

**Climate Change Action Plan 2025/26
YEAR SIX MONITORING REPORT**

Policy and Engagement

Theme	Actions	Lead Service	Timescale	Key milestones
Recognise climate change as a corporate commitment for the Council.	Deliver climate change training to staff and Members, offering courses on an ongoing basis.	Executive	Ongoing	In person briefing delivered to all staff by March 2026 Further enhanced training delivered to key staff/Members by March 2026
Monitor and report Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's carbon emissions	Ensure all Climate Change Action Plans, Progress Reports and Carbon Audits are easily accessible and published on the climate change webpage	Executive	July 2025	Action plans, progress reports and audits endorsed at Communities and Environment Scrutiny Select Committee in July 2025, published on website by end of July 2025
Work with partners to address climate change issues, lower carbon and adapt to the effects of climate	Engage with KCC and other councils through Climate Change Network (CCN) meetings sharing case studies, best practice, and seeking areas of support and collaboration	Executive	Ongoing	Represent the council at climate change partnership meetings throughout the year.
Work with partners to address climate change issues, lower carbon and adapt to the effects of climate	Continue to engage with the delivery of the Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy (ELES) through TMBC's actions and partnership working.	Executive	Ongoing	Represent the council at climate change partnership meetings throughout the year.

Sustainable Development and Transport

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Sustainable Development	Continue to pursue planning policies in the Council's emerging Local Plan that will facilitate the delivery of climate change adaptation and mitigation, design measures and sustainable development patterns, progressing to Regulation 18 and public consultation, drawing on updated evidence, including on green infrastructure and climate change.	Planning	Ongoing	Public consultation underway by Autumn 2025
	Through the grant of planning permission, the Council will seek to deliver sustainable development outcomes in line with the adopted development plan, national policy and material planning considerations.	Planning	Ongoing	Continue to deliver sustainable development outcomes in accordance with the adopted development plan.
Transport Support the improvement of walking and cycling infrastructure in the borough	Complete preparation of the new active travel strategy which will include cycling and walking infrastructure recommendations.	Planning	Autumn 2025	Publish draft strategy by Autumn 2025

ULEV

Theme	Actions	Lead Service	Timescale	Key milestones
Provide electric charging points across the borough.	Deliver Phase 2 provision of an additional 60 chargers in the Council's car parks over the 2 year contract	Technical Services	September 2025	Completion of phase 2 by September 2025
Decarbonise TMBC owned vehicles	Undertake a vehicle replacement schedule (transitioning to ULEV) for all parking vehicles, in line where possible with the capital renewals programme and expected lifespan.	Technical Services	Ongoing	Transition to ULEV will continue with careful consideration of business need and resilience.
	Provide wider information regarding taxi EV charging provision as those installations progress.	Licensing	Ongoing	As and when new charge points are installed, engagement via social media/website to ensure widespread knowledge of EV capacity in the borough.
	Continue engagement with KCC through the Climate Change Network regarding future taxi licencing. Share with trade and participate in schemes as appropriate, for example 'try before you buy'	Licensing	Ongoing	Advertise "try before you buy" sessions with the trade.
	Progress strategy for future of licenced taxi fleet through Licensing & Appeals committee report on air quality, changes in the licenced taxi vehicle fleet, and proposals for vehicle requirements to 2030.	Licensing	Ongoing	Consider options and present to Licensing and Appeals Committee by March 2026

Air Quality

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Continue the full implementation of a borough wide Anti-idling Campaign, to reduce emissions from idling engines.	Continue the full implementation of a borough wide Anti-idling Campaign, to reduce emissions from idling engines.	Env. Health	Ongoing	Anti – idling posters to all primary schools in the borough by December 2025 Promotion via social media campaign by March 2026
	Pilot a Car Club within the Council for individuals use in local communities.	Env. Health	March 2026	Develop staff survey to establish usage by Autumn 2025. Report finding to Management Team by end of 2025.

Habitats & Biodiversity

Theme	Actions	Lead service	Timescale	Key milestones
	Continue to plant a mixture of 1000 trees and whips a year in appropriate areas of Council Owned Land. Following planting, monitor planted trees to ensure best chance of establishment, and plant more trees than are removed to ensure an annual net gain overall.	Leisure	Ongoing	1000 trees planted by March 2026.
	Investigate additional sites that may be suitable for RNRs instead of participating in No Mow May.	Leisure	March 2026	Investigate additional sites by December 2025. Implement new mowing regime at selected sites by March 2026.
	Using the recommendations provided within the Roadside Nature Reserve (RNR) monitoring program, enhance biodiversity within existing RNR's.	Leisure	March 2026	Review recommendations in RNR monitoring report in November 2025. Action recommendations in Spring 2026, subject to approval.

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	Consider options and partnership funding opportunities for tree watering to aid and support the establishment of all trees planted by the Borough Council.	Leisure	March 2026	Continue to implement watering programme developed with Kent Plan Tree.
	Consider adopting a pollinator pledge.	Leisure	March 2026	Investigate options by end of 2025.

Housing & Energy Conservation

Theme	Actions	Lead service	Timescale	Key milestones
Reduce the carbon emissions of residential homes.	Collaborate with Kent County Council and iChoosr to make solar PV and batteries more accessible and affordable for our residents by delivering a group buying scheme. Deliver a marketing campaign with Kent County Council to target eligible households to participate Solar Together Kent.	Housing	Ongoing	Participate and collaborate with KCC in any future rounds of Solar Together during 2025/26

Waste Minimization & Recycling

Theme	Actions	Lead service	Timescale	Key milestones
Encourage more people to reduce their waste and make it easier for residents to recycle.	Continue with Kent Resource Partnership (KRP) re-use campaigns, including promotion of food waste & garden waste collections; and ongoing promotions aimed at reducing contamination & increasing recycling performance.	Street Scene	Ongoing	Attendance at VE Day event – June 2025 Attendance at Party in the Park (East Malling) - June 2025 Major Food Waste campaign planned for October 2025.

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	Complete roll out of food waste for flats in key urban hotspots.	Street Scene	Sept 2025	Complete final phase by Summer 2025
	Continue working with KRP and national partners such as WRAP and Recoup (plastic specific).	Street Scene	Ongoing	WRAP project to identify efficiencies in waste disposal and collection in Kent. Initial findings to be presented July 2025.

Community & Business Engagement

Theme	Actions	Lead service	Timescale	Key milestones
Support local businesses and encourage sustainable growth in the economy	Delivery of Round 5 of the Green Business Grant Scheme to support local businesses/organisations with capital investments, including PV panels, heat source pumps, LED lighting and insulation.	Economic Regen.	March 26	Grants awarded July 2025. Minimum of 5 carbon reduction/energy efficiency projects completed by March 2026.
	Delivery of the West Kent Rural Grant scheme, including grant support for energy efficiency measures.	Economic Regen.	March 26	Minimum of 5 carbon reduction/energy efficiency projects by March 2026.
	Promote the climate change strategy and its objectives via the council's e-bulletin, with at least 2 articles per annum	Economic Regen.	Ongoing	2 articles by March 2026

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Work with partners in the community to engage the public and identify areas of collaboration for climate change action, adaptation, protection and enhancement of the environment.	Work with KCC and local business to share and signpost information, support and grants for business carbon reduction	Economic Regen.	Ongoing	Continue to promote and refer organisations to KCC low carbon support and advice – ongoing.
Work with partners in the community to engage the public and identify areas of collaboration for climate change action, adaptation, protection and enhancement of the environment.	Build collaborative working and public engagement with the Climate Change Forum, identifying areas for joint Council and community climate and environment action.	Executive	Ongoing	Support Green/Environment events in the community throughout the year, attending events to promote climate change messaging. Work with the Climate Change Forum on initiatives and activities to raise awareness and encourage wider participation in environmental action.
Support communities, voluntary groups and Parishes in taking climate action	Deliver Round 3 of Community Development Grants, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, to support organisations based in the borough and/or providing a direct service to residents in line with community priorities.	Executive	October 2025	Launch scheme in July 2025 Close scheme September 2025 Distribute grants October 2025
Raise awareness of climate change, providing regular updates and information.	To continue to provide local borough information to residents, identifying likely topics of interest.	Media & Comms.	Ongoing	Promotion of energy efficient adaptations to Poult Wood Golf Centre – March 2026 Promotion of “No Mow May” throughout April/May 2025 Green Flag Award promotion (Haysden Country Park) by August 2025 Promotion of “Love Parks Week” - By July 2025 Event and social media regarding food waste at VE Day Celebrations – May 2025 Social media campaign to reduce food waste – Sept 2025

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				Fly tipping campaign – promote to residents and raise awareness of how to report fly tipping and arrange for legal collections of waste – Autumn 2025 Christmas campaign around wrapping/recycling - Dec 2025 Promote Food Waste Action Week – March 2026

TMBC Estate

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Reduce the environmental impact of the council's activities, increasing the sustainability of all our operations.	Complete installation of heat pump to replace end-of-life oil boilers at Poult Wood Golf Centre, using the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund grant from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero, administered by Salix.	Central	Oct 2026	Completion of design phase – Sept 2025 Completion of procurement exercise – Feb 2026 Completion of work – Oct 2026
	Complete installation of heat pump to replace end-of-life gas boilers at Larkfield Leisure Centre through the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund grant from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero, administered by Salix.	Central	February 26	Installation of heat pumps – Dec 2025 Installation of air handling unit – Nov 2025 Completion – Feb 2026
	Develop heat decarbonisation plans for Tonbridge Pool with a view to removing the gas fired boilers.	Central	Sept 2025	Assessment of options – August 2025 Final option and design work – Sept 2025
	Decarbonise Gibson East as part of the Council's rationalisation of Kings Hill office space	Central	Feb 2026	Award of contract – July 2025 Installation of heat pumps, solar PV and LED lighting – January 2026 Scheme completion – Feb 2026

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Progress the digitisation of services and reduce the amount of paper both internally and being sent out to clients.	New efficient devices to be rolled out to staff in line with the renewals of equipment.	I.T.	March 26	80 laptops to be replaced with energy efficient equivalents over the year (20 per quarter)
	Business process re-engineering, mobile solutions and digitisation to improve efficiency and reduce carbon footprint continues across services.	I.T.	Ongoing	Continue mapping current solutions with SDS. After approval, these are then passed to the Solution Architect for re-engineering and then to IT Dev team for implementation.