

Meeting Health and Environment Policy Committee

Date and Time Wednesday, 3rd March, 2021 at 6.00 pm.

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AGENDA

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Apologies and Deputy Members

To note the names of apologies given and deputy members who are attending the meeting in place of appointed members.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any disclosure of interests from Members and Officers in matters to be discussed.

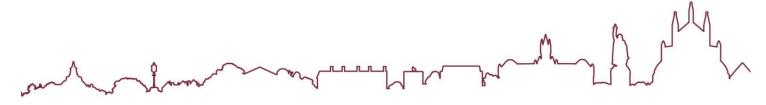
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3. Chairperson's Announcements

4. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 10)

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 December 2020.



BUSINESS ITEMS

5. **Public Participation**

To receive and note questions asked and statements made from members of the public on matters which fall within the remit of the Committee.

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- 6. To note the Work Programme for 2020/21 (Pages 11 12)
- 7. **AQMA Annual Update (Presentation)** (Pages 13 22)
- 8. Carbon Neutrality Action Plan Update (Presentation) (Pages 23 36)

Lisa Kirkman Strategic Director: Resources and Monitoring Officer

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MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson: Clear (Liberal Vice-Chairperson: Laming (Liberal

Democrats) Democrats)

Conservatives Liberal Democrats

McLeanAchwalPearsonBellReadHutchisonScottWilliams

Deputy Members

Brook and Gemmell Becker and Green

Quorum = 4 members

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- in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson may exercise a casting vote and that vote may be exercised in any way seen fit.
- a Member may abstain from voting, or vote differently from how they may have indicated during the debate, without further explanation.
- the way each Member voted will not be recorded in the minutes, unless a motion to have a Recorded Vote has been passed.



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HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 8 December 2020

Attendance:

Councillors Clear (Chairperson)

Laming Pearson
Achwal Read
Bell Scott
Hutchison Williams

McLean

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillors Horrill, Porter (Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing) and Tod (Cabinet Member for Service Quality and Transformation).

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillors Cook and Murphy (Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency)

Full audio recording and video recording

1. <u>APOLOGIES AND DEPUTY MEMBERS</u>

All members were in attendance.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No disclosures of interest were declared.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairperson's announcements.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 September 2020, be approved and adopted.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Chris Gillham (on behalf of Winchester Friends of the Earth), addressed the committee regarding agenda items 7 (Winchester Movement Strategy) and item 10 (AQMA Annual Update). Phil Gagg (on behalf of WinACC), John Beveridge (on behalf of the City of Winchester Trust) and Councillor Horrill addressed the committee regarding agenda item 7 (Winchester Movement Strategy) and Phil Joyce (on behalf of Extinction Rebellion) addressed the committee regarding item 8 (Petition – Winchester Extinction Rebellion). A summary of their comments are set out as follows:

In summary, Chris Gillham stated that the Winchester Friends of the Earth appreciated the efforts given to the Movement and Access Strategy. However concerns were raised in respect of the rationale for priority three and questioned why reference the declaration of climate emergency had been omitted. , with no clear purpose relatable to the vision and priorities. . In respect of agenda item 10, Mr Gillham stated that due to the significant health consequences of air pollution, they were concerned to see the proposals to reduce the area of the Air Quality Management Area and considered that this proposal sent out the wrong message.

In summary, Phil Gagg stated that the work carried out to date on the Movement Strategy was welcomed. However, due to transport resulting in under 60% of the districts emissions, WinAcc considered that the Strategy needed to align more closely with the Carbon Neutrality Action Plan (CNAP) to enable to Strategy to bring about a carbon reduction equal to 60% of the district's carbon emissions by 2030, with more work required to demonstrate how the Strategy would deliver its share of the CNAP. Mr Gagg made reference to the need to quantify co2 reduction targets, detail of the concentration of traffic reduction encouraging modal transfer to walking and cycling, which he stated was strongly supported by the public. He concluded that a robust carbon reduction framework was crucial to achieving targets.

In summary, John Beveridge stated that it was important to ensure that maximum consensus regarding traffic reduction in Winchester was achieved. Traffic changes should be experimented in the first instance. Other areas (such as Durham & York) that had successfully introduced low car zones, could be considered as an example.

In summary, Councillor Horrill stated that she agreed with the various points raised by the public speakers and that this initiative was hugely important for the district. The level of cooperation between the Council and Hampshire County Council was important and the clear way forward given the County Council's responsibility for Highways. Fundamental to the report was the need to remove traffic from the town centre to allow more of the important initiatives to take place successfully and to provide more safe space for pedestrians and cyclists. It was recognised that Park and Ride was very significant to this and that progress in this respect within the report still appeared to remain slow. It was noted that the Vaultex site was providing additional provision, but that further changes were necessary to Park and Ride services in order to fully deliver pedestrian and cycling access. Councillor Horrill stated that the Scrutiny Committee had

requested data collected by officers in developing the next phase of the Movement Strategy but that this had not yet been made available.

In conclusion, Councillor Horrill asked if the Chairperson would be able to facilitate the availability of this data to ensure all Members and interested parties were kept informed of future phase progress.

In summary, Phil Joyce stated that he welcomed the work already carried out to social distancing following the submission of the petition by Extinction Rebellion Winchester earlier in the year, but considered that further progress on traffic reduction was essential with simple measures that could be implemented to achieve much at low cost, with interventions such as bus gates and inner city car park closures being critical to reducing traffic volumes. Mr Joyce made reference to the outcomes of the 'Winchester Thinking Ahead' conference in 2016, the five polls carried out by WinACC and the nationwide survey by the Department for Transport (DfT) in 2020, which all consistently found that tackling traffic congestion in town centres was a priority for people by restricting vehicle access and creating more 'car free' pedestrian areas.

The Chairperson thanked those who addressed the committee for their contribution. Councillor Tod provided a full response to the comments made.

6. TO NOTE THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2020/21

RESOLVED:

That the work programme for 2020/21 be noted.

7. <u>UPDATE ON THE WINCHESTER MOVEMENT STRATEGY</u> (PRESENTATION)

The committee noted that a revised presentation had been made available prior to the meeting on the Council's website here.

Councillor Tod provided an update and clarified that this was a joint project with Hampshire County Council, with a scope primarily regarding the City of Winchester, focussing on reducing traffic. He stated that the next Board meeting was due to take place shortly, which would include the approval to release phase two of the works, together with options and data detail. This information would be made available to Members in due course.

The Chairperson welcomed Geoff Hobbs, Principal Transport Planner from Hampshire County Council to the meeting who, together with the Head of Programme, gave a presentation on the priorities for movement across Winchester, the joint studies and the progress made to date and delivery going forward.

Members asked questions and raised comments which were responded to by relevant officers and the Cabinet member accordingly

RESOLVED:

That the content of the presentation be received and the comments of the Committee be noted.

8. <u>PETITION - EXTINCTION REBELLION WINCHESTER (SAFER STREETS, POST COVID 19) (PRESENTATION)</u>

The Head of Programme outlined the details of the petition submitted by Extinction Rebellion Winchester which was submitted and considered by Council at its meeting on 8 July 2020 and was referred to the committee for further consideration and response. The committee received a presentation which is available on the Council's website here.

Members asked questions and raised comments regarding travel safety for all, with the increased use of electric scooters and electric bikes as well as those walking and cycling, which were responded to by officers and the Cabinet member accordingly.

In conclusion, the Chairperson announced that the Head of Programme would provide a full response to all the points raised within the petition submitted by Extinction Rebellion Winchester and thanked Phil Joyce for addressing the committee on this matter.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the presentation be received, the comments of the committee be noted and a full response to the petition submitted by Extinction Rebellion Winchester be provided by the Head of Programme.

9. **HEALTH PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS (PRESENTATION)**

Councillor Porter provided an update on the Council's latest positon with its health partnerships arrangements in response to the key strategic and policy issues facing the Council and the Service Lead: Communities and Wellbeing gave a presentation on the positive strong partnerships that have been developed, an update on the progress of the Winchester and District Health and Wellbeing Board and sought the views of the committee on a number of proposals for its delivery going forward. The presentation is available on the Council's website here.

Members asked questions and raised comments regarding public health and hospital facilities, issues arising in areas of deprivation, the need for engagement with the clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), and all health groups, providers and partnerships which were responded to by officers and the Cabinet member accordingly.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the presentation be received and the comments of the committee be noted

10. AQMA ANNUAL UPDATE (PRESENTATION)

The Chairperson announced that due to the late running time, the presentation of this item would be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of the committee or Member briefing, to be advised in due course.

The presentation is available on the Council's website here.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be deferred for consideration at a future meeting or briefing to be advised in due course.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 8.35 pm

Chairperson

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HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE - SCHEDULED ITEMS OF BUSINESS ETC

3 MARCH 2021

BUSINESS	LEAD OFFICER	COMMITT	EE DATE	STATUS/COMMENT
AQMA Annual Update - Presentation	David Ingram	8 December 2020	3 March 2021	Presentation – deferred from 8 December 2020
Carbon Neutrality Plan - Update	Steve Lincoln	3 March 2021		Standing Item

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Other reports are provisionally listed to come forward to the Health & Environment Policy Committee during 2020/21 are as follows: (Meeting date to be confirmed)

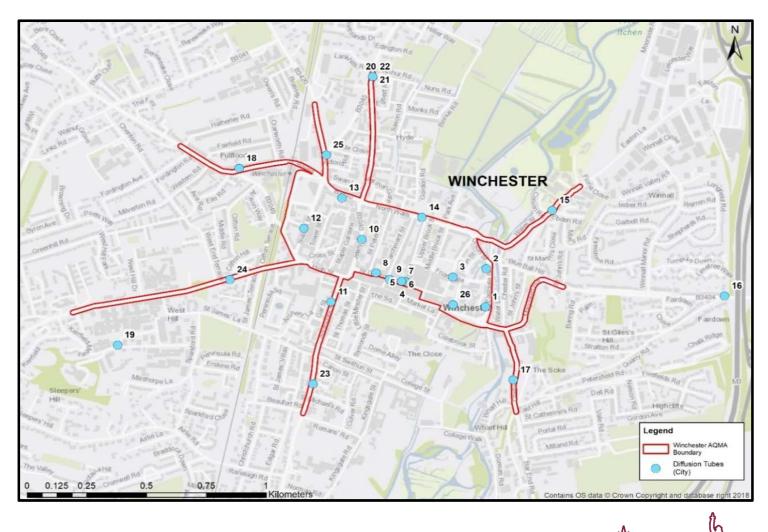
\rightarrow	Enforcement Policy	Date TBC
	Tree Policy	Date TBC
	Local Plan Update	Date TBC
	Mental Health - Understanding of Service Provision (Title TBC)	Date TBC
	Progress Update – Community and Wellbeing Strategy (Standing Item) – S Robbins	Moved to 6 July 2021
	Progress Update – Movement Strategy (Standing Item) – A Hickman	Moved to 6 July 2021 – date tbc
	Street Cleaning & Grounds Maintenance Update (including update on grass verges) – C Williams	Date TBC

Air Quality Update 2020

Overview / Refresher

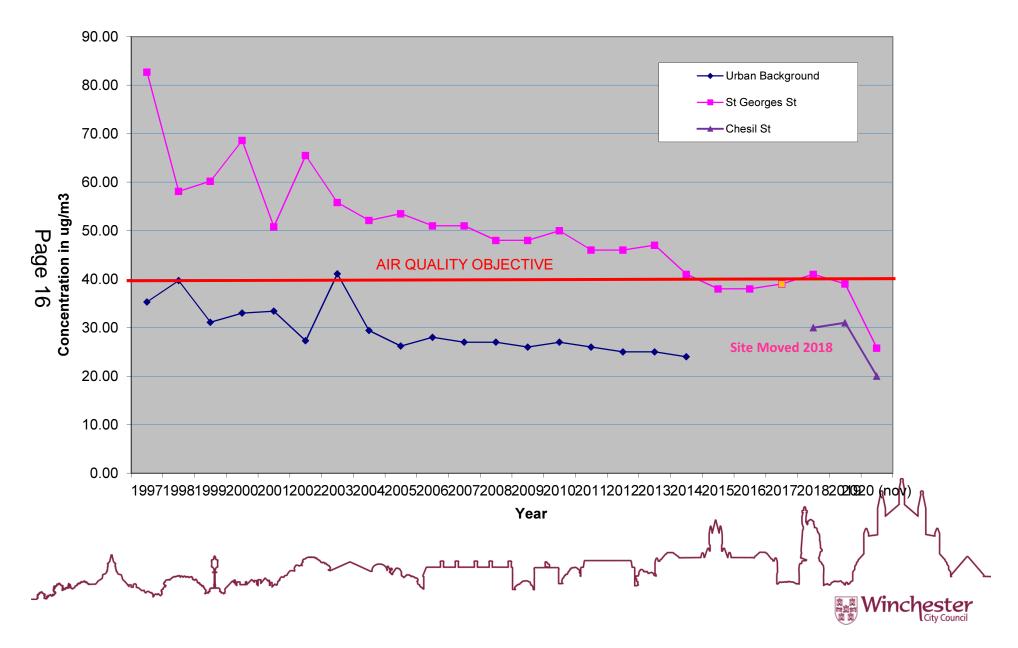
- Air Quality Management Area Winchester town centre and main arterial routes
- Monitoring for Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) & Particulates (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5})
- Gomplying with NO₂ daily mean standard and PM₁₀ standards both daily and annual mean.
- Bue to Covid influenced drop in traffic and a corresponding improvement in air quality, AQMA marginally meeting NO₂ annual mean standard of 40μg/m³
- 2 static air quality monitoring stations
 - Chesil Street (Nr Chesil Rectory) NO₂ only
 - St Georges Street (r/o God Begot House) NO₂ and PM₁₀ & PM_{2.5} since Feb'20
- 1 AQMesh analyser on Romsey Road (Arbour Court) indicative monitoring of NO₂ and PM10 & PM2.5 since Dec'18
- 8 26 Nox diffusion tubes in the City and a further 8 Nox diffusion tubes in the wider district, monitoring annual mean trends over time.
- Hand AQ Data publically available on line http://www.ukairquality.net/home/map

Current AQMA

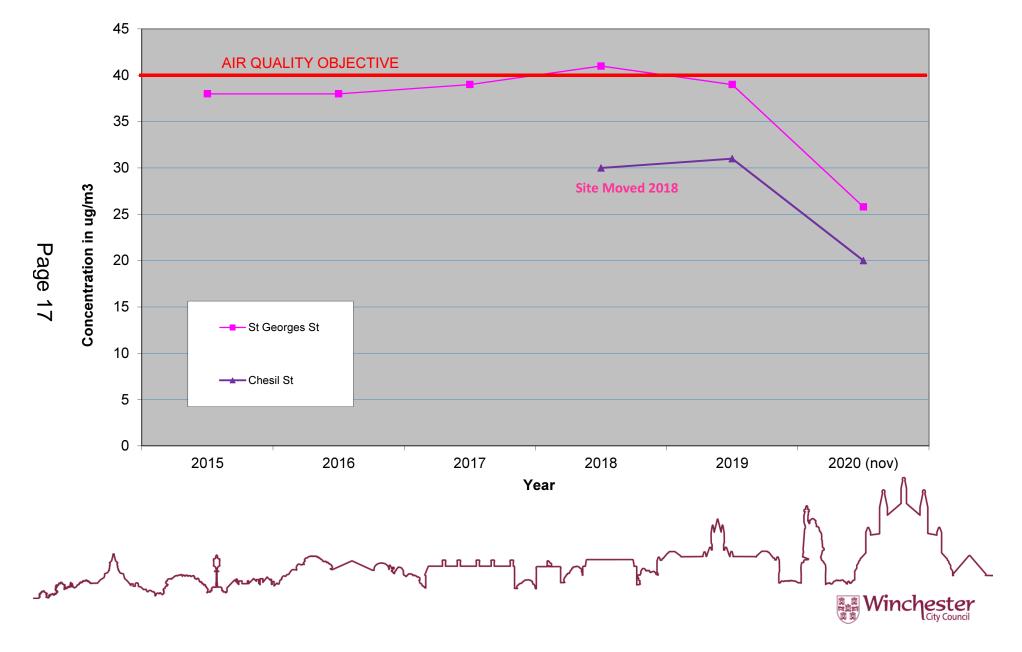




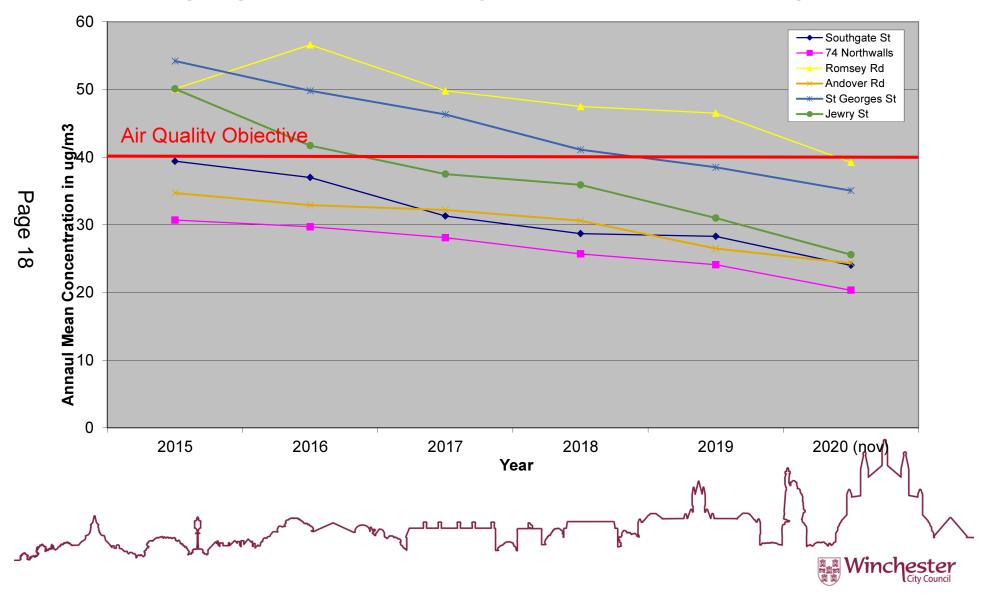
NO₂ (annual mean) AQMS Results since 1997



NO₂ (annual mean) AQMS Results since 2015

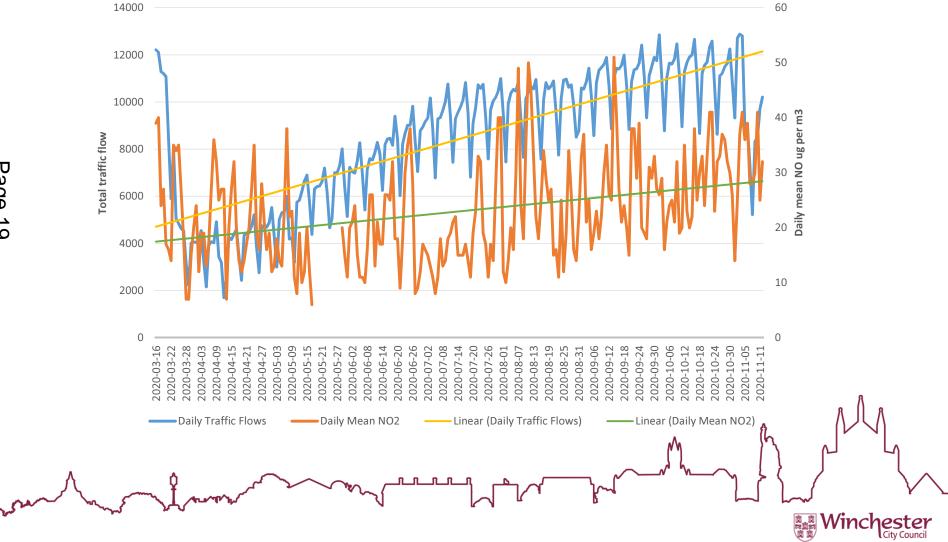


NO₂ Diffusion Tube Data (Highest level city centre locations)

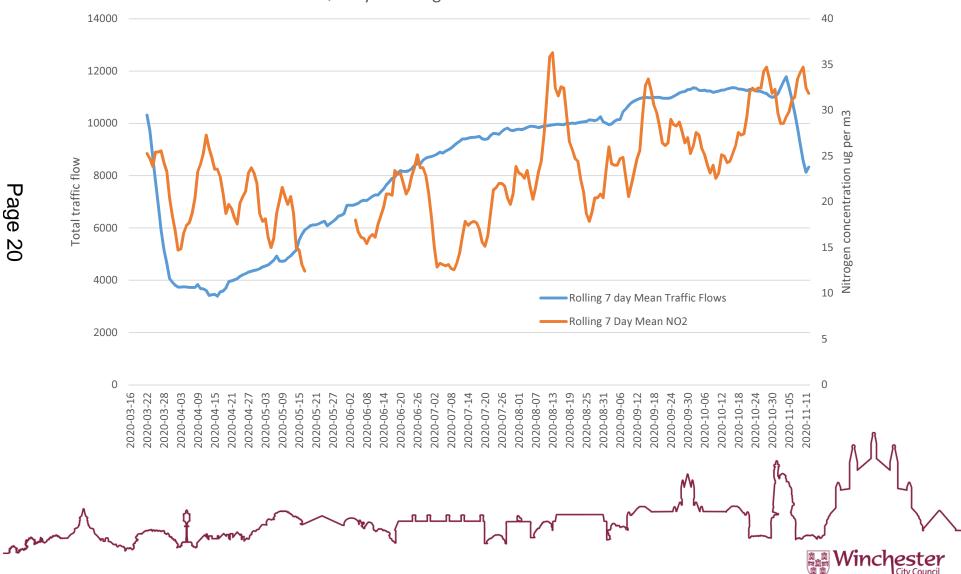


Air Quality during Covid (1)

Daily Averages for Traffic and Air Quality St Georges
St Winchester 2020







Air Quality 2021 - 2023

- Due to to the impact of Covid on traffic levels, we do not expect 2021 data to continue the trend and plan to reposition accordingly.
- Move AQMS NOx analyser imminent install on Romsey Road for 2021
- FIDAS Monitor on St Georges St will collect continuous data for PM10 and PM2.5 in line with Government's future Environment Bill expectations
- Air Quality Steering Group to consider review of AQAP in the Spring, subject to the provisions set down in the proposed Environment Bill 2021.
- Although some confidence that AQMA could be reduced to focus on higher NO₂ area (Romsey Road & St George St), equally new more stringent PM2.5 levels necessitate a cautionary approach.

Now and in the future

- **Electric Vehicle Network**
- Mir Quality Supplementary Planning Document (Jan Cabinet)
- **B** Differential Parking Tariffs
- Inter authority 'Burn Less' initiative
- Movement Strategy
- Resourcing for workplace travel planning

Questions



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QUESTIONS FOR THE POLICY COMMITTEE

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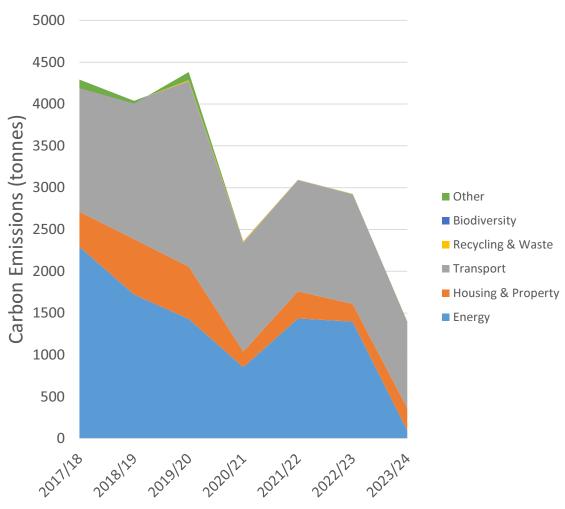
CARBON NEUTRALITY ACTION PLAN – ONE YEAR ON...

- Progress on all priorities
- Council carbon footprint down 11.7%
 (like for like comparison with previous year)
- Nearly £6M external funding secured
- Positive engagement with stakeholders
- COVID has reduced travel and commuting
- But more progress is needed on transport and behaviour change

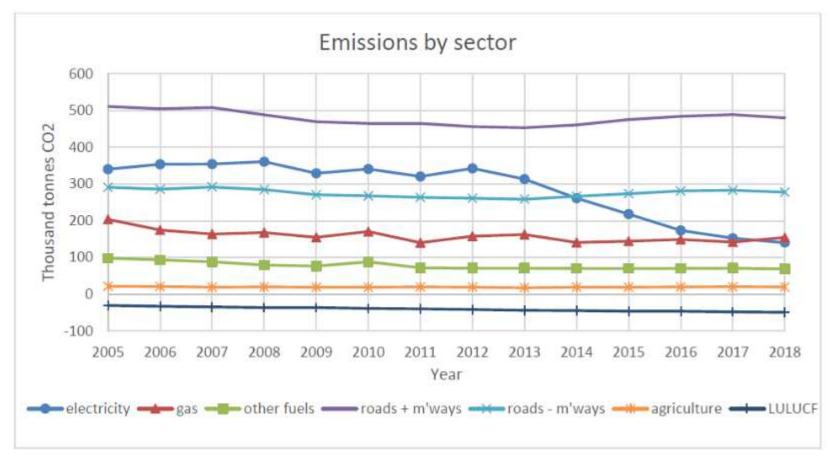


By 2024 we expect that the majority of the council carbon footprint will relate to transport

Carbon Emission of Council Operations







In 2018 road transport (even excluding motorways) made by far the largest contribution to the district carbon footprint

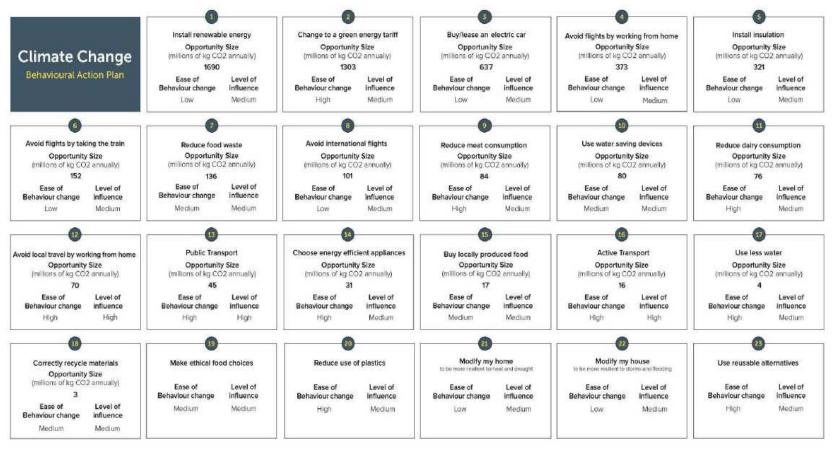


- Carbon Neutrality Action Plan identifies actions:
 - Decarbonisation of the P&R fleet
 - Increased take up of public transport services
 - Ongoing roll out of EV charging, including as part of the council's housing stock
 - Promotion of active travel, including e-mobility initiatives
 - Reduction in staff commuting
- Revised Council Plan seeks to improve on statutory clean air standards
- Ongoing work includes:
 - Winchester Movement Strategy
 - Review of the Countywide Local Transport Plan during 2021



- Lack of capacity to develop sustainable transport solutions
- Proposal to establish a permanent post within the Transport team to deliver the Winchester Movement Strategy
- Further work could be commissioned to undertake work not achieved through Winchester Movement Strategy, such as:
 - District wide local cycling and walking improvement plan
 - Travel options awareness raising and campaigns

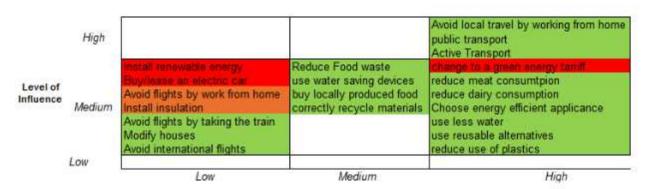




(From HCC Climate Change Behavioural Insights Report, 2020)

 We can identify what interventions are likely to be successful and their likely impact





key million Kg CO2 saved annually (mkg) High 1690 600 mkg Medium 600 - 300 mkg Low 300-0 mkg

Ease of Behaviour change

For example:

- Using pubic transport or active forms of travel are easily achieved but save relatively little in CO2
- Installing renewable energy and buying/leasing an electric vehicle can save the most CO2, but there are difficulties in creating behaviour change
- Changing to a green energy tariff is one of the top three CO2 savers and is easily changed

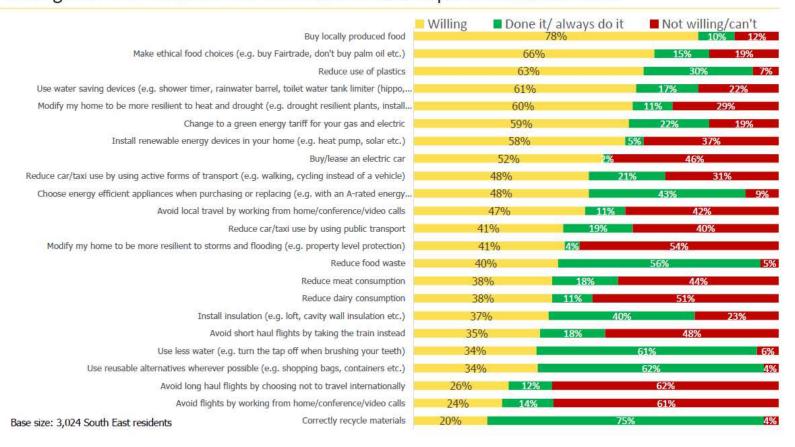
Majority of people believe they always recycle and reuse



(From HCC Climate Change Behavioural Insights Report, 2020)



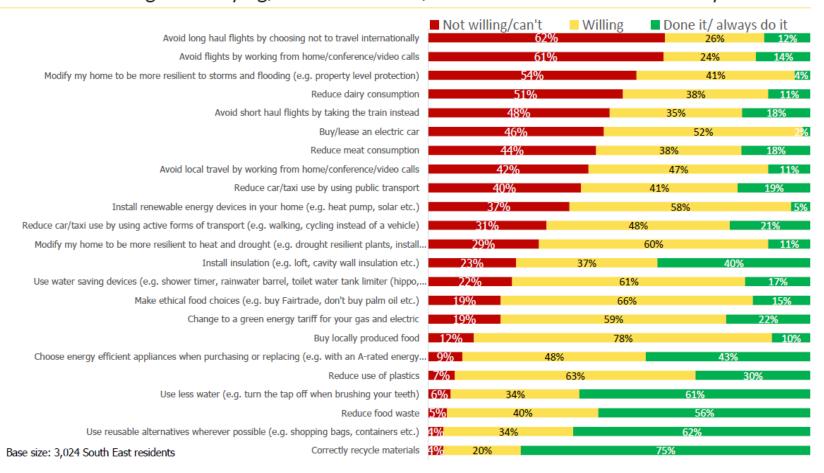
Willingness is concentrated in food choices and improvements at home



(From HCC Climate Change Behavioural Insights Report, 2020)



Resistance strongest for flying, storm resilience, electric cars and meat and dairy reduction



(From HCC Climate Change Behavioural Insights Report, 2020)



- Lack of capacity to deliver a proactive communications and engagement campaign to drive long-term behaviour change
- New post of Communications Campaigns Officer with dedicated time for this work, whose work will include:
 - Press releases, publications and content for website and social media
 - Campaign branding and production of infographics and other visual material
 - Targeted messaging around manageable lifestyle changes
 - Promotion of national campaigns, events and activities
 - Sharing success stories from other organisations contributing to the drive for carbon neutrality



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