

## Appendix 2

### Commitments and Actions

In order to achieve our commitments, EFDC will look for opportunities to meet the Charter's objectives during the development, and execution, of the transformation process. The Green Working Party in particular will work closely to achieve goals set by the Local Plan, Green Infrastructure Plan, ICT Strategy, and Transformation projects.

The following are the main commitments and actions agreed to achieve our goals as stated in the Environment Charter, as recommended by Climate Local for Local Authorities. To support these high-level commitments and actions the Green Working Party will continue to hold a Work Plan to record tasks and report progress.

#### Climate Adaptation

Commitment: Ensure the Council's assets and operations are resilient to the predicted climate change impacts and assist in the work to prepare the District for the new climate.			
Progress:			

Ref	Action(s)	Monitoring	Outcomes	Resources
C.01	Inform the public and local stakeholders of our commitment to tackling climate change and adapt for future scenarios through Climate Local and communications.			
C.02	Produce an annual report of progress on climate change targets and actions.	Example: Produce report; put on website and promote.		
C.03	Encourage stakeholders and community groups to develop their own climate change action plans.			
C.04	Ensure policies are joined up within the Local Plan, District Plans, Green Infrastructure plans, EFDC Delivery Plan, and any others.			

#### Tackling Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Commitment: Reduce the amount of CO2 and other greenhouse gases we emit in the District.			
Progress:			

	Action(s)	Monitoring	Outcomes	Resources
G.01	Monitor and measure our energy use as a Council.	Example: CRC and GHG reporting		
G.02	Develop a carbon management plan for the Council to show how we plan to reduce our emissions in the next 5 and 10 years.			
G.03	Establish targets of cuts and measures of progress for the Council; report annually.			
G.04	Review the council's potential for energy efficiency improvements in its own properties and housing stock.	Examples: Lighting; double glazing; etc. Continue to gain RHI funding for housing.		

- G.05 Review the council's renewable energy potential in its own properties and housing stock.
- G.06 Work with local businesses to help them reduce their emissions.
- G.07 Provide grants or loans for community carbon reduction projects and signposting community groups to external sources of support and funding.
- G.08 Ensure a policy for the council's vehicle fleet; ensure low-emissions and hybrid/electric is considered when new vehicles leased.
- G.09 Reduce the amount of waste and increase the amount of recycling from ALL council offices.
- G.10 Communicate with residents to increase recycling and reuse.
- G.10 Work with outside organisations (WRAP, etc) to educate public about reducing their waste.

## Sustainability

Commitment: Influence and use our powers where possible to minimise the environmental impact of our actions and decisions. Assist residents to become more sustainable through advice and policies.

Progress:

Action(s)	Monitoring	Outcomes	Resources
S.01 Hold sustainability awareness campaigns and training annually to inform council staff of the issues.			
S.02 Engage with residents to seek their views on what they would like to see for EFDC, e.g. electric vehicle charge points, more cycle lanes, sustainable food information, etc.	Example: Survey of residents		
S.03 Inform and educate general public about what the council is doing to increase our sustainability.	Examples: Website news; press releases.		
S.04 Inform and educate general public about what they can do to increase their energy efficiency and how to fund this. Newsletters, roadshows, events, etc.			
S.05 Utilizing our procurement strategy (which includes sustainability) to integrate sustainability and environmental criteria during procurement where possible.			
S.06 Using the LEP, ensure low carbon growth of area businesses is central. To include encouraging businesses who are sustainable and use renewables, etc.			

- S.07 Work with the Local Food plan to ensure the area's food supply is sustainable, including what the council purchases.
- S.08 Work with local tourist boards to ensure that the attractions, and travel to them, is sustainable.
- S.09 Promote the area's biodiversity and work with Countrycare to increase access to the natural environment, where possible.
- S.10 Remind residents of the opportunities available for utilising the natural space in EFDC.