

3 PILLARS OF OUR STRATEGY

1. We will reduce our own impact as an organisation on the environment
2. We will use our regulatory powers to influence behavioural change (e.g. planning, waste & recycling, environmental protection)
3. We will enable our communities to take action for themselves



Work to be done within existing resource

The work programme attached to our strategy will look to do the following things within existing resources to support this agenda: -

- Carbon Literacy training for members & officers
- Review our Procurement strategy
- Delivery new web pages to inform residents
- Renew our energy contract in 2024 with a renewable only provider
- Strengthen Local Plan and Planning design policies
- WorkSmart 2020 will change the way we use Elizabeth House



Work to be done with new resource

We would like to make a further commitment of £525k to this agenda. This would support: -

- Community Green Grants Scheme - £100k
- Tree Planting and other Env Schemes (in partnership) - £100k
- Additional EV Charging points - £60k
- Reduce impact of Council Buildings -£200k
- Member/Staff travel - £10k
- Explore renewal options in Breckland - £50k
- Promote switch and save schemes - £5k





Community Green Grants

- We are looking to launch a Community Green Grants Scheme in July
- This will be a combination of:
 - £40k for small grants up to £500 for small community environmental projects like bug gardens, litter picks, etc.
 - £60k for large grants of between £5,000 - £10,000 for larger projects such as building studies for netzero, specific kits (e.g. plastic shredder)



Breckland NetZero

We are looking to set a date of **2035** for the council to be NetZero.

There are a number of issues identified in our carbon audit that mean an earlier date would not be practical without significant offsetting measures: -

- *Emissions generated by our contracted refuse vehicle fleet*
- *Emissions relating to elected member and officer travel -*
- *Emissions relating to heating of the councils contracted leisure facilities*
- *Emissions relating to tenants of the council's commercial assets*

