

Annual Climate Change Update

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
20 February 2023

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Introduction and background



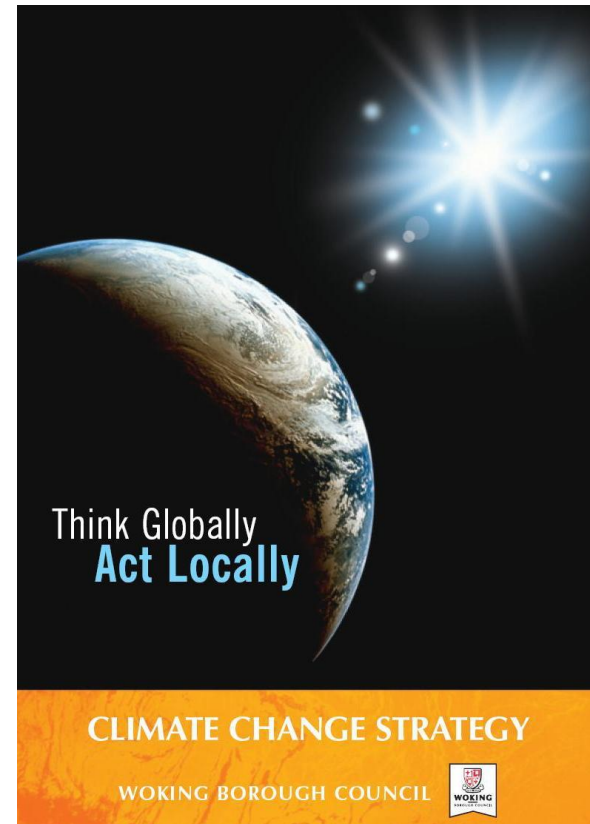
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Introduction and background

- Longstanding commitment to the environment
- First Climate Change Strategy (2002, pictured)
- Activity timeline goes back to 1990s
- Woking 2050 (2015)
- Natural Woking (2016)
- Greener Woking Working Group

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Introduction and background

- 25 July 2019 – cross party declaration
- Net zero by 2030 across Council estate
- 2050 or before borough wide
- Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP)
- Quarterly updates to Greener Woking Working Group and on website

Activities undertaken during 2022/23

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Activities undertaken during 2022/23

Our Assets

- Carbon footprint assessment
- Midas House and Export House energy efficiency retrofit and connection to energy network
- £9.4 million Heat Networks Investment Project (HNIP)
- Domestic energy efficiency report to O&S November 2022

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Activities undertaken during 2022/23

Transport

- £166,000 government funding from OZEV awarded for electric vehicle (EV) points at Victoria Place development
- On-street electric vehicle charging pilot
- Levelling Up Active Travel bid submitted for Sheerwater/West Byfleet corridor
- Surrey EV Forum concession framework for chargepoint delivery
- Introduction of fees for EV charging agreed
- Secure cycle storage bid

Activities undertaken during 2022/23

Policy, leadership and behaviour change

- Climate Change Strategy review
- Action Surrey household energy efficiency improvements
- Community Energy South project with Shah Jahan Mosque, Surrey Faith Links and Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum
- Resident engagement by Woking Environment Action
- Warm Hubs
- Low Carbon Across the South and East (LoCase)
- Planet Woking

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Activities undertaken during 2022/23

Sustainable Development and Habitats

- Draft Town Centre Masterplan consultation July – Oct 2022
- Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) under review
- Wild About Woking event May 2022
- WEAct Hedgehogs Project
- Brookwood Cemetery Green Flag Award July 2022
- Woking Nature Walks launched September 2022

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Partnership Working

- Greener Woking Working Group
- ThamesWey and Action Surrey
- Woking Environment Action (WEAct)
- Surrey Heathland Partnership
- Surrey Wildlife Trust
- Surrey Climate Change Officers' Group
- SCC's Greener Futures Climate Change Delivery Plan

Future projects and plans

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Future projects and plans

- Climate Change Strategy review and consultation
- Climate Change SPD review and consultation
- Energi Raven and corporate utilities database
- Climate Emergency UK Local Authority Score Cards
- Continued expansion of EV infrastructure in Woking borough
- Continued household energy efficiency improvements via Action Surrey
- Ongoing communications and engagement through Planet Woking
- Engagement in development of Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Conclusion

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Conclusion

- Strong environmental record
- But accelerated action needed
- CEAP framework
- Climate Change Strategy Review
- Carbon footprint assessment recommendations
- 7 year challenge
- Partnership working and innovative funding

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