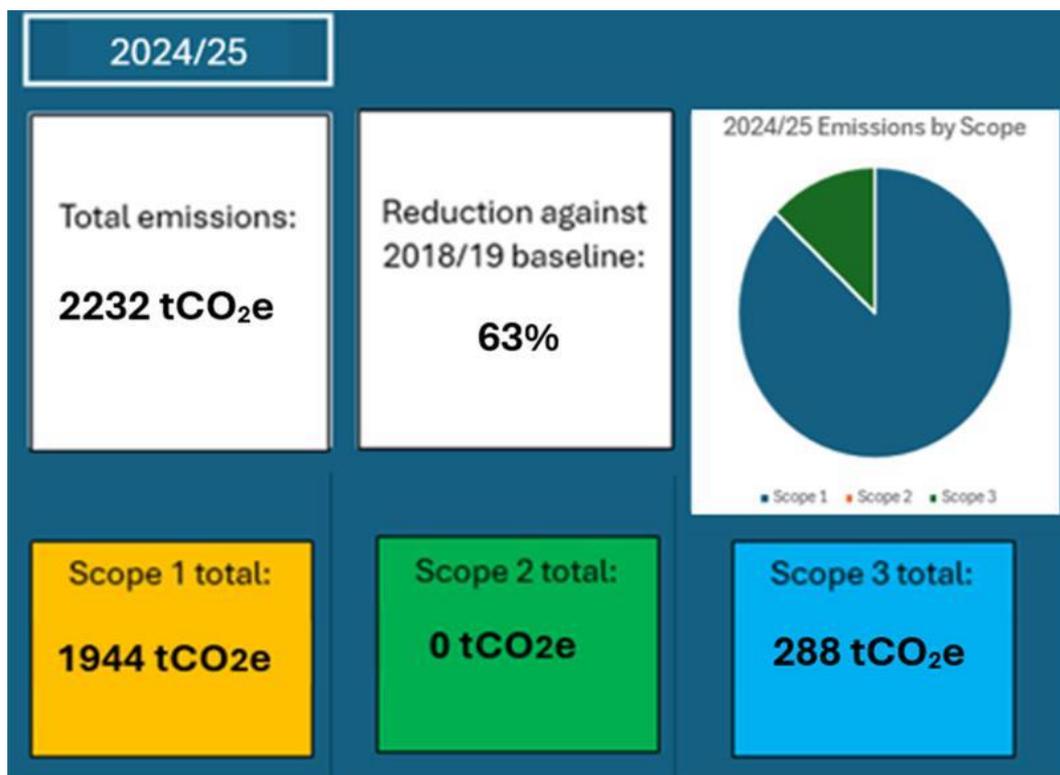
4.47 We continue to monitor our scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions in line with the Local Government Association reporting guidance. To do this, Telford and Wrekin Council have undertaken 'in-house' greenhouse gas (GHG) accounting, using the LGA GHG accounting tool for guidance.

Scope 1: Corporate estate – gas usage
Fleet vehicles – fuel usage

Scope 2: Corporate estate - electricity usage
Street lighting – electricity usage

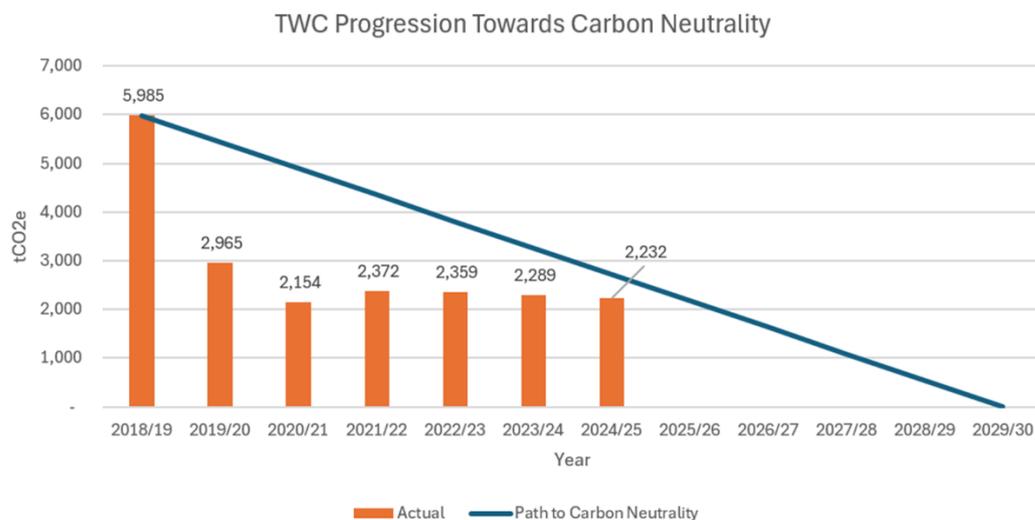
Scope 3: Business mileage
Water supply & treatment
Electricity - transmission & distribution losses

4.48 A summary of the key emission headlines for the 2024/25 reporting year is shown below:



4.49 Overall, comparing the 2024/25 reporting period to the 2018/19 baseline data, the Council has reduced its emissions by 63%. In the context of our path to becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030, our emission reductions are currently 8% ahead of target.

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- 4.50 Moving to renewable green energy as part of the West Mercia Energy (WME) Green Deal means the Council's emissions from electricity have been hugely reduced. The Council's electricity consumption is made up of electricity used in our buildings and the boroughs streetlighting.
- 4.51 Through active electricity management, consumption has fallen by 28% compared to 2018/19. This includes a 33% drop in streetlighting use following LED replacements and a 23% reduction in our buildings against the 2018/19 baseline, plus a 16% decrease compared to 2023/24.
- 4.52 Both greenhouse gas emissions and gas usage in our corporate estate has fallen by 4% compared to 2023/24 due to increased building efficiencies and decarbonisation interventions.
- 4.53 The Council's transport related emissions in 2024/25 have increased compared to 2023/24. Fleet vehicle related emissions have risen by 18%, while business mileage related emissions have decreased by 7%. This trend is attributed to the launch of the Enterprise car club for business travel and employee behaviours. Some staff members previously may not have claimed mileage for business travel they've done in their personal vehicles, while 100% of journeys undertaken in car club vehicles will be recorded through fuel card data.
- 4.54 To ensure the Council continues its journey to carbon neutrality work has been undertaken to develop a high-level carbon descent pathway identifying measures and projects the Council can implement to reach a 70% reduction in emissions by 2026/27 as the next step to 2030. The Council is working with the Midlands Net Zero Hub (MNZH) to prioritise potential projects based on capital cost; revenue and carbon savings; and eligibility for available funding such as the Green Heat Network Fund (GHNF).

Climate Change Adaptation

- 4.55 Climate change impacts include both chronic long-term effects such as drier summers and wetter winter but also an increase in the frequency and intensity of weather-related events such as flooding and heat waves. The following table from a study by the Climate Change Committee in 2017 summarises the principal risks climate change poses.

Figure SR.1: Top six areas of inter-related climate change risks for the United Kingdom

Flooding and coastal change risks to communities, businesses and infrastructure (Ch3, Ch4 Ch5, Ch6)	MORE ACTION NEEDED
Risks to health, well-being and productivity from high temperatures (Ch5, Ch6)	
Risk of shortages in the public water supply, and for agriculture, energy generation and industry (Ch3, Ch4, Ch5, Ch6)	
Risks to natural capital, including terrestrial, coastal, marine and freshwater ecosystems, soils and biodiversity (Ch3)	
Risks to domestic and international food production and trade (Ch3, Ch6, Ch7)	
New and emerging pests and diseases, and invasive non-native species, affecting people, plants and animals (Ch3, Ch5, Ch7)	RESEARCH PRIORITY
NOW -----> RISK MAGNITUDE -----> FUTURE <div style="display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;"> LOW MEDIUM HIGH </div>	

- 4.56 As a deliverer of key services and a community leader, Telford & Wrekin Council has a responsibility to adopt climate adaptation measures across its operations and to support resilience across the wider borough. Our response to climate change needs to ensure procedures are in place to react to emergencies already being witnessed. Equally we must proactively plan how services are delivered in the future to strengthen the resilience of both the Council and the communities we serve. This commitment is reflected in the Council Plan 2024-2027, which sets out a clear ambition to ensure that 'communities are resilient to the impact of climate change'. It is also a key Ambition of the Council's Vision 2032
- 4.57 In September 2023 Environment Scrutiny considered the Council's response and this led to the development of the Corporate Climate Change Risk Register which was presented to Cabinet on 16 May 2024 after extensive cross Council engagement, an all-Councillor seminar and further work with the Environment Scrutiny members. The Scrutiny Committee continues to receive annual reports.

Adaptation Risk Register Update – 2025

- 4.58 The 2025 update to the Council's Climate Adaptation Risk Register (see Appendix B) demonstrates continued progress on the actions identified in 2024. A significant

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number of risks have not required revision this year, as existing controls remain appropriate and effective.

- 4.59 Several actions, particularly those linked to the Prosperity and Investment theme, are scheduled to be implemented following the adoption of the Local Plan, which is anticipated within the next 12 months. Once adopted, the Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (CCSPD) and the Green Space Standard will be reviewed and updated accordingly to reflect the new planning framework.
- 4.60 The Council continues to invest in digital channels providing a 24/7 service and enabling the Customer Contact Centre to handle higher call volumes, particularly during emergencies such as flooding, events expected to increase in frequency due to climate change.
- 4.61 Significant progress is being made to strengthen the Council's corporate Business Continuity Plans (BCPs). The Climate Adaptation Risk Register is being used to inform these plans, ensuring that relevant climate-related risk controls are embedded within each Business Group's continuity arrangements. The BCPs are expected to be in place by the end of 2026 and will be reviewed and updated annually. This approach ensures that a climate lens is consistently applied when planning for known business risks across the organisation.
- 4.62 In parallel, substantial work has been undertaken to support Town and Parish Councils in developing robust emergency planning for their communities. A dedicated session was held in October 2025 to introduce a new Emergency Plan template, designed to help local councils prepare for a wide range of risks, including flooding, extreme heat and cold, wildfires, and other climate-related hazards.
- 4.63 This template, along with updated and localised information to be published on the Council's 'Dealing with Specific Risks' pages within the 'Emergencies' section of the website, will form a comprehensive 'resource for Town and Parish Councils. This initiative directly addresses an action from the 2024 Climate Adaptation Risk Register. These emergency plans will also be reviewed annually, helping ensure that local communities are actively considering climate impacts and adapting to a changing environment.
- 4.64 Below are some further examples demonstrating actions the Council is taking based on the risk register.

Case Study 1 Arthog

4.65 Education and Skills Business Group identified “*Developing locations which are less prone to significant weather events, more sheltered*” as an action in the risk register. During the Easter school break 2025, a group of Children in Care, under the support of the Virtual School, attended an outdoor education residential at Arthog Wales. The planned activity for the morning of the second day was a canoe trip on the Mawddach estuary. However, with a yellow weather warning for heavy rain and strong winds, this activity was assessed as being too risky. Fortunately, the team at Arthog have worked with local landowners to gain access to a sheltered inland pond which allowed the canoeing activity to go ahead at this alternative location.

4.66 Since the last report progress has been made as the team have negotiated with local landowners to access a number of sites locally and, where necessary, agreed an annual rent or access fee to use this site, this will ensure availability of suitable activities in extremes of weather. This includes the above-mentioned pool which we now have access to all year round and are able to store equipment at for easy access.



Case Study 2 Local Nature Reserves

4.67 **Apley Woods Local Nature Reserve** In response to increased erosion and silting due to heavy rainfall Telford and Wrekin Council Officers, idverde and the Friends of Apley Woods Volunteers worked together to plant phragmites (reeds) in fenced areas around the pool in May 2025. This was recommended by the Environment Agency as a natural way of improving water quality. The pool has suffered from algal blooms and the reeds will act as a natural filtration system for the pool by removing excess nutrients from the water. The reedbeds also will increase oxygenation and help to stabilise the banks, creating additional habitats for wildlife



4.68 **Horsehay Pool Local Nature Reserve:** Reed planting in the form of floating rafts has also been provided at Horsehay Pool LNR this spring with additional reeds to be planted by the Friends of Horsehay this summer.

4.69 We have also engaged with community organisations to explore the shared challenges we face in adapting to a changing climate. These conversations have

highlighted the importance for every organisation to develop their own adaptation plans, while also recognising the need for stronger collaboration across sectors.

4.70 Adapting to and preparing for ongoing climate change is a long-term journey that will take time to develop however as illustrated the foundations are being laid and by working together, we can build a more resilient Borough that is better prepared for the impacts of climate change.

4.71 The Council continues to support communities with this where appropriate and will maintain ongoing dialogue to identify further opportunities for collaboration. Some examples include:

- Supporting local flood action groups
- Using Councillor's Pride Funding to enable community-led adaptation measures
- Signposting to relevant funding opportunities, such as Reaching Communities England.

Borough - wide partnership work

4.72 Although the primary focus of this report is the Councils' own activities, we continue to work with our partners to progress the climate change agenda through the Climate Change Borough Partnership. Four partnerships act as subgroups to the overall partnership.

- Communities Climate Forum
- Telford Sustainability and Energy Cluster (TSEC).
- The Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Integrated Care System Climate Change Board
- Shropshire Good Food Partnership.

4.73 The Council remains committed to supporting the Borough Climate Change Partnership with the 2024 annual conference taking place at the Park Lane Centre in Woodside. This brought together partners communities and businesses borough-wide to share updates, showcase action, and develop new opportunities for collaboration. Discussions focused on both climate change mitigation and adaptation, reinforcing the shared commitment to building a more sustainable and resilient future.

4.74 In preparation for the 2025 conference over the summer, we commissioned an independent facilitator to lead targeted engagement with local communities, including parish and town councils, community buildings, and voluntary and community organisations. The aim was to deepen collective understanding of the environmental challenges we face, explore opportunities for stronger collaboration, and identify ways to build community resilience, supporting and involving local residents along the way. As a result, two potential projects were identified for

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further exploration by attendees. shared communications and decarbonising community buildings

- 4.75 The 2025 Conference included speakers from the ICS, Fabweld, Shropshire Good Food Partnership, and Randlay Community Centre showcasing their work inspiring others and shared examples of their work to inspire and inform others. The event provided a further strengthening connections across the network.

Business Support

- 4.76 Telford's businesses play a vital role in achieving the Borough's sustainability and climate change ambitions. Many of the area's employers are leading the way in addressing climate challenges and driving forward sustainable practices.

Deter Tech

"Sustainability is at the heart of DeterTech's strategic plans. In early 2026, we will manufacture and undertake end-of-life waste processing will be brought in-house, which provides us the opportunity to fully understand and influence our impact on the environment. DeterTech have control over supplier selection and processing of waste streams, holding suppliers to account for their environmental performance".

Richard Harris - Director of Technical Services DeterTech



Fabweld Steel Products

At FSP, sustainability is embedded in our business strategy, not only as a commitment to reducing carbon emissions and increasing self-sufficiency, but as a powerful driver for operational efficiency, cost reduction, and competitive advantage. Our sustainability initiatives have enabled us to streamline processes, optimize resource use, and deliver innovative solutions that support both environmental and commercial goals. By integrating sustainable practices throughout our operations, we have strengthened our market position and unlocked new opportunities for growth. For FSP, sustainability is not just a responsibility it is a catalyst for progress and long-term success.

Wayne Carter – Managing Director Fabweld Steel Products



- 4.77 The Council continues to support the **Telford Sustainability and Energy Cluster (TSEC)**. The cluster foster business collaboration, drives sustainable practices, and is addressing common challenges among Telford businesses that will create a positive environmental, social and economic impact. In April 2025 TSEC considered the impact of the requirements of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) which refers to a set of standards for a company's operations that socially conscious investors use to screen potential investments. Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), businesses are increasingly expected to align with ESG principles.



- 4.78 The **Marches Energy Grant (MEG)** programme closed in April 2025. Key outcomes included awarding 21 business grants and 2 community centre grants totally £483,532 to support. These grants supported energy efficiency improvements and sustainability initiatives across local organisations, contributing to the borough's wider climate and carbon reduction goals.

Car dealership TJ Vickers received £55,361 towards installing solar panels on its Trench car showroom. The panels are expected to generate over 72,400 kWh annually, equivalent to the electricity use of around 20 average UK homes. Thanks to the grant, the investment is projected to pay back within four years.



Plastic free

4.79 Telford & Wrekin Council continue to act as the secretariat for the Plastic Free Taskforce who meet to share experiences and work towards accreditation. This includes running awareness-raising campaigns and encouraging more local businesses and community organisations to sign up to a plastic-free pledge, committing to remove as many single-use plastics from their operations as possible. The taskforce remains focused on building momentum through local champions, targeted outreach, and celebrating success stories to inspire wider uptake.

4.80 A borough wide campaign was run over the summer covering Plastic Free July which included sharing tips, resources and information to help residents make simple swaps to reduce their use of single-use plastic. The taskforce also took the opportunity to lobby big manufacturers to encourage them to reduce plastic packaging and adopt sustainable alternatives, whilst also reaching out to local manufacturers in the borough to encourage more to get involved in the local campaign. This include features on businesses such as The Little Green Pantry in Wellington



Supporting Community Projects

4.81 To date, the Council has awarded more than £348k to a number of community projects through the Council's Climate Change Fund. Most recently this has included:

4.82 **Climate Action Hub Telford** who, as a result of their grant, have been able to establish a presence in Wellington by holding free monthly Sustainable Sunday Events at Belmont Hall. Each event focuses on a different aspect of sustainability and looks to engage members of the public in an interactive and informative way. Attendees are treated to refreshments and sustainable plant-based snacks.

In 2024:

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- A total of 918 people and 189 stallholders have attended their Sustainable Sunday events.
- People have donated 888.5 Kg of unwanted items to them, and they have re-homed 999 items.
- They also re-homed 105 Kg of clothes at their Sustainable Fashion event.
- People brought in 118 Kg of recyclable items which were sent to Terracycle and Recycling for Good Causes, and 30.2 Kg electrical items for recycling.
- They loaned out 46 books from their Eco-Library
- They served hundreds of plant-based meals and snacks



- 4.83 **Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council** Thanks to support from the Climate Change Fund, Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council installed solar panels at Randlay Community Centre in spring 2024. One year on, the system has generated 30 MWh of electricity, enough to power 10 homes annually. Of this, 7 MWh was used onsite and 23 MWh exported to the grid, significantly reducing energy costs and supporting community work. The project also delivered an estimated carbon saving of 6,212 kg CO₂e.
- 4.84 Building on this success, the Parish Council secured a further £60k from the Marches Energy Grant, enabling investment across all three of their sites. In total, around £130k has been invested, with £70k provided through grants including 10k from the Climate Change Fund.
- 4.85 **Sutton Hill Church.** In August 2023, The Climate Change Fund helped Sutton Hill Church replace all the old ground floor windows in the church building. The 28mm Double Glazed 'A' Rated Argon Filled windows represent a significant upgrade on the previous windows which were leaky, inefficient, and outdated. Now Sutton Hill Church can benefit from greater thermal efficiency of their building, reducing costs for heating and lower emissions. The users of the church will also benefit from a more comfortably heated and insulated area. The before and after example below also highlights to aesthetic improvement these windows have provided to Sutton Hill Church.



Next steps

4.86 To build on the progress made to date and to ensure that the Council's carbon mitigation work fully contributes to wider issues of extreme weather and fuel poverty the following areas of work are seen as a priority:

- To keep the Corporate Climate Change Action Plan and Adaptation Risk Register under constant review and to work across the authority to identify new initiatives.
- To continue to monitor progress on a quarterly basis to ensure change is being made and to identify and address challenges quickly. The assignment of actions to specific officers will be continued to embed accountability into the plan.
- To continue greenhouse gas accounting and comparison against the decarbonisation pathway to effectively track progress to net zero.
- To continue to explore potential sites for corporate renewable energy generation.
- To ensure that any actions to address climate change continue to support Telford's residents, community groups and businesses address the impact of increases in fuel prices and fuel poverty.
- To continue to raise awareness of climate change to staff to support better-informed decision making that incorporates climate change and its impacts.
- To continue to share the positive climate work happening within the Council and across the community by strengthening our existing communication channels.
- To continue to work with our partners across the Borough to support wider climate change actions.

5 Alternative Options

5.1 The alternative option would be to take no further action, which would result in the Council failing to deliver on its climate change commitments. This approach carries significant reputational risk, particularly given the Council's role as a community leader. Neglecting issues such as building energy efficiency and renewable energy development would lead to increased fuel costs and missed

income opportunities. It would also negatively affect the health, wellbeing, and economic resilience of businesses, communities, and residents across Telford & Wrekin.

- 5.2 Failure to produce and regularly update a climate change adaptation risk register would prevent the Council from identifying service-related risks and responding effectively to climate-related emergencies. This could result in higher future costs and increased disruption to services, reputational damage, and reduced resilience to extreme weather events.

6 Key Risks

- 6.1 The Climate Change Committee's *Independent Assessment of UK Climate Risk for the UK* (CCRA3), published in June 2021³ sets out the priority climate change risks for the UK which are also relevant locally were action not to be taken. In summary, risks in the report include:

- The impacts of climate change on the natural environment.
- An increase in the range, quantities, and consequences of pests, pathogens, and invasive species.
- more frequent and severity of flooding, and coastal erosion, causing damage to infrastructure services.
- A reduction in public water supplies due to increasing periods of water scarcity.
- The impact of extreme temperatures, high winds, and lightning on the transport network.
- The impact of increasing high temperatures on people's health and wellbeing.
- Disruption to the delivery of health and social care services due to a greater frequency of extreme weather.
- Damage to cultural heritage assets as a result of temperature, precipitation, groundwater and landscape changes.
- Impacts internationally that may affect the UK, such as risks to food availability, safety and security, risks to international law, trade routes and public health.

7.0 Council Priorities

- 7.1 The Council's work on climate change and sustainability is a direct response to the Council's priority "Our natural environment is protected, and the Council has a leading role in addressing the climate emergency". However, as a cross-cutting agenda it also has a significant contribution towards all other Council priorities including:

- Every child, young person, and adult lives well in their community.
- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy.

³ <https://www.ukclimaterisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/CCRA-Evidence-Report-England-Summary-Final.pdf>

- All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.
- A community-focussed, innovative Council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 The initiatives outlined in the report are funded from a combination of Council funding, and external grant funding. Finance will provide ongoing support in relation to any bids for external funding as required. Scheme expenditure is monitored on a regular basis. Financial implications are considered as part of the Risk Register.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 The Climate Change Act 2008 (as amended) establishes a legally binding target to reduce the UK's greenhouse gas emissions by 100% by 2050 when compared with the 1990 baseline. At a local level, Section 19(1A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to include in their local plans, policies designed to secure that the development and use of land in the local planning authority's area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change. In the management of its activities, provision of its services and performance of its functions, local Councils are able to play a vital role in meeting the challenges posed by climate change. The Council has wide scope to decide how best to address these challenges.

9.2 The Council has the legal power to undertake the activities set out in the report. Implementation of the proposals in this report may give rise to specific legal issues upon which legal advice will be provided as necessary.

9.3 There are no specific human resource implications arising from this report.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 This report has a borough wide impact.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 Climate change is expected to continue having a significant impact on the health, social, and economic wellbeing of residents in Telford and Wrekin. For example, the summer of 2025 was the warmest on record, with prolonged heatwaves posing serious health risks—particularly to vulnerable groups such as older adults, children, and those with existing health conditions.

11.2 Many of the actions outlined in the Council's Climate Change Plan offer substantial health co-benefits, including improved air quality, increased access to green spaces, and better housing energy efficiency. These measures not only

support climate resilience but also contribute to healthier, more equitable communities. The impact of climate change is also considered in the Council's Health and Well Being Strategy 2023-2027

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

- 12.1 The Council's Climate Change Action Plan and Adaptation Risk Register take account of the legal requirement to pay due regard to the aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty. Key to this is consideration of people's specific needs based on their protected characteristics.

People who share protected characteristics of age, race, ethnicity, and disability are often disproportionately affected by climate change and its consequences. This is true locally and internationally. Extreme weather events, for example heat waves most detrimentally affect older residents and those with pre-existing respiratory and cardiovascular conditions.

The success of our climate change activity relies on active participation by the whole community. Steps are taken to make sure that events are inclusive, and the differing needs of individuals are considered so that they can access activities and contribute effectively

13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

- 13.1 This report sets out how Telford and Wrekin Council is addressing the current and future impacts of climate change and is therefore a key mechanism to support the Council's climate change work.

14.0 Appendices

- A Telford and Wrekin Council Carbon Neutral Action Plan
- B Telford and Wrekin Strategic Climate Change Adaptation Risk Register

15.0 Report Sign Off

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Telford and Wrekin Council Corporate Carbon Neutral Action Plan (updated October 2025)

The Corporate Climate Change Carbon Neutral Action Plan reflects the Councils' priorities for climate change; to decarbonise the Council's activities, explore renewable energy feasibility, support communities in decarbonisation and build resilience against the impacts of climate change.

The Action Plan is a living document and is monitored and updated by the Climate Change Team on a regular basis. It is formally reviewed and reported to Cabinet as part of the annual Climate Change Report.

1 Adaptation			
	Action	Comments	Lead Area
1.1	Update the Corporate Risk Register annually.	The Adaptation Plan Cabinet report and accompanying Corporate Risk Register was formally adopted on 16/05/24. Risk register has been updated for 2025 and will continue to be updated annually moving forward.	Climate Change & Sustainability
1.2	Annual updates on the progress of the Adaptation Plan to be shared with Environment Scrutiny Committee.	The Adaptation Plan now forms part of a wider Climate Change report which will be presented to Environment Scrutiny Committee 4 th March 2026.	Climate Change & Sustainability

Action	Comments	Lead Area
2 Affordable Warmth		
2.1	Explore a group buying scheme for domestic solar PV and battery storage e.g. Solar Together or a local alternative.	This is currently being promoted through the Future Ready Homes scheme, working in partnership with the Marches Energy Agency.
2.2	Explore carbon reduction proposals for future NuPlace developments.	Donnington Wood Way: All Nuplace properties complete and occupied. "12 Months On" tenant case study to be developed to explore how the occupier is finding living in a Future Home. The monitoring of the impact of Future Homes properties on tenants will be used as learning and to review their roll out. Station Quarter: Works commenced on site to deliver a low carbon / sustainable scheme at the heart of the town centre.
2.3	Promotion of energy efficiency activities addressing fuel poverty for eligible residents through Telford Energy Advice (TEA).	Embedded in business-as-usual service delivery with regular monitoring by the Strategic Housing Team. This is used to monitor challenges facing residents and shape information shared via communication campaigns and to shape any new grant opportunities.
2.4	Develop support measures for residents most impacted by high energy rises but who fall outside the Government's definition of fuel poverty. This could include grants for renewable installations and	Warm And Well Telford grant now live, and extends eligibility beyond that required by the government to reach more residents "in the gap".

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	<p>insulation in conjunction with the Government's Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS).</p>	<p>Residents may be eligible if gross combined household income is less than £50,000 per year, which means we can reach more people than by using the £36,000 gross combined household income threshold set by the government.</p> <p>In a joint bid with Shropshire and Herefordshire, we were successful in securing Warm Homes Local Grant funding for all 3 authorities of £6,717,405. This funding will allow us to deliver energy performance and low carbon heating upgrades to low-income homes in the borough.</p>	
2.5	<p>Procure a second round of energy efficient lightbulbs to support vulnerable residents and those in fuel poverty.</p>	<p>New supplier now in place. Since the last update, 7,184 LED bulbs have been distributed through 33 key community partners across the borough signed up as distributors, with the last order being in April 2025. Since the schemes inception in November 2022, a total of 18,184 LED bulbs have been distributed to residents to support with the cost-of-living crisis.</p>	Climate Change & Sustainability
2.6	<p>Install fabric first energy efficiency measures through the Home Upgrade Grant (2) funding for eligible off-gas properties in the borough.</p>	<p>The Grant scheme was completed in March 2025.</p>	Strategic Housing & Regeneration

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2.7	To enforce the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards on non-compliant landlords. Ensuring all private rented properties meet the minimum EPC rating.	Embedded in business-as-usual service delivery through the Private Sector Housing Team.
3 Biodiversity & Carbon Sequestration		
3.1	Explore use of green finance and accreditation in the management of TWC's open space which will also increase carbon capture and resilience.	Action wording has been broadened, previous wording: "Explore accreditation schemes for biodiversity offset e.g. Carbon Credits and the Woodland Carbon Code." Biodiversity Net Gain is live for planning applications, however there is no simple mechanism for a Council to deliver offsite works; this is being monitored. Proposed that the Carbon Credits and Woodland Carbon Code is incorporated into the larger remit of borough green space management including LNRs.
3.2	Developments to contribute towards the maintenance and/or extension of the borough's canopy cover (areas covered by trees) through various mechanisms to be defined through the Local Plan.	The new Local Plan has been submitted to the Government Inspector and is anticipated to be subject to examination in public in early 2026. . Policy NE2 - Tree policy requires protection of trees and mitigation for any loss. Ward level

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		canopy data and opportunity mapping to inform level and type of new tree provision within new developments.	
3.3	As LNRS is adopted by TWC, TWC to investigate funding opportunities to deliver climate beneficial projects on TWC land that align with LNRS priorities.	Local Nature Reserve Strategy (LNRS) progressing in partnership with Shropshire (lead authority) and a steering group including the Environment Agency & Shropshire Wildlife Trust. No specific creation targets are within the strategy; however, it sets out areas of high potential and habitat types that would be most beneficial and practical. Adoption of the LNRS expected in early 2026 following public consultation and approval from DEFRA.	Prosperity & Investment
3.4	Create and enforce a biodiversity net gain commitment for new developments such as trees and hedges.	The Publication version of the new Local Plan Policy NE3, sets a minimum of 10% Biodiversity Net Gain in line with legislation and sets an aspiration for 20% subject to viability. Hierarchy to deliver onsite first before offsite solutions are considered and weighted accordingly.	Prosperity & Investment
3.5	Create and enforce green space requirements for new developments through development management.	The proposed new Local Plan Policy NE4 includes a Greenspace Factor for major development (0.4 residential, 0.3 non-residential).	Prosperity & Investment

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4 Borough Resources/Waste		
4.1	Promote and, where able, support circular economy initiatives through the added value commitments within the Waste Services Contract.	Annual investment from 24/25 has been 10k into the new reuse initiative. To date nearly 100 tonnes of waste has been rescued and reused. Further reuse events are planned. Ongoing Promotion through Communications and Engagement of these initiatives and education on food minimisation is delivered jointly with Veolia.
4.2	Reintroduce a food recycling service in council buildings with the potential to also engage schools.	<p>Facilities Management update - Resources to implement are currently limited. Cleaning contracts have recently been reduced so would be unable to take on the extra work of collecting the food waste bins in Council buildings. Position is subject to review with potential to implement alongside expected changes to domestic waste collection in 2026.</p> <p>Waste Team update - To drive up recycling rates across England, Central Government have introduced a number of resource and waste reforms including Simpler Recycling.</p> <p>From 31 March 2025 non-households (inc Schools) will be required to have in place collections of recycled</p>
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		<p>materials to include plastic, cans glass, foil, a separate collection of paper and card, and also food waste Schools have control over which waste management provider they use, however we offer a recycling service at cost pass through. This has and is being promoted through the Telford Education Services team, by attending Head teachers forum, through the education newsletter and via Veolia when they deliver the education program in schools.</p>	
<p>5 Corporate Catering</p>			
5.1	Explore school catering options with the aim to make council-run catering services low-carbon.	Three vans are currently hired to deliver food to nurseries and the option of switching to three EV / hybrid vans is currently being investigated. Lack of onsite charging remains a barrier.	Catering Group

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6 Corporate Estate		
6.1	Identify and deliver one community or publicly owned renewable energy project (e.g. new solar farm, solar streets, mine water district heating).	Several options are currently being investigated.
6.2	Wellington Leisure Centre refurbishment. Consultants commissioned to identify a range of energy efficiency measures with a view to submitting a bid to Salix 3c in October 2023.	£1.082M bid to Salix was successful for thermal upgrade and Air Source Heat Pump technology. Works completed in late August 2025.
6.3	Implement new power settings and usage controls on laptops, monitors and printers to reduce energy usage when not in use.	Printer reduction is part of a new contract, and laptops are part of a Lenovo zero carbon initiative.
6.4	Explore new opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of the council's Property Investment Portfolio (PIP).	Potential to add Solar PV to Euston House as roof now replaced and has the structural integrity.
6.5	As part of the wider Levelling Up Fund-funded project to install LED lighting, solar panels, air source heat pump and upgraded thermal fabric to Telford Theatre, subject to survey.	The project design team have incorporated low power LED lighting, the reuse of existing PV and a thermal specification that goes beyond building regulation standards to increase the energy performance of the new Telford Theatre building. Following the start of demolition, construction works are due on site in early 2026 with theatre delivery in 2027.
6.6	Ercall Wood School (extension) to include LED lighting solar PV and upgraded thermal fabric.	Works currently on site. System includes upgraded thermal fabric, Solar PV, LED lighting and EV chargers. Handover August 2025

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6.7	Lawley School (extension) to include LED lighting Solar PV and upgraded thermal fabric.	Works now complete. Works included LED Lighting, Solar PV, EV chargers and thermal upgrade above building regulations.
6.8	Investigate measures to improve energy efficiency at Unit 10 Horsehay (The Skills & Enterprise Hub).	Midlands Net Zero Hub's Project Barrier Fund application is currently being filled out to enable funding to look at the feasibility of a range of measures on site.
6.10	Oakengates Leisure Centre Thermal upgrade to Fitness Suit and pool refurbishment including air source heat pump, upgrade thermal fabric etc.	Complete with site reopening on schedule on Monday 22 nd July 2024.
6.11	Captain Matthew Webb Swimming and Fitness Centre to be designed and constructed with sustainability at its core, incorporating low carbon technologies to reduce operational carbon emissions.	<p>The project is designed with sustainability at its core, focusing on low energy consumption and reduced carbon emissions, aligning with the Council's carbon neutrality target. The Dawley area, identified as having the highest unmet demand for swimming provision, was chosen after a thorough site review.</p> <p>Subject to planning approval, the facility is expected to open in early 2027, creating over 20 local jobs and contributing to the Council's goal of building a better borough.</p>

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6.12	Work with the Midlands Net Zero Hub (MNZH) to develop next phase of improvement works to key operational buildings.	Discussions ongoing to investigate feasibility of a shared heat network between several key operational buildings. Site information has been sent across for feasibility reports to be produced with site visits to be arranged to progress these reports in early 2026.	Climate Change & Sustainability
7 Highways & Transport			
7.1	Install charging points for electric vehicles at Darby House.	Awaiting Believ to install EV charging points.	bIT
7.2	Develop and implement a Corporate Travel Plan minimising car travel for staff commuting and between offices.	Car club trials continue, HR to consider wider policy elements.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
7.3	Deliver the Councils electric vehicle strategy including the installation of 140 EV charging points through external funding.	The Council was awarded £683,370 from On-street Residential Charge Point scheme (ORCS) managed by Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) for the installation of 70 dual fast EV charge points in Council car parks to support residential charge points. The Council has appointed an EV charge point operator who will deliver the ORCS funded charge points but will also fully fund additional EV charge points in Council car parks. Overall, this project could see an additional 104 EV charge points (208 sockets) installed over the next 12 months.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management

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7.4	Procurement of a multi partner electric vehicle framework and deployment across car parks in Telford and Wrekin – not limited to Telford & Wrekin Council ownership.	In partnership with EV operator Believ, the first 14 dual electric vehicle charge points have been successfully installed and commissioned across five car parks within the Borough. Planning and installation work is already underway for the next phase, which will see additional car parks equipped with EV charging facilities.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
7.5	Local EV Infrastructure scheme	The Council has been awarded a grant of £1,020,000 from Local EV Infrastructure fund (LEVI). The Council has joined Midlands Connect Consortium with other Local Authorities to pool grant funding in order to maximise the number of on-street charge points. The consortium is currently procuring an EV charge point operator with the aim to enter into contract in the new year subject to successful procurement. It is anticipated the first on-street EV charge points would be installed from 2026 and then rolled out over a five-year period to 2031. The contract would operate for 15 years.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management

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7.6	Review the Council's Fleet Services to ensure optimum efficiency and carbon reductions.	Electric bus being trialled on public bus network with a view to potentially investing in the future.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
7.7	Improvements to bus and rail services through the development of the Local Transport Plan.	New contracts operational with Arriva, routes performing well since transfer and further operational benefits being explored.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
7.8	Improvements to cycling and walking routes as well as a review of the Local Transport Plan to include a new Walking and Cycling Strategy.	Ongoing as BAU. Last phase of Oakengates to Town Centre scheme about to commence.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
7.9	Explore the provision of a 100% renewable fast charging electric vehicle forecourt.	Council will continue to support developers to bring forward EV charging forecourts where applicable.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management
7.10	Identify where natural flood management approaches and Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) can be used to increase carbon sequestration.	This is done ad hoc as no budget is specifically allocated for a strategic approach. No NFM or SuDS schemes are currently funded/live.	Neighbourhood and Enforcement Services
7.11	Explore public car share schemes for residents such as Co Wheels Car Club.	Linked to 7.2, to be trialled internally first.	Strategic Transport & Highway Network Management

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8 Investment and Business			
8.1	Introduce training and skills provision for industrial decarbonisation - including carbon literacy training, engagement with providers and specific apprenticeship schemes including the Retrofit Academy.	The Retrofit Academy programme continues to be provided via Local Skills Improvement Fund (LSIF) with delivery through local Training Providers.	Inward Investment and Business Support
8.2	Support the ongoing rollout of the Marches Energy Grant.	The programme closed in April 2025. A final report on what has been achieved from the project delivery partner (Worcestershire council council) has been received, highlighting the below outcomes: -Number of business grants awarded and completed = 21 -Number of community centre grants awarded and completed = 2 -Amount of funding awarded = £483,532	Inward Investment and Business Support
8.3	Support for the Telford Sustainability and Energy Cluster.	Following a study visit for businesses to Tyseley Energy Park in February 2024 a programme of further visits and knowledge exchange is being delivered including to Lyreco to look at their onsite renewables which took place on the 20th June 2024. The TSEC AGM at Harper Adams University included NGED who also ran a workshop for businesses in October 2024 to address grid connection issues. Through our TSEC membership, we have also been able to introduce companies to Hemiko who are keen to engage with companies to supply heat and energy	Inward Investment and Business Support

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		networks. We have also introduced some eligible Telford businesses to The River Severn Partnership who will be recipients of funded industrial water butts for a wastewater project.	
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9 Planning Policy

9.1	Use the review of the Local Plan to develop robust policy that supports and promotes a move to carbon neutrality. This includes consideration of how development will need to adapt to the impacts of climate change and promotes opportunities to maximise carbon sequestration in the future.	The Local Plan review has now reached submissions stage and is anticipated to be subject to examination by an independent government appointed inspector, in early 2026.	Strategic Planning
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10 Plastic Free			
10.1	Review single-use plastic used in the Council's procurement processes.	Procurement template documentation includes climate change & environmental questions for the supply chain.	Place Based Commissioning, Procurement & Brokerage
10.2	Achieve plastic free accreditation for the borough by end 2027 (potentially first local authority to do so).	Ongoing work programme with T&WPC and partners.	Climate Change & Sustainability
10.3	Review single-use plastic used in our Care sector: first aid / medical equipment, disposable aprons, vinyl/latex gloves are not widely recyclable – research and replace with sustainable alternatives where possible.	Majority of single-use plastic comes from PPE (gloves and aprons) and greener alternatives don't appear to be widely used in the care sector and those "greener" alternatives still rely on either a biodegradable nitrile, with varying claims, or incorporating a relatively small amount of recycled plastic. Research also suggests that the energy required to produce the alternatives may leave a much larger carbon footprint. Greener alternatives are also at a premium price. Similar issues relating to purchasing single-use plastic free milk. Further work planned with the Integrated Care System (ICS).	Adult Social Care

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11 Communications and Engagement		
11.1	Explore employee discount or salary sacrifice schemes to support employees with buying energy efficient purchases such as solar panels / battery installations.	The benefits platform continues to offer a salary sacrifice car scheme covering Electric and Hybrid cars as well as free installation of an electric home charging point (subject to conditions). There is not an option for solar panels or battery installation, and this is not something our current provider plans to offer nor are we aware of other providers who offer this. However, our current benefits contract is coming to an end so we will be reviewing our benefit platform provider over the coming 12 months and will include this as a consideration when reviewing tenders.
11.2	Raise more awareness of climate change through events such as showcasing local food, stalls, speakers, activities and crafts etc.	We host the Marches Energy Agency (MEA) with their T&WC funded Telford Energy Advice stall at our events including Spring into St Georges Day - raising the profile of the energy saving and carbon reduction measure advice service that they offer as well as giving advice and free saving devices such as smart plugs and LED bulbs. MEA also attend the Climate Change Borough Partnership Community Forum meetings, as well as the partnerships annual conferences, developing key relationships with communities in the borough to

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		promote and deliver their services such as Telford Energy Advice (TEA) and Future Ready Homes.	
11.3	Develop and deliver an engagement programme for local schools, community groups, interest groups and residents to promote climate change and gauge ways to support/get involved with the Borough Partnership.	Borough Climate Change Partnership event took place on 18th October 2024. The 2025 conference took place Friday 31st October at the Park Lane Centre.	Climate Change & Sustainability
11.4	Periodically hold a youth climate summit – as part of this promote and increase take-up of Eco-Schools programme.	A second Youth Climate Summit is being planned for 2026.	Climate Change & Sustainability
11.5	Ensure that all employee benefits that would contribute to our carbon reduction and carbon offsetting targets are clearly identified in our employee benefits package.	The Benefits platform has recently undergone an upgrade and refresh - as such, the content remains the same, but the look and feel has changed. Therefore, work is needed to identify those elements of the platform (e.g. salary sacrifice car and bike schemes) which contribute to carbon offsetting - this will be undertaken as part of our tender and implementation process for our new benefit platform provider.	Organisational Development
11.6	Continue to roll out climate change awareness across the council via Ollie and through management and leadership meetings.	Ollie course “Climate Change: An Introduction” is now live. Next phase is to consider rolling out Carbon Literacy training.	Climate Change & Sustainability

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12 Performance and Monitoring

12.1	Investigate the inclusion of additional Scope 3 emissions in the Council's baseline. This could be extended to include areas such as indirect emissions created by goods / services procured by the Council and those emissions as a result of waste generated.	We are currently looking at the feasibility of including further Scope 3 emissions as well as those already included in reporting.	Climate Change & Sustainability
12.2	Annually monitor & report on greenhouse gas emissions (CO ₂ e) of the Council's estate and services internally and publicly via corporate website.	Calculations to finalise 2024/25 carbon emissions are almost finalised subject to water consumption figures – these make up a very small proportion of our overall emissions. Six monthly reporting will continue during 25/26.	Climate Change & Sustainability
12.3	Re-establish a Council cross-working group to help support the ongoing review and monitoring of the plan.	This is currently being reviewed internally. Actions are led by individual services and reported on a rolling basis and for the annual reporting.	Climate Change & Sustainability

Appendix B - Telford and Wrekin High Level Corporate Climate Change Risk Register

Climate change adaptation refers to the process of building resilience against the current and predicted impacts of climate change.

To take a proactive, not reactive approach to climate adaptation, it is necessary that risks are identified, and measures are put in place to reduce their impact. The development of a Climate Change Risk Register forms a major part of this process.

This Corporate Climate Change Risk Register developed by Telford and Wrekin Council aims to identify the most critical risks that the Council's services and stakeholders will face. The register assesses the Council's risk to the current and predicted impacts of climate change using the four climate hazards as identified by the Met Office¹:

- Warmer, wetter winters
- Warmer, drier summers
- Extreme weather: heatwaves
- Extreme weather: flooding and storms

This Risk Register follows Telford and Wrekin Council's standard risk assessment method, ranking each risk using the 'likelihood' and 'impact' scoring matrixes (see below). Attached to each predicted risk is an accompanying mitigation measure. Predicted risks have then been given a revised likelihood and impact ranking to determine the effect of the mitigation measure if implemented. This allows the Council to determine the effect of the mitigation measure if implemented.

Telford & Wrekin Council Strategic Risk Register updated January 2019	
Definitions used in the risk register:	
<u>Likelihood of Risk Occurring</u>	
Occurrence	Description
Unlikely	Unlikely to ever occur
Rare	May occur only in exceptional circumstances
Likely	Will probably occur at some time
Almost certain	Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future

Figure 1: Likelihood scoring matrix.

¹ [UKCP18 Climate Change over land \(Met Office\)](#)

<u>Impact of Risk if it does Occur</u>					
Descriptor	Financial	Reputation	Physical	Environ- mental	Service
Insignificant	Low	No damage	None	None/ insignificant	No loss of service
Minor	<£50K	Minimal/ minimal media/ social media	Minor	Minor locally	Internal disruption only, no loss of service
Moderate	£50K to £1m	Extensive local media/social media	Violence or threats of serious injury requiring medical treatment	Moderate locally	Disruption/ loss of service less than 48 hours
Significant	£1m to £5m	National media/social media	Extensive/ multiple injuries	Major local impact	Disruption/ loss of service less than 7 days
Major	>£5m	Extensive national media (lead item)/social media	Extensive multiple injuries/ death	Major national/inter national	Severe disruption/ loss of service more than 7 days.

Figure 2: Impact scoring matrix

Climate Change Risk Register: High-level Risks

Ref	Hazard	Risk	Result	Likelihood without controls	Impact without controls	What are we going to do to manage the risk?	Likelihood with controls	Impact with controls
1.1	Severe weather: extreme heatwaves	Potential for roads to melt and deform	Additional maintenance expense on carriageway	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Significant	Incorporate Polymer Modified Binders within surfacing to increase the allowable range of the material and therefore decrease the likelihood of deformation. This is an ongoing solution with the Council partnered with Balfour Beatty and Tarmac.	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Moderate
1.2	Severe weather: extreme rainfall and storms	<p>Increased high wind events causes trees to come down on the highway, impacting the resilience of the network (connectivity).</p> <p>Increase flooding events will majorly impact the resilience of the highway network (connectivity), including:</p> <p>Increased rate of deterioration of roads. Physical damage to roads requiring repair.</p> <p>Working capacity of drains reduced leading to more frequent exceedance. Increased Land Drainage investigations and enforcement.</p> <p>Increased emergency response and deployment of flood barriers Increased number of enquiries from public.</p> <p>Reduced strategic development and delivery.</p>	<p>Additional demand on resources</p> <p>Additional maintenance expense on carriageway</p> <p>Reduced connectivity and mobility</p> <p>Increased numbers of property flooding</p> <p>Need to re-prioritise investment.</p>	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Significant	Prioritise the response within the resources available. This is an ongoing solution with the Council partnered with Balfour Beatty.	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Moderate

1.3	Severe weather: extreme heatwaves	Information and Digital Technology (IDT) issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cabling - overheating of comms-rooms - switches infrastructure - impact to networks communication - voip call centres. - Schools power outages 	Disruption to the overall communications network. Increased pressure on Information and Digital Technology (IDT) team to resolve IT issues. Impact to staff wellbeing. Online council services unable to run.	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Moderate	Maintenance contracts for air-conditioning are up to date and services conducted regularly. This is an ongoing solution with contracts already in place. All services maintain business continuity plans addressing impact of loss of online services	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Moderate
1.4	Warmer/drier summers	Increase in air particulates leads to worsening air quality.	Increase in respiratory illness increase in excess morbidity, mortality. School closure impact on communities, increase in demands on health care services – Telford and Wrekin may be impacted from pollution that arises outside its boundary.	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Significant	Education and awareness. This is an ongoing solution with the Council partnered with UKHSA, DEFRA and ICB. Potential for changes in working patterns - starting earlier - longer midday breaks finishing later.	Rare (May occur only in exceptional circumstances)	Moderate
1.5	Warmer/drier summers	Mechanical cooling insufficient	An increase in cooling infrastructure (air conditioning installations) and energy consumption for cooling. Telford Ice rink cooling system fails. Significant loss of income if Ice rink closes. Increase costs of running cooling infrastructure/ replacing broken cooling infrastructure.	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Moderate	Temporary portable Air Conditioning units. Ensure new and refurbished buildings have sufficient systems to maintain the required environmental conditions. Switch to greener cheaper energies, fabric insulation. New buildings designed with greater insulation to avoid extremes heat or cold. This is under ongoing review.	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Moderate

			More money is spent on energy and less on other services.					
1.6	Severe weather: extreme rainfall and storms	<p>Damage to buildings roofs.</p> <p>Reduction/cancellation of services – reputational impact.</p> <p>Health and safety of outdoor activities.</p> <p>Access to facilities Staff being able to get into buildings.</p> <p>Damage to historic assets.</p>	<p>Building closures.</p> <p>Event cancellations.</p> <p>Increased construction specifications.</p> <p>Financial costs- viability and repairs.</p> <p>More at risk of deterioration.</p>	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Moderate	<p>Building condition surveys.</p> <p>Maintenance contracts. Facility checklists.</p> <p>Written operating procedures/risk assessments and emergency action plans.</p> <p>New developments chosen in suitable locations with good green and grey infrastructure (traditional stormwater infrastructure in the built environment).</p> <p>Effective policy to ensure sites are conditioned and infrastructure delivery.</p> <p>Manage council owned assets and review Risk Register.</p>	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Moderate
1.7	Severe weather: extreme heatwaves	Increase in potential of wildfires	<p>Property damage and risk to human life, increased air quality exceedances, increased use of water.</p> <p>Increase demand on services.</p> <p>Economic impact - property loss</p> <p>Evacuation of areas of housing.</p>	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Significant	<p>Thorough planning to ensure that all new builds have a fire break between boundary of site and open fields.</p> <p>Education and awareness raising - emergency planning preparedness.</p> <p>This is an ongoing solution.</p>	Rare (May occur only in exceptional circumstances)	Significant

			Cost of ongoing welfare support.					
1.8	Severe weather: extreme heatwaves	Health risks: Increase in heat stress	<p>Increased incidents of heat related health impacts/illnesses</p> <p>In particular, those who are vulnerable, elderly, those with heart and respiratory conditions and diabetes.</p> <p>This is likely to be significant for people with care and support needs, families, and carers and within the care workforce. Subsequent impact is that there will be an increase in demand on health and care services and the potential lack of capacity to deliver business as usual services and address additional demand.</p> <p>Care settings close leaving vulnerable people without care. Care Home Market is usually at 94% occupancy so there are no alternative locations easily available.</p> <p>Care settings come to the council to</p>	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Significant	<p>Ensure that estate is equipped with cooling infrastructure - ideally powered by on-site renewables to reduce running costs</p> <p>Ensure vulnerable residents are supported in times of extreme heat to reduce demand of NHS.</p> <p>Working with public health and health protection teams to promote ways to reduce heat stress – to staff and residents.</p>	Rare (May occur only in exceptional circumstances)	Moderate

			increase fees to support installation of climate management systems.					
1.9	Severe weather: - extreme heatwaves - extreme rainfall and storms	Infrastructure risk: lack of access to health services	<p>Due to current and future infrastructure challenges, travel and public transport options may be severely limited for residents.</p> <p>This will impact on their ability to receive timely support for their needs which will subsequently cause an increase in demand on health services as people are unable to receive the preventative support at the right time.</p> <p>This could also mean that people are unable to receive/access emergency care when needed which could potentially result in an increase in deaths.</p>	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Major	This forms part of the Council's emergency response, alongside the Integrated Care System. Guidance would be shared with all staff and promoted to residents about how to keep safe and access health services in potentially different ways.	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Major
1.10	Severe weather: extreme heatwaves	Infrastructure risk: access to records limited due to server failure and / or computer failures due to overheating.	Employees are unable to view people's records to enable a full picture of the person's needs. Business Continuity Plans will be instigated which will include information at a point in time but	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Significant	This is part of the current Business Continuity Plans and procedures are already in place to ensure a copy is available should the servers fail.	Rare (May occur only in exceptional circumstances)	Significant

			long periods of time without records will have an impact on the person, their family and the people who are providing the care and support needed.					
1.11	Severe weather: - extreme heatwaves - extreme rainfall and storms	Pressure on Health Systems – GP and Hospitals.	Increase risk of health complications and death in vulnerable people.	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Significant	This forms part of the Council's emergency response, alongside the Integrated Care System. Guidance would be shared with all staff and promoted to residents about how to keep safe and access health services in potentially different ways.	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Significant
1.12	Severe weather: extreme heatwaves	Heatwaves pose a health risk to vulnerable residents in the Borough, i.e. elderly and young children.	Increased cases of sunstroke/dehydration/heat-related deaths.	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Major	Work with Town and Parish Councils and other community organisations to identify the most vulnerable residents in their communities. Map and signpost cool spaces for community use. Work with Town and Parish Councils and other community organisations to promote this Support the creation of a 'information pack that is circulated to Members, alongside the delivery of an in-person 'deep dive' Members session that covers climate change, community impacts and adaptation. An Emergency Plan template has been developed and shared with Town and Parish Councils to be reviewed annually to enable them to add a climate lens on to any emergency	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Moderate

						<p>they may need to prepare for.</p> <p>Support the creation of awareness and education materials for members on sunstroke/dehydration. Use a range of materials: online/postal/displays in community 'hubs' (i.e. libraries).</p>		
1.13	Severe weather: extreme rainfall and storms	Flash flooding affecting areas away from rivers.	Residents/communities who are not experienced with flooding are significantly impacted due to ill-preparedness.	Almost certain (Is expected to occur in the foreseeable future)	Significant	<p>Town and Parish Councils/members to input into list of emergency flooding contacts for their areas.</p> <p>Support the creation of a 'disaster pack' that is circulated to Members, alongside the delivery of an in-person 'deep dive' Members session that covers climate change, community impacts and adaptation. An Emergency Plan template has been developed and shared with Town and Parish Councils to be reviewed annually to enable them to add a climate lens on to any emergency they may need to prepare for, including flooding. This will form part of BAU for disaster planning in each ward.</p> <p>Learn/knowledge share from wards who have more experience in adapting to flooding events (i.e., Ironbridge).</p> <p>Members to help, where appropriate, with practical measures such as</p>	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Moderate

						supporting with/promoting actions e.g. clearing drains.		
1.14	Hotter, drier summers	Increased risk of long-term drought/water shortages.	Long-term drought and water scarcity will impact everyone living and working in the Borough	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Significant	<p>Support in the creation of awareness and education materials for members that address water shortages to circulate within the community.</p> <p>Work alongside Town and Parish Councils and community organisations to encourage behaviour change during periods of drought – e.g. water rationing.</p> <p>Encourage residents to collect water.</p>	Likely (Will probably occur at some time)	Moderate



Growing Local Food Resilience in T & W

How we are using food as a tool to meet existing priorities
AND how can we use it to be strategic for the future?

Research and analysis

Nature security assessment on global biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and national security

This strategic assessment explores how global biodiversity loss and the collapse of critical ecosystems could affect the UK's resilience, security and prosperity.

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Grow the Local to build food connection, access, & skills to empower communities

Systems-Level thinking

Food Economy

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Relocalise our food Economy: Supporting producers to produce, diversify & keep it local

Local Routes to Market

Food Infrastructure & Landscape

Resilient Places

Culture & Community

Consultation & Evidence

Policy

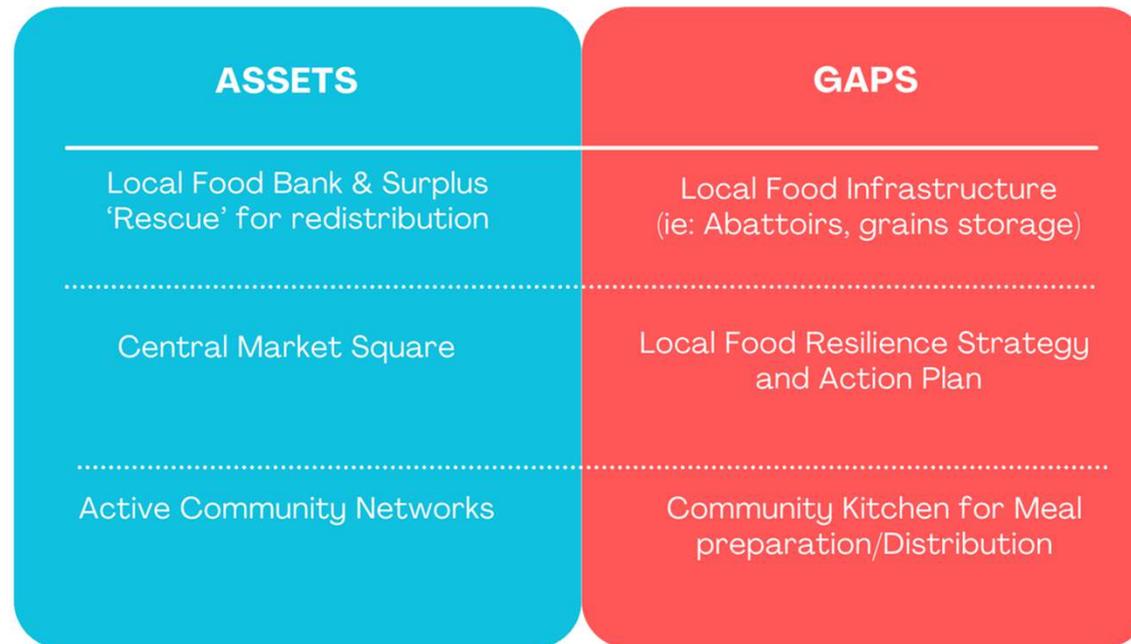
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Working with Town & Parish Councils / County Councils to design policy for resilience to food system events, and long term planning



Mapping: Assets and Gaps

- People
- Networks
- Infrastructure
- Skills
- Culture



- Expertise-
- Resources-
- Spaces-

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Feeding Resilience T&W



WEDNESDAY
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FREE COOKING
AT BROOKS



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TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY @ 12.30PM



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WE HAVE 12 PLACES FOR EACH DAY
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NEW COMMUNITY FEEDING RESILIENCE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY

SATURDAY MARCH 21ST, FRIDAY APRIL 3RD & GROW LOCAL SATURDAY MAY 30TH.

FAMILY OPEN EVENT FROM 11.00AM

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2 July 2025 – Committee Meeting					
Terms of Reference	For the Committee to agree the Terms of Reference for 2025/26.	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Constitutional Function.
	Outcomes: Members agreed the terms of reference for the 2025/26 municipal year.				
Work Programme	For the Committee to agree the proposed work programme for 2025/26.	Policy & Governance	A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.	Committee Agenda Item	Draft work programme delegated to each scrutiny committee by SMB on 19 June 2025.
	Outcomes: Members agreed the updated work programme for the 2025/26 municipal year.				
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	For the Committee to receive an update on the Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	Prosperity & Investment	<p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	Outcomes: Members received a presentation on the Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy which included an overview of the Council’s role as the supporting authority as defined by the Environment Act 2021. Members				

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	<p>received an update on the progress that had been made surrounding the development of the draft Strategy and completed actions since an update was last presented to the Committee at its meeting on 12 February 2025. Members requested that a further update be presented to Committee following the consultation period due to take place at the end of the year, before the formal adoption of the Strategy.</p>
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22 October 2025 – Committee Meeting					
Contaminated Land Strategy 2025/26	For the Committee to review how the Council identifies and manages contaminated land sites in the Borough.	Neighbourhood & Enforcement Services	<p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	<p>Outcomes: Members were presented with the first draft of the Contaminated Land Strategy 2025/25 which provided an overview of the Council’s approach to managing land contamination under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Members noted that at the time of the meeting, there were no sites in Telford and Wrekin classified as contaminated and discussed the shift towards managing risks through planning and voluntary remediation rather than proactive inspection. The Committee heard that the strategy would be finalised ready for formal adoption by Cabinet in early 2026 and Council Officers would continue to maintain the public register of sites to ensure compliance with statutory guidance.</p>				



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4 March 2026 – Committee Meeting					
Shropshire Good Food – 12 month Review	For the Committee to receive an annual update on the Shropshire Good Food Project.	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	<p>A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	Standing Item.
	Outcomes:				
Climate Change and Adaptation	For the Committee to receive an annual update on the Council’s Climate Change agenda.	Communities, Customer & Commercial Services	Our natural environment is protected – we take a leading role in addressing the climate emergency.	Committee Agenda Item	Standing Item.
	Outcomes:				

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29 April 2026 – Committee Meeting					
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	For the Committee to receive an update on the Telford & Wrekin Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	Prosperity & Investment	<p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	Outcomes:				



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Workshops					
<p>Surface Water Flooding Strategy</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 80</p>	<p>For the Committee to assess the risks and causes of surface water flooding in the Borough, review current mitigation measures and review how well agencies worked together to address issues.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood & Enforcement External</p>	<p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.</p>	<p>Task and Finish Group/Workshop</p>	<p>New suggestion received for the work programme.</p> <p>Cross-cutting to include members from Communities Scrutiny.</p>
	<p>Outcomes: As part of a workshop setting delivered by the Council's Highways & Engineering Team on 3 February 2026, Members received an overview of the Council's flood-risk responsibilities, current surface water hotspots and recent and/or ongoing mitigation schemes. The workshop also covered the Council's incident response, SuDS planning requirements and forthcoming funding and community-engagement work with local partners and residents.</p>				



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To be scheduled					
Street Waste	<p>For the Committee to receive an update on the Council's process for managing street waste following the pilot of the dual-recycling bins.</p>	Neighbourhood & Enforcement	<p>All neighbourhoods are a great place to live.</p> <p>Our natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency.</p> <p>A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective, and quality services.</p>	Committee Agenda Item	New suggestion received for the work programme.
	Outcomes:				



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