

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet

**MEETING DATE:** 26 January 2022

**BY:** Executive Director for Place

**SUBJECT:** Climate Change Strategy Annual Update

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the second annual update to Cabinet on progress with delivering the actions and commitments in East Lothian Council's Climate Change Strategy 2020–2025.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1 note the progress made across Council service areas during 2021 to tackle the climate emergency locally and deliver actions in the East Lothian Council Climate Change Strategy 2020–2025, despite the significant challenges of COVID-19.
- 2.2 approve the updates to the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan, which are set out in Appendix 2 to this report and are summarised in Sections 3.30–3.33.
- 2.3 note the Key Projects & Achievements and Key Risks set out in this report, delivered by members of the Climate Change Planning and Monitoring Group.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 East Lothian Council's Climate Change Strategy 2020–2025 was approved by Cabinet in January 2020. Cabinet also approved the commitments to review and update the Strategy annually as further national legislative and policy changes occur, to review and update the Action Plan annually, and to seek approval from Cabinet for these revisions and updates on an annual basis.
- 3.2 In addition to the commitments set out in the Climate Change Strategy, the Council has statutory public body duties as set out in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: to contribute to the delivery of carbon emissions reduction targets, to help deliver climate adaptation, and to act

sustainably. We report on these annually to the Scottish Government; our most recent Climate Change Report is detailed in a Members' Library Service report<sup>1</sup> (December 2021).

### **Context: COP26, Council Growth, COVID-19 and the Climate Emergency**

- 3.3 2021 has been an important year in addressing the climate emergency – UN COP26 Climate Summit was held in Glasgow, putting climate on the agenda and engaging people to take local action with global impact. COVID-19 is still present and affecting the people and services in East Lothian. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the rapid growth of housing and the population increase in East Lothian, the Council has managed to reduce its emissions by a further 6.4% compared to the previous year.
- 3.4 The Council has the opportunity of a 'Green Recovery' from the pandemic<sup>2</sup>. With our increased skills in working online, we are seeing benefits of reduced paper printing, decreased travel emissions and more efficient use of office space. These are evident in the Council's latest Climate Change Report to the Scottish Government<sup>1</sup>. Our new skills, behaviours and asset management are key to achieving the Council's net zero target.
- 3.5 COP26, held in Glasgow from 31 October to 13 November, made it evident that countries need to remain ambitious and focus on delivering towards their net zero targets. The Council is committed to its net zero target and our local targets and actions reflect the intentions of the global agreements made during COP26. Moving forward, we need to consider how we continue to deliver our ambitions: how will we deliver net zero despite the challenges of COVID-19, and how will we reach net zero as the second fastest growing authority in Scotland?

### **National policy update**

- 3.6 The Scottish Government and Sustainable Scotland Network published a Guidance Document for Public Sector Leadership on the Global Climate Emergency in October 2021. The guidance has been produced together with public bodies across Scotland, who are taking day-to-day actions towards achieving the net zero targets. It sets a route map for delivering net zero, milestones of climate change action, and best practice advice for a range of functions within public bodies to address the climate emergency.

Following publication of this new guidance, Council officers will reflect on the recommendations arising, consider the implications for each service

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<sup>1</sup> [Agendas, reports and minutes | East Lothian Council](#) (Report 130/21)

<sup>2</sup> East Lothian Council, COVID-19 Recovery & Renewal Coordinating Group (RRCG) Framework, 30 Nov 2020, available at [Agendas, reports and minutes | East Lothian Council](#) (Report 120/21).

area and then reassess the Council's Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

- 3.7 The draft of the Fourth National Planning Framework has been released for consultation. It details a long-term plan for what Scotland could be in 2045 and aligns with the national Net Zero 2045 target. It is key for planning and development going forward, to tackle the climate emergency.

### **The Council's Carbon Footprint**

- 3.8 The Council's overall carbon footprint has continued to reduce, with the latest data from our Climate Change Report 2020/21 showing a 34% overall reduction in the Council's carbon footprint since our baseline year of 2014/15, and a reduction of 6.4% from the previous year, to 13,723 tCO<sub>2e</sub>, as reported in a Members' Library Service report<sup>3</sup> (December 2021).

The Council is making good progress in respect of emissions reduction despite significant population growth. Moving forward, we need to review whether our progress with reducing our carbon footprint should be relative to the county's growth and whether a corresponding relative benchmark is more appropriate, with significant increases in the Council's estate coming forward including new schools, and in the context of our ongoing asset review programme and opportunities around decarbonisation of energy sources.

- 3.9 Updates on progress with the specific actions in the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan to reach net zero are set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

### **Embedding Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in the Council**

- 3.10 The East Lothian COVID-19 Recovery & Renewal Plan addresses the climate emergency and maps a 'Green Transition' from the pandemic. The plan includes support for active travel, homeworking, and more efficient use of assets, and urges the embedding of green thinking in both social and economic recovery.
- 3.11 The Council continues to develop and implement its 'New Ways of Working Arrangements' alongside the 'Review of Council Assets'. Council carbon emissions data from 2020/21 shows that the emissions from electricity decreased by 1,591 tCO<sub>2e</sub>. This can predominately be attributed to Council buildings being temporarily closed and the majority of staff working from home due to COVID-19. Emissions from homeworking were estimated to be 241 tCO<sub>2e</sub>. Asset management and support of staff to find new ways of working will be key to continue reducing our carbon footprint.
- 3.12 The 'Climate Emergency' risk was updated in the Council's Corporate Risk Register in November 2021. This risk lists all current and planned measures to tackle the climate emergency, adapt to climate change and

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<sup>3</sup> [Agendas, reports and minutes | East Lothian Council](#) (Report 130/21)

make all Council services net zero carbon as soon as reasonably practicable or in any case by 2045. The 'Climate Emergency' continues to be live in the Corporate Risk Register and is updated regularly.

- 3.13 The Council is part of Adaptation Scotland's Capability Framework Benchmarking Working Group, to benchmark, assess progress with and further embed climate adaptation across Council processes. Since autumn 2021, the Council is represented in a working group for Edinburgh and South East Scotland to develop a climate risk assessment scope for the city region. Climate change, sustainability and adaptation ambition is also embedded within the Regional Prosperity Framework.

### **Key Projects & Achievements 2020/21 Addressing Climate Change**

- 3.14 The Council's Planning Policy and Strategy team have started to work on the review of the Local Development Plan, to produce Local Development Plan 2. The revised plan is likely to contain tighter policy on climate change mitigation, as it will take into account the Scottish Government's revised climate change targets and Climate Change Plan Update (2020) as well as conforming with the strategy and policies contained within the new National Planning Framework 4. The first stage of production of this new plan is the Evidence Report, which is expected in winter 2022.
- 3.15 The Council has consulted on a Vision for the future development and use of land in Tranent, Prestonpans, Cockenzie/Port Seton, Macmerry and Longniddry, Blindwells new settlement and the former Cockenzie Power Station site. This is known as 'the ClimateEvolution Zone' and explores ways to transition to carbon neutrality and enable major community benefits such as healthy walking and cycling links, attractive natural environment, leisure facilities, innovative energy generation, infrastructure addressing flooding issues and employment opportunities. The consultation draft ClimateEvolution Vision and Action Plan is currently being amended to take account of comments received through the public consultation exercise and further technical work is being undertaken.
- 3.16 The Council is continuing to advance the Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme after the 2015 feasibility study, which determined that Musselburgh is at risk of flooding. Amenity Services continues to control giant hogweed alongside the River Esk in Musselburgh to prevent detrimental impact on flood protection work.
- 3.17 The Council introduced kerbside recycling collections in November 2021 to continue improving recycling and reducing mileage emissions from collections. Our new vehicles can collect all recycling – plastic, cardboard, cans, glass, batteries, food etc. – and do so weekly, on the same day.
- 3.18 The Energy Advice Service, which supports occupiers to run the buildings efficiently and effectively (particularly to those households most at risk of fuel poverty), engaged and supported 1151 households from 1/04/2021 to 30/09/2021.
- 3.19 385 central heating upgrades (including condensing boilers & high heat retention storage heating) and 124 insulation measures (including lofts,

cavity wall, and external wall) were completed to improve energy efficiency in the Council's domestic and private stock.

- 3.20 The Council has successfully applied for and received funding of £1.1m from the Scottish Government Energy Efficiency: Area Based Scheme. The project includes installation of external wall insulation (EWI) and cavity wall insulation (CWI) insulation and solar PV and air source heat pumps in areas of fuel poverty.
- 3.21 The number of electric vehicle charging points in the Council continues to increase. 56 charge points available to the public have already been installed at Council buildings and a further 55 will be installed in the 2021/22 financial year.
- 3.22 'Vehicle to the Grid' (V2G) is a vehicle-charging technology currently being trialled by the Council at Penston House. The technology enables energy from the battery of an electric car to be pushed back to the grid when the car is not being used. This is an innovative step to balance energy demand.
- 3.23 Waste Services reported an increase in East Lothian's household recycling rate to 52.4% (2020) of total household waste recycled. The carbon impact of waste reduced by 11 tCO<sub>2</sub>e despite increased volume of waste due to the growing population of East Lothian Council.
- 3.24 A journey hub at Brunton Hall, Musselburgh, was completed in summer 2021 with funding from SEStrans. The hub provides space for electric car club vehicles with charge points, public vehicle charge points, local bike shop, public bike hire (standard and electric), parcel collection point and real-time transport information. Learnings from the hub provide an opportunity to roll out journey hubs more widely across the county.
- 3.25 During 2021/22, we have been undertaking a grassland habitat restoration project with funding from the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund. The project will benefit pollinators and wider biodiversity. In the longer term it is hoped to work with communities to extend the project into urban greenspaces where appropriate.
- 3.26 Despite disruption across education during 2020/21, Bikeability Scotland on road cycle training programmes ran across 17 schools, with a record of more than a thousand pupils benefitting from the work managed by the Outdoor Learning Service and funded by Cycling Scotland and Sustrans.
- 3.27 Whilst COVID-19 has had a huge impact on our communities, we continue to support Area Partnerships' Sustainability and Active Travel sub-groups to promote and deliver local sustainability actions and environmental improvements in their areas.

### **Key Risks Delivering the Climate Change Strategy Actions**

- 3.28 The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted work across the Council, causing delays to some projects and work streams. Appendix 1 highlights which actions in the Climate Change Strategy with a target date of 2021 are

progressing and which have been impacted or delayed by COVID-19, but will continue to be progressed again in due course.

- 3.29 Due to rapidly increasing energy prices and unprecedented market volatility, People's Energy ceased trading in September 2021. The company provided affordable 'East Lothian Energy' tariffs for local residents in a pilot arrangement. The Council is aware of the concern and disappointment that this has caused among East Lothian Energy customers and will continue to monitor circumstances and determine how best to look to re-engage the pilot arrangements if appropriate once the energy market has stabilised.

### **Seeking Approval from Cabinet to Update the Following Climate Change Actions**

Please find the following suggestions in Appendix 2.

- 3.30 Combining action 4.1e and 4.2c into action 5.1c on working with partners to become a low carbon council and support businesses to reduce their carbon footprint.
- 3.31 Combining action 5.2a and 7.1g with 5.2e on Place Based Programmes.
- 3.32 Combining action 5.1d with 5.2g on supporting digital towns through rolling out better broadband infrastructure.
- 3.33 Revisions to the 2021 target dates of the following actions due to COVID-19 related impacts: 1.1b, 1.1e, 1.1f, 1.5a, 1.6a, 1.6d, 1.8b, 2.1i, 3.3a, 6.1m, 7.4a, 7.4b, 7.4c, 7.4f, 7.4g, 7.5b, 7.5c.

## **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are a number of policy implications arising from this report that will be considered and incorporated in future local and regional policy development work in due course.

## **5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process and where negative impacts have been identified, mitigating actions have been put in place.

## **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial – The priority areas and measures that have allowed the Council to address climate change mitigation and adaptation to date are embedded within service budgets currently. However, meeting the net zero target will become more and more challenging. It should be noted that climate change is a rapidly moving area of legislative and policy context and the Council must continue to work closely with the Scottish Government to shape and influence as well as respond to national

ambitions to ensure that the necessary measures, powers, and resources are in place to deliver a just transition to net zero.

6.2 Personnel – None

6.3 Other – None

## 7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 East Lothian Council's Climate Change Strategy 2020–2025

[https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/29179/climate\\_change\\_strategy\\_2020-2025](https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/29179/climate_change_strategy_2020-2025)

7.2 Members' Library Service report on East Lothian Council's Public Sector Climate Change Reporting 2020/21

[https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/16804/members\\_library\\_service](https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/16804/members_library_service) [Report 130/21; December 2021 Bulletin]

7.3 Appendix 1: Climate Change Strategy Action Plan annual update.

7.4 Appendix 2: Amended actions in the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan, for approval.

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## Appendix 1: Climate Change Strategy Action Plan annual update

### Key to 'Tracking of Progress with Actions':

Green = action progressing / on track;

Amber = progress with action still underway but slowed or delayed (e.g. due to COVID);

Red = 2021 action not progressing / problem with delivery of action;

No Colour = target date not 2021

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes	Tracking of progress with actions
<b>Outcome 1: East Lothian Council will be a Net Zero and Sustainable Council</b>										
<b>Key Priority Area 1: Leadership and Governance</b>										
1.1a	Work with all Council Service Areas and key partners including the Scottish Government to improve the integrity of our emissions data and reporting mechanisms, and reduce carbon emissions annually, to reach Net Zero by 2045 at the latest	Climate Change Strategy; ELC Climate Change Reporting	Chief Executive; CCPMG; partners including Scottish Government	Annual Climate Change Reporting to the Scottish Government: East Lothian Council's total annual corporate emissions	44,034 tCO <sub>2</sub> e in 2007/08	Continue to reduce carbon emissions annually to reach Net Zero as soon as possible	Annually		Ongoing. The Council's Climate Change Planning & Monitoring Group continues to drive this forward across council service areas. We continue to improve the integrity of our data and this year we have further improved our Fleet data. In 2020/21, ELC's total annual corporate emissions were: 13,723 tCO <sub>2</sub> e (a reduction of 69% since our baseline year).	
1.1b	Embed our aims to tackle the Climate Emergency and to achieve emission reductions within our Council Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan (East Lothian Plan)	Council Plan; East Lothian Plan	Policy Team; SECCO	Council Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan (East Lothian Plan)	Outcomes under East Lothian Plan 2017-2027	Key targets within the Council Plan	2021		The review of the 2017-2022 Council Plan and East Lothian Plan 2017-2027 (Local outcome Improvement Plan) will take place in early 2022 and a new Council Plan and revised East Lothian plan will be completed in spring/ summer 2022. The new Strategic Needs Assessment has been delayed until 2022.	Revise target date to 2022 COVID IMPACT
1.1c	Annual reporting on East Lothian's overall Per Capita Carbon Emissions, within the scope of local authorities	Climate Change Strategy	SECCO; CCPMG	Data published annually by the UK Government Department of Energy and Climate Change (tCO <sub>2</sub> e) for all UK local authority areas	Baseline data 5.2 tCO <sub>2</sub> e (2016/17)	Decreasing annual per capita carbon emissions	Annually		4.8 tCO <sub>2</sub> e in 2019 (the most recent data available).	

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1.1d	Staff awareness and engagement: Reinstate the promotional campaign 'CRAW' ('Conserve Resources at Work'), or similar, to raise awareness amongst staff – including promotional measures and publicity (articles and updates in staff newsletter 'Inform')	Climate Change Strategy	CCPMG			Increased awareness	2020 / ongoing	Work continues on the Council's 'Working Differently' process alongside our Asset Review project, with associated promotion to staff of our new ways of working to promote home-working where possible, online meetings, reduced printing, reduced travel to work, more online processes.		COVID IMPACT
1.1e	Ensure that training in carbon efficiency behaviours is provided to all new Council employees via the staff Induction process, to instil the low carbon culture of East Lothian Council	Staff Induction process	Corporate Policy & Improvement; SECCO	Introduction of Induction training in carbon efficiency behaviours for all new staff		Induction training in carbon efficiency behaviours is in place	2021	This has been impacted by COVID. However, information on 'Tackling Climate Change and improving Sustainability' has been incorporated into the Chief Executive's Induction presentation for new staff. There is a 'Home Energy' E-Learning module (produced by Home Energy Scotland) available on ELC's staff online training platform LearnPro.	Revise target date to 2022	COVID IMPACT
1.1f	Inclusion of a new mandatory E-Learning module on reducing your carbon footprint, for all Council employees; explore options to make this available to community / third sector organisations, via the wider E-Learning platform		Corporate Policy & Improvement; SECCO	Production of E-Learning module on reducing your carbon footprint		E-Learning module on reducing your carbon footprint in place	2021	This was being explored with external providers including Keep Scotland Beautiful, however, this has been impacted by COVID. However, there is a 'Home Energy' E-Learning module (produced by Home Energy Scotland) available on ELC's staff online training platform LearnPro for ELC staff to access.	Revise target date to 2022	COVID IMPACT
1.1g	Work with our partner organisations to encourage them to take urgent action to reduce their own carbon footprint; add this requirement to the terms and conditions associated with grants awarded by the Council, Area Partnerships, procurement contracts etc.	Climate Change Strategy	CCPMG				2020 / ongoing	Ongoing. Climate Change Officer attends East Lothian Partnership's Key Officers Group meetings and Governance Group meetings on occasion. ELC's Sustainable Procurement Policy approved (Nov 2020) which sets out the principles of sustainability (including carbon emissions reduction) that will be expected of businesses/companies tendering for Council contracts. Planning Service commissioned a 'ClimatEvolution' Strategy, with the assessment criteria including how the consultancy would consider climate change issues (reducing / offsetting greenhouse gas emissions; climate adaptation). Countryside Service requested that Event organisers submit their proposals for carbon footprint reduction / improving sustainability of the event when considering event applications.		

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<b>Key Priority Area 2: Embedding Sustainability and ensuring a Just Transition</b>										
1.2a	Produce an updated Integrated Impact Assessment procedure that is in line with current policies on equalities, human rights, sustainability and climate change; including by introducing 'Sustainability Tests; to embed equalities, sustainability and climate change mitigation into all Council policies and decision-making	Integrated Impact Assessment process	Corporate Policy & Improvement; SECCO	Production of an updated Integrated Impact Assessment procedure; revised IIA process to be used for all Council policies and decision-making	The current Integrated Impact Assessment	Production and adoption of an updated Integrated Impact Assessment procedure and implementation into all Council policies and decision-making	Completed		This action was completed in 2020. The revised Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) was published and is on ELC's Intranet for Service Managers to use. The IIA incorporates the specific requirement to include consideration of Climate Change and the Environment when making decisions about proposed policies and projects.	ACTION COMPLETED
<b>Key Priority Area 3: Funding and Resources</b>										
1.3a	Work with our partners including the Scottish Government to focus specific funding, measures and resources to address the Climate Emergency at local level	Climate Change Strategy	CCPMG; Scottish Government (SG); partner organisations	Specific funding, measures and resources to address the Climate Emergency at local level	N/A	Dedicated funding, measures and resources to address the Climate Emergency at local level	Annually		Officers continue to liaise with the Scottish Government and other external partners to continue to focus specific funding, measures and resources to address the Climate Emergency locally. The Sustainable Transport Officers Group continues to work with partner organisations including Sustrans and SEStran to improve and expand active travel and sustainable transport networks. Planning Service aims to further focus the Local Development Plan on addressing climate change with the working assumption that new development should be able to conform to the Scottish Government targets for achieving net zero by 2045 and the interim target of 75% emissions reduction by 2030.	

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<b>Key Priority Area 4: Reduce Emissions across the Council's Buildings and Services</b>										
1.4a	Review / manage each of the following aspects of ELC estate and operations to reduce emissions towards achieving Net Zero: energy efficiency, water, heat	Climate Change Strategy; ELC Climate Change Reporting	CCPMG – all relevant Service Areas; Scottish Government	Emissions reduction towards Net Zero for energy efficiency, water, heat	Grid Electricity (generation): 5846.4 tCO2e; Grid Electricity (transmission & distribution losses): 498.4 tCO2e; Natural Gas: 5453.2 tCO2e; LPG:121.3 tCO2e; Gas Oil: 340.6 tCO2e; Burning Oil (Kerosene): 35.8 tCO2e; Water – Supply: 44.1 tCO2e; Water – Treatment: 90.7 tCO2e	Reduce carbon emissions annually to reach Net Zero as soon as possible	Annually	1) Wellwynd LED installation is complete. 2) Wellwynd solar PV project delayed due to COVID and procurement. 3) Penston House LED installation is complete, we are now looking at storage and parking as possible future phase. 4) Lighting retrofits are complete. 5) Due to high school extensions we no longer have the opportunity to reduce the meter size. 6) Kinwegar is completed, John Muir House will be picked up with the asset review project instead. 7) EWI & CWI works ongoing. 8) New programme this year: rewiring schools to improve efficiency of heating.		COVID IMPACT
1.4b	Continue the programme of energy efficiency improvements and incorporation of low carbon technologies in Council owned buildings – aiming for carbon neutral buildings	Corporate Asset Management Plan; Climate Change Strategy	Property Maintenance; Engineering & Building Standards; CCPMG	Energy efficiency measures installed		Energy efficiency measures installed in all Council buildings	2020 / ongoing	Lighting has been changed in Port Seton and Longniddry Community Centres. Penston House LED installations are now complete and a boiler has also been replaced due to a failure. Kinwegar LED installation is complete. Installation of vehicle to grid charging has been installed at Penston House. ELC participated in a Green Heat in Green Spaces project and a number of sites and opportunities were identified that may be suitable for ground source district heating developments.		COVID IMPACT
1.4c	Continue our Asset Management and Transformation Programme of office review of operational assets and rationalisation, and the shift towards flexible, mobile working, and collaboration internally and externally, to reduce energy costs and reduce our carbon footprint. Maximise opportunities presented by digital transformation to accelerate the shift towards more flexible, mobile working.	Council Asset Strategy & Management Plan; New Ways of Working Policy; Workforce Plan	Strategic Asset & Capital Plan Management; Transformation Team	proportion of staff undertaking flexible / mobile working		Increased asset office rationalisation as per Corporate Asset Management targets; Property Asset Strategy; increased proportion of staff undertaking flexible / mobile working; and increased sharing of assets internally and with external organisations	2020 / ongoing	Actions to support 'flexible' and 'home working', and digital transformation have continued during 2021. A new home working policy has been approved and employees are being encouraged to work from home when it is appropriate for them to do so. Work is progressing on the asset review project with the priority being providing adequate work settings at PH and JMH to allow staff to be moved out of RH in 2023. Several actions are being done to use ELC devices more efficiently. Laptops are being provided to individuals to enable home working. Currently looking at phasing out structure not suitable for hybrid working (e.g. moving desktop phone to Skype). Introducing docking stations to make more efficient use of ELC devices. Removing thin client technology from desktops. Power efficacy of hardware is getting better every time we process it.		POSITIVE COVID IMPACT

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<b>Key Priority Area 5: Improve Resource Efficiency and Sustainability</b>										
1.5a	Facilities Management Services will aim to eliminate problematic or unnecessary single-use plastics by the end of 2020 as part of the UK Plastics Pact	UK Plastics Pact; Facilities Management targets	Facilities Management Service	Elimination of specific single-use plastics		Specific single-use plastics eliminated by end of 2020	2021	Due to impacts of COVID these target dates will be revised to the end of 2021. Due to COVID there has been an unfortunate increase in the use of single use plastics in 2021. To address, school pupils are encouraged to bring refillable bottles from home where possible. There has been an increase in the use of disposables for school lunches however as we return to hot meals this is being reduced. COVID related PPE cleaning materials, chemicals in bottles, hand sanitiser etc. have all added to the increased use. When it is safe and practical to look at reducing single use plastics in these areas Facilities Management Service will take this forward. The council remains committed to tackling unnecessary/problematic single-use plastics use. Facilities Management have introduced dosing systems which is reducing waste and enhancing performance.	Revise target date to 2022	COVID IMPACT
1.5b	Reduce ELC's waste and review recycling options within Council buildings and provide new systems where required	Conserve Resources at Work ('CRAW')	Waste Services; Facilities Management Service				2020 / ongoing	All council buildings have access to recycling for paper/card/glass/plastic/cans. The move to remote working and enhanced digital connectivity is significantly reducing the demand upon paper use.		
1.5c	Reduction in ELC's paper use (printing) - 'going paperless'	Working Differently benefits	CCPMG	Reduction in printer paper order quantities		73% reduction in paper	2022	A 28% reduction in paper purchase was recorded during 2020/21. This continues to be tracked in 2021/22.		

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<b>Key Priority Area 6: Reduce Emissions across our Transport Fleet and Staff Travel</b>										
1.6a	Review / manage each of the following aspects of ELC estate and operations to reduce emissions towards achieving Net Zero: our Transport Fleet and Business Mileage	Climate Change Strategy; ELC Climate Change Reporting	CCPMG – all relevant Service Areas; Scottish Government	Emissions reduction towards Net Zero for Transport Fleet and Business Mileage	Business Mileage: Average Car - Unknown Fuel: 345.9 tCO2e; Bus: 35.8 tCO2e; Car - diesel: 24.2 tCO2e; HGV - average all types & sizes: 541.4 tCO2e; Van - Average (up to 3.5 tonnes) Diesel: 737.8 tCO2e	Reduce carbon emissions annually to reach Net Zero as soon as possible	Annually	The 2021 funding from Transport Scotland is focused on the EV charging infrastructure for Fleets. Therefore there has been no further vehicles procured this FY which are EV. The replacement program from the next 5 years highlights EV options and replacement of existing vehicles currently leased through Transport Scotland support. The pool car program has been impacted through COVID and the model shift to home working is still be assessed to determine continued viability of pool car solution. Users continue to add to network, however this is mostly through staff changes/recruitment etc.	Grey fleet usage is not within transport services remit to control. Services managers would need to assess the mileage claimed and operational usage.	
1.6b	Implement an Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicles (ULEV) strategy for our Council vehicle fleet	ULEV Strategy	Transport Services	ULEV Strategy implemented		ULEV Strategy implemented	2021	Work continues on the Fleet Strategy with an expected completion of Jan/Feb 2022	Revise target date to 2022	COVID IMPACT
1.6c	Continue the development of ultra low emissions vehicles (ULEV) options across the Council, including utilisation of full electric vehicle (EV) and hybrid technology for pool cars and operational vehicles.	ULEV Strategy; Fleet Management; LTS	Transport Services; Roads Services	Numbers of ULEV vehicles in Council Fleet		Replace the Council's fleet with ULEV wherever feasible	2020/ ongoing	Ongoing.		

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1.6d	Implement a 'Travel Plan' for all Council staff, setting out the expectation, resources and infrastructure to implement modal shift in staff travel behaviour from driving single-occupancy private cars to sustainable travel options, including use of electric vehicle (EV) pool cars, car sharing, active travel, use of public transport	Local Transport Strategy (LTS)	Roads Services	Introduce a travel plan for all ELC staff (subject to constituencies of the service)		Introduce a travel plan for all ELC staff	2021	Staff continue to work from home where possible and virtual meetings are the default option. Staff Travel Survey for post COVID working arrangements still to be carried out in February 2022. Discussions are taking place with the ELC Transformation Team who are tasked in the reallocation of office space with the opportunities to provide new and upgrade existing council assets to encourage sustainable and active travel options for the workforce. The Transformation Team will be conducting a staff survey and it is intended to have relevant STP questions included.	Target date changed to 2023. The Council is still in a stage of recovery and renewal. A new travel plan will be difficult to create without seeing the post-COVID impacts. Once we know those impacts, we can create a more resilient travel plan.	COVID IMPACT
1.6e	Continue the programme of installation of electric charging points for electric vehicles at all Council offices, depots and public buildings	LTS	Roads Services	Number of car chargepoints installed at Council buildings	The first EV chargepoint was installed in 2012	Increased number of car chargepoints installed at all Council buildings wherever possible	Annual	We have increased the number of EV chargepoints installed at all Council buildings to 56 and will be installing a further 55 in the 2021/22 financial year.		
1.6f	Roll out EV training for staff	Fleet Management; LTS	Transport Services	Number of staff trained and using the Council's EV pool fleet		Increased number of staff trained and using the Council's EV pool fleet	Annual	The ability to use pool cars continues being impacted by COVID.		COVID IMPACT
1.6g	Develop electric bikes / i-bike options to reduce staff dependency on the car for shorter work journeys	LTS	Roads Services	Numbers of electric bikes / i-bikes for Council staff use		Electric bikes / i-bike options for staff use at all main Council offices	2022	E-Bikes update: SESTRAN's pilot project in Musselburgh was implemented in 2020 with hire points at Brunton Hall and Musselburgh Station. This was expanded in 2021 with a virtual station at Cockenzie. However, we have run into issue with vandalism, and no obvious source of funding is available for expansion of the scheme		
1.6h	Work to achieve Cycling Scotland's <i>Cycle Friendly Employer</i> status	LTS	Roads Services	Working towards <i>Cycle Friendly Employer</i> status		Achieve <i>Cycle Friendly Employer</i> status	2022	The CFE application remains on hold pending post covid-19 return to work and the assessment of the changing travel arrangements by employees. Also, the findings of the ELC Transformation Team Report which will have an impact on the application, with the potential to improve the existing assets that support cycling to work.		COVID IMPACT

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<b>Key Priority Area 7: Sustainable Procurement</b>										
1.7a	Produce and implement a revised and updated Sustainable Procurement Policy, to ensure that goods and services are procured ethically and responsibly, from ethical and sustainable sources, including through the supply chain and sub-contractors.	Procurement policy	Procurement Team	Production of an updated Sustainable Procurement Policy	Previous Sustainable Procurement Policy has not been fully implemented	Production, adoption and implementation of an updated Sustainable Procurement Policy	Policy completed	ELC's Sustainable Procurement Policy was approved by Cabinet in November 2020. The Policy was developed with input and feedback from Zero Waste Scotland through their capacity building mentoring programme undertaken by ProCirc. Community Benefits in Procurement (tender pack documentation) updated and implemented within our tenders. Sustainable Procurement Guidance still in development due to lack of resources in the Procurement Department. We are currently working on Level 1 of the Scottish Government Flexible Toll as per the Policy.		ACTION COMPLETED
1.7b	Produce and implement a new community benefits in procurement procedure, set out in an updated Community Benefits Strategy	Community Benefits Strategy	Procurement Team	Production of an updated Community Benefits Strategy		Production, adoption and implementation of an updated Community Benefits Strategy	2021	Community Benefits in Procurement (tender pack) updated and currently being used in our tenders.		COVID IMPACT / ACTION PROGRESSING
<b>Key Priority Area 8: Our Schools and Young People</b>										
1.8a	Set up an East Lothian Young People's Climate Change forum to ensure our young people's voices are heard and to support and empower young people to take action in their communities		Education; Community Learning & Development; SECCO	East Lothian Young People's Climate Change forum		East Lothian Young People's Climate Change forum in place	2020 / ongoing	East Lothian Youth Council established and 'Tackling Climate Change' has been on the agenda. This has been impacted by COVID however work continues to engage with young people on tackling Climate Change and improving sustainability.		
1.8b	Embed the objectives of this Climate Change Strategy with the 'Learning for Sustainability' (Lfs) agenda as part of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE). Lfs is delivered through outdoor learning, global citizenship and sustainable development	Lfs Vision 2030 as part of Curriculum for Excellence	Education; Outdoor Learning; national education partners	Climate Change Strategy objectives embedded into 'Learning for Sustainability' element of school curriculum	Engagement with Outdoor Learning within school day: Primary 47% Secondary 100% (not including P7 camp)	Climate Change Strategy objectives embedded into 'Learning for Sustainability' element of school curriculum	2020	Outdoor Learning worked in partnership with: 26 primary schools 4 high schools all ASN units (In partnership with Venturing Out) Outdoor Learning Programmes (with direct reference to Lfs) Teacher In Residence - 5 Schools AWESome - 11 Schools ACE Escape - 0 Schools Bikeability - Reported on in 1.8f Targeted programmes & Award Programmes reported on in 1.8i	Revise target date to 2023	COVID IMPACT

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1.8c	Support and expand the 'Eco-Schools' programme in East Lothian schools – potentially with greater input from other agencies and organisations / a county wide programme to support schools and teachers with delivery of projects	Curriculum for Excellence	Education; ELC Countryside Ranger Service; external partners including Keep Scotland Beautiful	Levels of participation in the 'Eco-Schools' programme in East Lothian schools; eco-projects delivered in schools	In East Lothian currently 8 ELC schools have Green Flags (according to Keep Scotland Beautiful website)	Increased levels of participation in the 'Eco-Schools' programme in East Lothian schools; more Green Flag Awards; more eco-projects delivered in schools	Annual	No change to schools' position. Continued focus will be on recovery and nurture due to the challenges of the pandemic that the schools have faced in the 12 past months.		
1.8d	Improve sustainability and recycling in schools including reduction / elimination of single-use plastic packaging, a greater selection of recyclable materials across school catering services, improved recycling & food composting facilities in schools		Facilities Management; Education; Waste Services	Quantities of single-use plastic packaging purchased; quantities of recyclable materials across school catering services; recycling & food composting facilities in schools		No single-use plastic packaging in school canteens; increased quantities of recyclable materials across school catering services; recycling & food composting facilities in all schools	Annual	All schools have access to recycling for paper/card/glass/plastic/cans. In addition, we are aware that pupils at Yester Primary School had engaged with Wiseman Dairies and ELC to engage in a conversation about the ongoing use of plastic straws with school provided milk cartons. We believe that this is now being looked into by school milk providers as a sustainable way forward. We have engaged with a campaign group and in Jan 22 are moving to supplying drinks only to those children who are unable to provide a refillable water bottle. This will dramatically reduce the use of single use plastic bottles. We will work with Education to promote sustainable refillable bottle use and promote reuse and recycling within schools. Wiseman's dairies have now moved to paper straws on milk cartons.		
1.8e	Continue to source local food and achieve the Soil Association's <i>Food for Life Served Here</i> award; and promote/ensure more plant-based food options in schools, including 'meat free' days and vegan options		Facilities Management; Education	Achieving the <i>Food for Life Served Here</i> award; food options available in school canteens	Food for Life Served Here Bronze award has been achieved by ELC for past 6 years	Achieve <i>Food for Life Served Here</i> Silver award; more plant-based food options are available in schools, including promoted 'meat free' days and vegan options	Annual	ELC achieved the Soil Association Scotland's 'Food for Life Served Here' Bronze Award again this year for the 7th year in a row, and we are working towards a Silver award. Facilities Management Service continues to review school menus in line with SG guidance and criteria.		

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1.8f	Support schools to develop Bikeability Scotland training, to teach skills needed to cycle safely on roads, and 'Play on Pedals' (which aims to give all children the chance to learn to ride a pedal bike before they start Primary 1)	LTS	Education; Outdoor Learning; Roads Services; Connected Communities; partners	Number of East Lothian pupils undertaking Bikeability Scotland Level 1, 2 & 3 training, and 'Play on Pedals'	Number of pupils undertaking Bikeability training 2014/15: Level 1: 316; Level 2: 130; Level 3: 5.	Increased uptake of Bikeability Scotland. [In 2018/19: Level 1: 757 pupils; Level 2: 513 pupils; Level 3: 6]. Increased uptake of 'Play on Pedals'	Annual	Bikeability Scotland delivery - academic year 2020/21: Level 1: 19 schools 1077 pupils; Level 2: 16 schools 1036 pupils; Level 3: 1 school 12 pupils. Increased level of interest as schools broaden range of outdoor activities. Increasing numbers of children unable to cycle: 85 children were taught to cycle over the year. Play on Pedals: courses stopped during 2020-21 and due to change of staff, limited promotion resulted in no new settings running programmes. Bikeability Scotland Instructor training courses have continued: six delivered during the year. Increased numbers of school staff have enabled more classes to take part. Preston Tower Primary were also presented a highly commended award in recent Bikeability Scotland.		
1.8g	Active Travel to School campaign and promotion, including parking management around schools, and supporting modal shift from school buses to active travel wherever feasible	LTS; Area Partnership Plans	Roads Services; Transport Services; Sustrans; Area Partnerships; Education	Number of pupils travelling to school by active travel modes (Sustrans Hands Up Scotland Survey data)	72.8% of pupils travelling actively to school in 2018 (Sustrans Hands Up Scotland Survey data)	Increased number of pupils travelling to school by active travel modes (Sustrans Hands Up Scotland Survey data)	Annual	Consultation on making 20mph speed limits permanent in all towns and most villages has now concluded and report will be published in the new year. It is hoped that councillors will support this and that the lower speed limits will allow more imaginative use of the road space in towns, as well as safer conditions for cycling and walking. Measure from 2021 schools participating in school travel plans bespoke projects Sustrans iBike programme WOW Travel Tracker Hands Up Scotland Survey	Education transport policy	
1.8h	Investigate and develop opportunities for business development training / apprenticeships for secondary pupils in the 'circular economy'		Economic Development; East Lothian Works; Education; external partners	Develop a programme of business development training / apprenticeships for secondary pupils in the 'circular economy'		Programme of business development training / apprenticeships in the 'circular economy' is developed and rolled out to secondary schools	2023	Circular Economy Challenge programme offered to ELC primary schools, in partnership with Young Enterprise Scotland. Workforce for the Future Phase 1 commenced to support ELC departments with recruitment incentives based on Young Persons Guarantee funding 16-24 year olds, intention to broaden target audience based on external funding grants. Significant funding has been provided to external businesses in the form of Employer Recruitment Incentives. Kick-start has been extended until end of March 2022.	East Lothian Works added as an owner of this action EL Works to own as employability lead	

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1.8i	Support and expand pupils' engagement with and value of the local greenspace through Outdoor Learning as part of 'Learning for Sustainability' (Lfs) within the Curriculum for Excellence including Award schemes (Duke of Edinburgh; John Muir Award; SQA secondary phase awards)	Curriculum for Excellence	Education; Outdoor Learning	Levels of participation in Lfs agenda	Lfs Vision 2030 from Education Scotland measured through the EVOLVE offsite education reporting system; DofE engagement data; JMA engagement data; SQA awards	All schools delivering on vision on Lfs 2030. Measured through the EVOLVE offsite education reporting system. DofE engagement data. JMA engagement data. SQA awards.	Annual	Targeted programmes enabled learning in the outdoors for 18 pupils DofE: 267 pupils No change to schools' position. Continued focus will be on recovery and nurture due to the challenges of the pandemic that the schools have faced in the 12 past months.		
<b>Key Priority Area 9: Climate Adaptation: A Resilient Council</b>										
1.9a	Implement the Corporate Risk Register and Risk management Plans to Review the resilience of Council buildings and infrastructure networks to sustain and enhance the benefits and services provided	Corporate Risk Register; Risk Management Plans; Corporate Asset Management Plan	Protective Services; Risk Management; all relevant Services			Included within Risk Register	Annual	The Climate Emergency risk in Corporate Risk Register has been updated by the Climate Change Officer, Head of Development and Planning Service Manager. Planned measures to mitigate the risk further include further investigation of funding streams (as they are crucial to mitigate the Climate Emergency risk), strategies to mainstream climate action across Council Services, engagement with local partners to set carbon emissions reduction targets, set up of a climate assembly forum. Once these actions are in place, the likelihood of the Climate Emergency risk decreases. The estimated impact remains the same. Preparing for the impacts of climate change, including an increase in the frequency and severity of severe weather events, sea level change, and preparation of business continuity plans, are covered by other Risks identified within the Corporate Risk Register and Service Level Risk Registers. ELC is part of Adaptation Scotland's Capability Framework Benchmarking Working Group, to benchmark, assess progress with and further embed Climate Adaptation across Council processes. A preliminary Climate Adaptation Capability Assessment has been undertaken, and work continues to embed Climate Adaptation throughout Council policies and procedures.		

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<b>Outcome 2: Active Travel and Sustainable Transport are used for everyday journeys, to drastically cut emissions from transport and improve air quality</b>										
<b>Key Priority Area 1: Sustainable Transport</b>										
2.1a	Work with partners and key stakeholders, including national transport agencies and local public transport providers (bus and rail transport), to implement the Local Transport Strategy, enhancing and better integrating public transport provision and connectivity	Local Transport Strategy (LTS); Local Development Plan (LDP); Developer Contributions Framework	Roads Services; Transport Services; Planning Service; partners & stakeholders	As per Local Transport Strategy (LTS)	As per Local Transport Strategy (LTS)	As per LTS	ongoing	Committed funding for 6-8 new Journey Hub shelters this year, which will raise awareness of Journey Hubs and public transport options		COVID IMPACT
2.1b	Progress feasibility studies for, and progress implementation of, Sustainable Transport Hubs in East Lothian	LTS	Roads Services; partners including Transport Scotland and Energy Saving Trust	Feasibility studies for Sustainable Transport Hubs progressing		Feasibility studies for Sustainable Transport Hubs progressing; implementation of Hubs progressing	2022	The Journey Hub at the Brunton Hall was completed in summer 2021, and a concept plan has been put together for enhanced landscaping. A feasibility study for a further Journey Hub at Wallyford P&R is underway.		
2.1c	Work in partnership with our communities to identify local travel and transport solutions and to ensure a fair and just transition to a carbon neutral East Lothian; explore options for shared community transport options, particularly for our rural communities	LTS; Area Plans	Roads Services; Connected Communities; partners & stakeholders including Area Partnerships, Community Councils, Tenants & Residents Associations	Community involvement in decision-making over local transport and travel solutions	Travel and transport actions in current Area Plans	Community approved travel & transport actions embedded in Area Plans and implementation programmes underway	ongoing	Innovative slimline bollard chargers suitable for conservation areas installed thus bringing more "on-street" connected households. Working with partners to trial smart metering and agile tariffs to allow residents the similar advantage to those with control of their own private off-street charging to control their own EV charging carbon footprint. Hopeful that a Demand Responsive Transport trial in partnership with local bus operators and SEStrans will be taken forward in 2022.		
2.1d	Continue the promotion of sustainable transport options in East Lothian, including via Area Partnerships, East Lothian On The Move, Traveline, smart technology and mobile / digital technology	LTS; Area Partnership Plans	Roads Services; Transport Services; Connected Communities; Area Partnerships and other external partners	Awareness levels from Residents' Survey; number of behaviour-change interventions produced		Increased levels of awareness from Residents' Survey; increased number of behaviour-change interventions produced	2020 / ongoing	East Lothian on the Move branding is widely used across literature and online. Webpages are being continually updated to provide useful information on active and sustainable travel.		
2.1e	Explore options for shared community transport options, particularly for our rural communities		Transport Services; partners; Connected Communities			Proposals for shared community transport options established.	2022	NO change from Dec20 position - COVID impact to public transport network continues. Review again in 2022.		COVID IMPACT

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2.1f	Electric East Lothian: Continue the roll-out of new Electric Vehicle (EV) chargepoints around the county; improve management and maintenance of existing chargepoints	Electric Vehicle chargepoint (EVCP) strategy; LTS; LDP	Roads Services; Transport Scotland; Planning Service; partners	Number of EV chargepoints installed and in good working order	The first EVCP was installed in East Lothian in 2012	• A Journey (Rapid) charger in each of our 12 largest towns; • An increasing number of on- and off-street destination chargers for residential use	2023	We now have at least one Journey charging hub in each of our largest towns. In addition, we have an increasing number of on- and off-street destination chargers for residential use. We have gone from 3 Destination chargers in 2017 to over 100.		
2.1g	Electric East Lothian: support the switch to Electric Vehicles (EVs) in East Lothian	Electric Vehicle chargepoint strategy	Roads Services; key partners and stakeholders	The number of electric vehicles registered, as a proportion of the total number of licensed vehicles in East Lothian	0.07% EVs in 2015	15% switch to EVs by 2023	2023	1.02% EVs at end of 2021.		
2.1h	Develop guidance for the specification and installation of EV chargepoints in new developments charging points (including for new flatted / communal parking in developments)	EV chargepoint Strategy; LTS; LDP / Supplementary Planning Guidance	Roads Services; Planning Service; partners	EV Strategy and guidance		Implementation of EV Strategy and guidance	2021	Action completed. The Council's Design Standards for New Housing Areas SPG contains key design principles and priorities in respect of electric vehicle charging.		ACTION COMPLETED
2.1i	Work with businesses and other employment hubs to implement Green Travel Plans for staff, and work up a promotional campaign with rewards e.g. Sustrans' Scottish Workplace Journey Challenge		Roads Services; SECCO; partners; businesses	Number of Green Travel Plans for Staff produced for businesses / employers; number of staff travelling by active & sustainable modes		Increasing number of Green Travel Plans for Staff produced for businesses/employers; increasing number of staff travelling by active & sustainable modes	2021	No change, to be reviewed post COVID.	Revise target date to 2022.	COVID IMPACT
<b>Key Priority Area 2: Active Travel</b>										
2.2a	Progress implementation of the Segregated Active Travel Corridor	LTS; LDP	Planning Service; Roads Services; developers; Sustrans; SEStran	Implementation of Segregated Active Travel Corridor progressing		Segregated Active Travel Corridor being implemented and being used	2020 / ongoing	No change. To be review post COVID.		

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2.2b	Implement the actions in the Active Travel Improvement Plan (ATIP) (Local Transport Strategy)	LTS (ATIP); LDP; Developer Contributions Framework	Roads Services; Planning Service; Outdoor Access; Area Partnerships; Sustrans; SEStran; other partners	As per Active Travel Improvement Plan (LTS)	As per ATIP (LTS)	As per ATIP (LTS)	2020 / ongoing	No change, to be reviewed post COVID		COVID IMPACT
2.2c	Working with partners, including the East Lothian Cycle Forum and Area Partnerships, support and encourage community initiated projects, including with funding and infrastructure	LTS / ATIP; Area Plans	Roads Services; Outdoor Access; Connected Communities; funding partners; Area Partnerships; community partners; East Lothian Cycle Forum	Community initiated projects are incorporated into Area Plans and implemented		Community initiated projects are incorporated into Area Plans and implemented	2020 / ongoing	Roads Services have responded to a number of Community Councils' and Connected Communities requests for public EV chargepoints resulting directly in 16 chargepoints being installed to date: Funded Sites in the Delivery Pipeline for FY21/22: Pennypit Centre, Prestonpans, x2 North Grange Avenue, Prestonpans, x3 Bleachingfield Centre, Dunbar, x1 additional Wallyford Community Centre, x1 additional Prestonpans Community Centre, x1 additional Woodhall Road, Pencaitland, x2		
2.2d	Continue the promotion of active travel options in East Lothian, including via Area Partnerships, East Lothian Cycle Forum, East Lothian On The Move, Traveline, smart technology and mobile / digital technology	LTS; Area Partnership Plans	Roads Services; Transport Services; Area Partnerships; East Lothian Cycle Forum; external partners	Awareness levels from Residents' Survey; number of behaviour-change interventions produced		Increased levels of awareness from Residents' Survey; increased number of behaviour-change interventions produced	2020 / ongoing	Residents Survey measured attitudes to travel (as well as 20mph speed limits). East Lothian on the Move branding is widely used across literature and online. New webpages provide useful information on active and sustainable travel.		
2.2e	Improve management and maintenance of walking routes and the Core Path Network, and continue to improve path surfaces to ensure access for all abilities, constructed for climate resilience (e.g. porous surfaces); ensure that our places encourage walking, with well-maintained streets, paths and public spaces that are fully accessible and fit for purpose; pedestrian priority; information on walking routes; walking / pedestrian infrastructure	Core Paths Plan; LTS / ATIP	Outdoor Access; Countryside Service; Roads Services; Connected Communities; Area Partnerships; funding partners; East Lothian Local Access Forum	Core Paths Audits data		Improved management and maintenance of Core Paths Network as per Core Paths Audits	2020 / ongoing	All work of Countryside Team significantly disrupted by COVID. Maintaining the path network was one of the priorities as paths were much more regularly used with communities encouraged to stay local. Volunteer path wardens and groups helped catch up with maintenance by late summer		COVID IMPACT

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2.2f	Work with partners to improve cycling route connectivity and safety, particularly to connect rural communities to larger settlements and/or public transport hubs and connectivity to local amenities	LTS / ATIP; Area Plans	Roads Services; Connected Communities; funding partners; East Lothian Cycle Forum	Progressing implementation of connecting cycle routes		Connecting cycle routes are being implemented and being used	2020 / ongoing	Ongoing.		
2.2g	Roll out electric bike and public bicycle hire hubs with associated infrastructure in partnership with communities / Area Partnerships	LTS	Roads Services; Connected Communities; APs; partners	Bike hubs established; e-bike usage		Electric bike hubs and bicycle hire hubs established; e-bike usage is increasing	2022	The Journey Hub at the Brunton Hall was completed in summer 2021, and a concept plan has been put together for enhanced landscaping. A feasibility study for a further Journey Hub at Wallyford P&R is underway.		
2.2h	Support adult cycle training throughout the county		Outdoor Learning; Roads Services	Number of adult cycle training sessions and number of participants	None at present	Increased numbers of training sessions and participants	2023	Monitor use of Cycle to Work scheme for ELC employees Ongoing		
<b>Key Priority Area 3: Improving Air Quality</b>										
2.3a	Continue to comply with Air Quality Objectives (AQO) and improve air quality in Musselburgh's Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)	Local Air Quality Management Progress Reports	Protective Services (Environmental Health – Air Quality); Planning Service; partners	Local Air Quality Management – Annual Progress Reporting: Air Quality Objectives	AQOs were exceeded in 2013; this is when an AQMA was declared	Comply with all Air Quality Objectives (AQO); no exceedances of any objectives	2020 / ongoing	Air Quality monitoring results from 2020 confirms there were no exceedances of any Air Quality Objective (AQO) during 2020, including within the AQMA, with the last exceedance being recorded in 2016. East Lothian Council have engaged consultants to carry out a Detailed Assessment of Air Quality in Musselburgh and the results will be available Spring 2022. If the Detailed Assessment concludes future exceedances of the AQO will be unlikely, even with anticipated future developments, then East Lothian Council will commence protocols for the revocation of the AQMA.	The Detailed Assessment has had to be carried over from 2020 due to the impacts of Covid19.	
2.3b	Investigate collaborative working with City of Edinburgh Council to identify solutions to tackle traffic congestion and air quality in Musselburgh		Roads Services	Progression of collaborative solutions for Musselburgh with City of Edinburgh Council		Progression of collaborative solutions for Musselburgh with City of Edinburgh Council	ongoing	Portobello to Musselburgh link was not progressed through Spaces for People programme, but will look for opportunities in the future. Working with CEC to improve bus journey times between the ELC and CEC areas through the Transport Transition programme.		
2.3c	Reduce exposure to poor air quality through urban placemaking, including appropriate green network solutions such as hedges / use of landscaping to buffer emitting development		Planning Service; Protective Services; Connected Communities; partners	Placemaking and urban planning of green solutions	The Council has already planted hundreds of urban trees	Increase green solutions as barriers / buffers to air pollution	ongoing	Discussions underway looking into considerations and opportunities to expand urban green network and landscaping opportunities including appropriate planting.		COVID IMPACT

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2.3d	Explore innovative technological solutions to improve urban Air Quality, including the latest version of the CityTree installation for Musselburgh	Local Air Quality Management Progress Reports	Protective Services (Environmental Health – Air Quality); partners	Explore ideas for innovative technical solutions to improve urban Air Quality	Phase 1 CityTree pilot project ran in 2018/19 in Musselburgh's AQMA	Development of innovative technical solutions to improve urban Air Quality	2025	No further action		
2.3e	Expand Air Quality awareness-raising campaign to end idling of vehicles; including promoting health and wellbeing implications of cleaner air	Air Quality Management	Protective Services; East Central Scotland Vehicle Emissions Partnership; partners; communities	Air Quality awareness-raising campaign produced		Air Quality awareness-raising campaign produced and rolled out; monitoring underway	ongoing	The partnership has secured funding to continue through 2021/22.		
<b>Key Priority Area 4: Climate Adaptation: Resilient Transport Networks and Infrastructure</b>										
2.4a	Implement the Road Asset Management Plan, Corporate Risk Register and Risk Management Plans, to ensure the road, rail and active travel network infrastructure, including coastal protection for coastal transport infrastructure, is future-proofed to withstand extreme weather events / tidal surges and future changes to the climate; ensure paths are constructed for climate resilience (e.g. porous surfaces); continue to monitor and review	LTS; Road Asset Management Plan, Corporate Risk Register, Risk Management Plans	Road Services; Structures & Flooding Team; national & local partners				ongoing	Climate Change considered in Flood Studies and Schemes identified in Local Flood Risk Management Plan. Corporate Risk Register updated.		

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<b>Outcome 3: Net Zero, Energy Efficient Homes and Buildings that are adapted for a changing climate</b>										
<b>Key Priority Area 1: Energy Efficient Homes and Buildings</b>										
3.1a	Continue to improve the energy efficiency of East Lothian's existing buildings, exploring options for low carbon and renewable heat and energy sources to meet the targets set out in the Energy Efficiency Scotland Programme to make Scotland's existing buildings near zero carbon wherever feasible.	LHEES; Local Housing Strategy (LHS); Asset Management	Strategy & Development; Projects Team; Scottish Government			Reduced Energy Consumption	Annual	A range of EWI, CWI and Solar PV works continue to be carried out to improve the energy efficiency of the existing housing stock in East Lothian. ChangeWorks appointed to do a pilot on first parts of the LHEES methodology		
3.1b	Maximise funding opportunities for energy efficiency measures across all housing tenures in East Lothian and continue to complete fabric improvements to domestic Council and private stock	LHEES; Local Housing Strategy (LHS)	Strategy & Development; Housing Team; Property Maintenance	Number of measures installed		Increased number of energy efficiency measures installed	Annual	20/21 EES; ABS project nearing completion. We have installed EWI on 35 private properties and 26 ELC. We have installed CWI in 31 private properties and 32 ELC. EES; ABS 2021/22 about to commence. Property Maintenance service continues to meet with Strategy and Development colleagues on a monthly basis to discuss existing and new funding streams and opportunities. Recent projects completed include 385 Central Heating Upgrades (including condensing boilers & High Heat Retention Storage Heating) & 124 insulation measures including lofts, cavity wall, and external wall.		
3.1c	Roll out the Energy Advice Service to support occupiers to run the buildings efficiently and effectively, particularly to those households most at risk of fuel poverty.		Strategy & Development	Number of homes visited by Energy Advisors			Annual	The energy advice service engaged with and supported 1151 households between 01/04/21 and 30/09/21 - breaking down to 488 households between 01/04/21 to 30/06/21 and a further 663 households from 01/07/2021 to 30/09/2021		COVID IMPACT
3.1d	Improve knowledge and understanding of Council housing stock, i.e. condition, fuel poverty, energy efficiency		Property Maintenance	Number of Council housing assets with full stock condition intelligence		All assets to be physically surveyed on a 5-year rolling programme	Annual	A 5-year rolling survey programme assessing stock condition, energy efficiency & housing quality commenced in January 2020, however was halted due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. Since August 2020, the programme has stopped and started as a consequence of COVID restrictions.		COVID IMPACT

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3.1e	Continuing to meet the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) while also meeting Scotland's Energy Efficiency Standards for Social Housing (EESH) is a priority for all social landlords. Widen the range of technologies under consideration to allow compliance with the EESH2 standard by 2032		Property Maintenance	% of housing stock compliant with the SHQS / EESH	Annual return of the Social Housing Charter (ARC)	SHQS - ongoing. EESH - December 2020.	2020 / ongoing	SHQS Compliance – 97.6% (Pass – 8695; Fail – 1; In Abeyance 198; Exempt – 15) & EESH1 – 86.6%		
3.1f	Identify solar PV opportunities for public and private buildings where technically feasible		Transformation Board; Strategy & Development; Property Maintenance	Number of PV installations	Zero		Ongoing	Ongoing: The pathfinder project to install Solar PV whilst upgrading the roofs at Floors Terrace Dunbar is nearing completion with a target date of mid December 2021. Installation of solar panels is underway for the pathfinder project. Zero Waste Scotland withdrew their interest in Carberry. There is interest from other parties to look at renewable energy generation involving Carberry and other sites, and this is being explored.		COVID IMPACT
3.1g	Continue to install LED lighting in our buildings and domestic stair wells. Exploring opportunities for future smart intelligent lighting		Strategy & Development; Property Maintenance				Ongoing	No further update.		
3.1h	Continue to explore setting up an Energy Service Company (ESCO)		Housing; Property Maintenance; Strategy & Development; Energy Transformation Board				Ongoing	People's Energy ceased trading in September 2021 and so the affordable tariff ceased. Due to the volatility of the energy market OFGEM are advising customers not to switch. Therefore this work stream is closed at this time and will be reviewed in around 6 months. Peoples Energy Company were one of the first companies to fold due to the increase in energy prices. Conversations are ongoing with procurement to identify a replacement ESCO to purchase energy generated by our PV. Peoples Energy Company were one of the first companies to fold due to the increase in energy prices.		ACTION COMPLETED

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3.1i	Continue to explore opportunities for new innovative energy efficiency work streams through the Energy Transformation Board		Energy Transformation Board				Ongoing	Opportunities continue to be explored with partners as they come to light.		
3.1j	Improve knowledge and understanding of private housing stock, i.e. condition, fuel poverty, energy efficiency, to help understand those properties that are failing to meet the Scottish Government's EPC target and help facilitate Scottish Government funding to those who are eligible for energy efficiency measures		Strategy & Development	Number of private properties with energy efficiency data		All assets to be surveyed and validated through systems such as Home Analytics and physical surveys	Annual	As per last year's report, an annual programme of assessing stock is currently taking place, although opportunities are being explored to change the Scottish Government's annual programme to a 3 year programme which should help to accelerate. We understand this message has been received by Scottish Government and remain hopeful that we may see a move to 3 year programme which will enable us to be more effective and plan measures more cost effectively.		
3.1k	Review and update the Council's affordable housing specification and design guide to ensure all future developments are low carbon and sustainable		Strategy & Development			To review and update the Affordable Housing specification and design guide by March 2022	2022	Team Manager vacancy was filled in August 2021 following delays. New Team Manager has plans to review affordable housing specification and design guide in 2022/23.		
<b>Key Priority Area 2: Opportunities for Sustainable Energy and Heat</b>										
3.2a	Participate in the Scottish Government's pilot Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) Programme and respond to proposals to create a statutory framework for LHEES	LHEES	Strategy & Development; SECCO; Planning; Transformation Team; Scottish Government	Production of an East Lothian Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) with identified actions		Production, adoption and implementation of an East Lothian Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES)	(to be confirmed by Scottish Government)	LHEES update – Phase 3 of Scottish Government Pilot project has started to look at the first 4 stages of the LHEES methodology within the whole of East Lothian. ChangeWorks have been tendered to complete the pilot by March 2022. Data collection and data sharing has begun with a further update programmed for January.		
3.2b	Explore with local communities to pursue local renewable energy schemes / Community Energy Schemes with local benefits, following on from LHEES	LHEES; Planning	Strategy & Development; SECCO; Planning; Transformation Team; Area Partnerships; Community Councils			To be developed during LHEES process	2025	ELC have applied and been successful for the next round of Govt. funding to test the LHEES methodology. This has just commenced and results are due March 2022.		

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3.2c	Research opportunities to utilise local water bodies for renewables including local reservoirs and rivers		Energy Transformation Board				Ongoing	No response was received in relation to this opportunity.		
3.2d	Work with partners to continue projects to explore the use of low carbon District Heat Networks in order to capture and utilise waste heat from industry, Energy From Waste plants, ground-source heat from disused mines, other heat sources	LHEES; Local Development Plan (LDP)	Strategy & Development; Planning Service; SECCO; Transformation Team; external partners	Number of District Heating Networks in place and number of buildings etc. connected to them	Need to establish a baseline	Increased number of District Heating Networks in place and increased number of buildings etc. connected to them	2023	Ongoing. No progress has been made through the Energy Transformation Board in relation to this. There is national interest in progressing in this area and Blindwells may provide an opportunity for ELC to explore this.		
3.2e	Introduce a Planning Condition for developers to report on their actions taken to reduce the carbon emissions from the build and from the completed development	LDP; Climate Change Strategy	Strategy & Development; Planning Service; Building Standards		0		2020 / ongoing	For all relevant development proposals, planning officers continue to encourage developers to submit their proposals to reduce carbon emissions with their planning application. Where this has not been done, then the Council imposes a condition requiring details of measures to reduce carbon emissions to be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development.		
3.2f	Ensure all new build affordable housing delivered directly by the Council is as sustainable and low carbon as possible		Strategy & Development	Number of new build delivering renewable technology		All affordable new build projects as a minimum must meet the Scottish Government's Greener Standard and beyond where possible	Ongoing	All new build affordable housing going forward will benefit from enhanced environmental standards and the use of innovative methods including zero carbon emission heating systems, electric vehicle charger points, photovoltaic panels, increased insulation and modular or modern methods of building systems.		
<b>Key Priority Area 3: Climate Adaptation: Climate Ready Buildings</b>										
3.3a	Increase the awareness of the impacts of climate change and what individuals / homeowners / employers can do to adapt, by setting up a website central hub linking to information from ELC and relevant partner agencies	Climate Change Strategy; Resilient Communities initiative	SECCO; Strategy & Development; Web Team; external partners including Adaptation Scotland	Website Hub set up; number of 'hits' on website	None at present specifically for East Lothian	Website Hub set up; number of 'hits' on website increasing	2021	Website hub still to be progressed. However, the 'Climate Change and Sustainability' landing page of ELC's website includes website links to relevant external organisations and partner agencies including Adaptation Scotland.	Revise target date to 2022	

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3.3b	Continue to ensure that all Council properties meet Scottish Housing Quality Standards and Energy Efficiency Standards for Social Housing (EESH) targets, which ensure homes are better adapted for a changing climate	Local Housing Strategy	Strategy & Development; Housing Team; Property Maintenance; Scottish Government	% of housing stock compliant with the SHQS / EESH	Annual return of the Social Housing Charter (ARC)	SHQS - ongoing. EESH - December 2020.	2020 / ongoing	SHQS Compliance – 97.6% (Pass – 8695; Fail – 1; In Abeyance 198; Exempt – 15) & EESH1 – 86.6%	A new budget line has been proposed within the HRA modernisation capital investment plan, which will ultimately deliver on various energy measures across our council housing stock on a 'fabric first' approach aligned to the national Heat in Buildings strategy, ensuring compliance with EESH2 milestones, but also driven by PAS2035 requirements. As part these works, any available grant funding will be drawn.	
3.3c	Work with partners to explore innovative options for adapting buildings and the urban environment for a changing climate, e.g. green roofs, green walls, ventilation adaptations, sustainable drainage systems		Strategy & Development; Housing Team; external partners and developers	Buildings / developments incorporating innovative green climate adaptation technologies	No baseline at present	Increase in number of buildings / developments incorporating innovative green climate adaptation technologies	2025	All new housing developments designed with Sustainable Drainage Systems (SUDS) since about 2015. New projects underway or progressing: Fa'side Lodge and Windygoul, Tranent, Lempockwells and - including installation of heating systems with zero carbon emissions and electric vehicle charge points. Scottish Government Affordable Housing benchmarks have increased and allow for additional greener measures, these are being applied for in addition to other funding to assist with overall costs; Enhanced environmental standards and innovative methods are being considered at all forthcoming projects.		

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<b>Outcome 4: A Resource Efficient and Sustainable East Lothian and the route to Zero Waste</b>										
<b>Key Priority Area 1: Waste Reduction and Recycling</b>										
4.1a	Increase waste recycling in East Lothian to meet the 2025 target	Waste Management	Waste Services	% of total household waste that is recycled (national targets)	51.8% (2016/17)	70%	2025	52.4% (2020) (Not yet officially released by SEPA) Increase in all household waste captured at the kerbside, except garden waste (-14.36%) due to service suspension. NRW 8.85% DMR 16.15% Food Waste 13.35%		
4.1b	Work with Scottish Government to set interim targets for being a Zero Waste county		Waste Services; Scottish Government				As soon as possible; by 2025	Landfilled less than 10% of all NRW in 2020. Landfill used only as a contingency for planned and unplanned EfW plant outages.		
4.1c	Work with partners to progress installation of public taps / water fountains for refilling water bottles		Work with partners including Scottish Water / Planning Service	Number of taps installed		Increased number of taps installed	Annual	On hold due to COVID. Town centres are currently not a priority since there are still cafes and shops for taps. Priority currently lies on taps along the coast where drinking water is inaccessible.		COVID Impact
4.1d	Support communities to progress towards and achieve Plastic Free Community status	Climate Change Strategy	SECCO; Waste Services; community partners					Inclusion in Climate Change strategy - enabling communities to achieve objective one on Local Governance.		
4.1e	Continue to assist businesses and event organisers to implement resource efficiency, energy efficiency and waste reduction measures		Economic Development; Resource Efficient Scotland (RES); businesses	Number of energy/resource efficiency measures installed; cost saved to businesses - as per RES data		Increased uptake of energy/resource efficiency measures by businesses; increased cost savings	ongoing	Go green to grown your business' training prosed as a key theme of the new Lothian's Business gateway training offer from 2022. ED has not funded events for a number of years and the ability to influence actions and procedures via the funding no longer exists. However, events which go through the SAG and are tourism related do receive advice and guidance from relevant ELC departments such as transportation, facilities management and environmental health.		COVID IMPACT

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4.1f	Develop and implement a Zero Waste Events policy		Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners	Development of a Zero Waste Events policy	No policy currently in place	Zero Waste Events policy established	2025	Economic Development has not funded events for a number of years and the ability to influence actions and procedures via the funding no longer exists. There has been no need for ED to develop a policy in relation to external events. A policy which covers all ELC activities e.g. internal training and development, museums and libraries, business engagement around events should cover ED activities and could be used as guidance for external events organisers. Option to work with ELC colleague e.g. The Brunton who may already have this type of policy in place.	Suggest changing this outcome to be a corporate one for ELC activates, this could be used as the basis of guidance for external events if ED are able to reengage in the future.	
4.1g	Progress revision of licencing / permits so lease-holders / activities are required to cut single-use plastic and strongly encouraged to attempt a zero waste activity and demonstrate carbon reduction strategies		Legal & Licensing; SECCO	Revised licensing / permits progressing	To be established	Progressing revision of licences / permits to reduce single-use plastic use and encourage zero waste ethos	2025	No update to report. COVID related work a priority this year.		
4.1h	Continue to reduce the Carbon Impact of household waste generated and managed for East Lothian	Waste Management	Waste Services	Carbon Impact of household waste generated and managed for East Lothian (tCO2e) - from SEPA national data	In 2018: 110,686 tCO2e. Carbon Impact per tonne of household waste managed in 2018: 2.21.	Continued reduction in Carbon Impact per tonne of household waste managed (from SEPA data)	2025	2020: 104,135 tCO2e - reduction of 2,098. Carbon Impact per tonne of household waste managed in 2020: 2.02.		

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<b>Key Priority Area 2: Circular Economy</b>										
4.2a	Work with partners to progress Circular Economy options for East Lothian's communities - including expanding 'Zero Waste' initiatives into all of East Lothian's communities		Waste Services; Economic Development & Strategic Investment; SECCO; partners including Zero Waste Scotland	Circular Economy initiatives / Zero Waste hubs progressing	Zero Waste Hubs currently in Musselburgh and Dunbar	Progressing Circular Economy initiatives / Zero Waste hubs in all of East Lothian's communities	2025	All four Recycling Centres across the county have reuse cabins.		
4.2b	Work with partners to support the establishment of Repair Cafés / facilities in each community, including the provision of storage facilities so that tool shares, toy libraries and household equipment libraries can be hosted		Waste Services; Economic Development & Strategic Investment; SECCO; Connected Communities; partners	Establishment of circular economy facilities progressing	Tool Library already established in Musselburgh	Increased number of circular economy facilities across the county	2025	A Tool Library has been set up in East Linton by Sustaining Dunbar and Climate Action East Linton. 19 Skillshare workshops have been run (11 online and 8 in person), engaging 194 people. The Tool Library currently has 15 volunteers and 50 paying members. Moving forward, the Sustainability and Climate Change Officer will investigate how the Council best can support the tool share libraries. Lack of storage has been identified as a limiting factor and solutions will be investigated in the upcoming year. Circular Communities Scotland just launched a £310,000 project to set up a national network of tool libraries and skillshare workshops.		COVID IMPACT
4.2c	Businesses: Work with partners including Zero Waste Scotland to encourage circular economy business models among East Lothian's businesses		Waste Services; Economic Development & Strategic Investment; SECCO; partners including Zero Waste Scotland; businesses	Number of businesses using circular economy business models	Need to establish baseline	Increasing number of businesses using circular economy business models	2025	Business Gateway continues to support businesses in this regard. Zero waste and other goals to be considered for inclusion in the ne ED strategy from 2022 on. Project with HMP to reuse LEA being explored.		
<b>Key Priority Area 3: Reducing Litter and Plastic Waste</b>										
4.3a	Prepare a Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (COPLAR)		Amenity Services	Preparation of Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (COPLAR)		Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (COPLAR) prepared	2025	No update as LEAMS hasn't been updated yet - due to be changed to Litter Management System - awaiting Zero Waste Scotland to confirm before we can progress this.		

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4.3b	Reduction of litter through promotion / awareness-raising and initiatives, including supporting the work of local groups in reducing littering	COPLAR	Amenity Services; SECCO; external partners	To be established once Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (COPLAR) developed			2025	Ongoing promotion and awareness-raising. Corporate Communications has publicised national litter campaigns. We continue to support and coordinate local litter-picking groups and individuals.		
4.3c	Work with partners to implement practical and cost-effective solutions for reducing and eliminating micro plastic granule loss into the environment from all our artificial sports pitches	Climate Change Strategy	SECCO, Sports Development; Fidra; other external partners	Number of artificial sports pitches with solutions to reduce / eliminate micro plastic granule loss implemented	No sports pitches currently have installations to reduce / eliminate micro plastic loss	Increase number of Artificial sports pitches to have installations to reduce / eliminate micro plastic loss	Annual	Capital Budget allocated to replace 3G sports pitch carpets from 2022/23 onwards. A condition report for all 3G pitches has been requested by the specialist maintenance contractor to determine which pitches to replace in each financial year of budget allocation. Mitigation measures will be built into tender for replacement following engagement with and input from locally-based environmental organisation 'Fidra'.		
<b>Outcome 5: A Low Carbon and Sustainable Economy</b>										
<b>Key Priority Area 1: Businesses and the Local Economy</b>										
5.1a	Implement Economic Development Strategy refresh: Take opportunities to encourage low carbon innovation, research, new business opportunities – e.g. in renewables	Economic Development Strategy (EDS)	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners	Development of low carbon innovation / research / new business opportunities : number of Business Gateway starts in this sector and Business Gateway growth meetings		Increasing number of Business Gateway starts in this sector and Business Gateway growth meetings. DDI (Data Driven Innovation) City Deal project offers innovation opportunities, exploratory stage.	Annually to 2025	New Economic Development strategy to be developed from 2022, green recovery, beyond net zero etc. to be considered as core themes.		

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5.1b	Work with partners to develop training and development opportunities in the low carbon technologies and renewables sectors to future-proof our county and our workforce for the technological advances of the future	EDS	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners	Development of training and development opportunities in the low carbon technologies and renewables sectors: Look to run Business Gateway workshops on Environmentally Sustainable business model – number each year with attendees		Increasing number of training and development opportunities in the low carbon technologies and renewables sectors	Annually to 2025	Gathering information about labour market statistics and skills required, along with potential growth sectors. Working in partnership with local waste management contractor to fulfil CBIP obligations. City Deal are investing at Edinburgh College in waste management, EV charging and circular economy courses. Meetings commenced with ICOL re Cockenzie site.		
5.1c	Work with partners to build low carbon planning, energy efficiency and sustainability advice into the East Lothian business support ecosystem, and continue to support businesses to reduce their carbon footprint, improve energy and resource efficiency, and increase sustainability in their processes, supply chains, packaging, distribution	EDS	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners including Resource Efficient Scotland	Number of businesses supported to improve energy/resource efficiency, as recorded by ELC's resource efficiency consultant		Increased number of businesses supported to improve energy/resource efficiency	Annually to 2025	This action ongoing via Business Gateway and others, but all business activity severely affected by the COVID pandemic.	Suggesting combining action 4.1e and 4.2c into this action	COVID IMPACT
5.1d	Support the faster roll out of Superfast Broadband, including required infrastructure for new developments	EDS	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners	% of East Lothian properties with Superfast Broadband (30Mbps - National target)	85% (2016/17)	100% (2022)	2022	No data at the moment.		

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5.1f	Promote and add a new Business Gateway course on 'Running a Sustainable Business'	EDS	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners	Implementation of a Business Gateway course on 'Running a Sustainable Business'; number of participants	No course at present; need to establish baseline for minimum number of participants to make course viable	Business Gateway course on 'Running a Sustainable Business' implemented and promoted; minimum number of participants achieved	2025	New Business Gateway train contract for Lothian out to tender at end of 2021 with increased focus on 'greening' businesses and associated opportunities.		
5.1g	Industry: Engage with local industry and work in partnership to support and encourage our local industries and national agencies to reduce emissions from industry (including exploring carbon off-setting projects), supporting the Scottish Government's targets		Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners	Emissions from Industry sector, from UK Government data	2017 data for East Lothian: Industry & Commercial Electricity: 73.1 ktCO <sub>2</sub> ; Industry & Commercial Gas: 38.4 ktCO <sub>2</sub> ; Large Industrial Installations: 589.7 ktCO <sub>2</sub> ; Industrial & Commercial Other Fuels: 33.7 ktCO <sub>2</sub>	Decrease in emissions from Industry sector	Annual	2019 data for East Lothian: Industry Electricity: 20.5 ktCO <sub>2</sub> ; Industry Gas: 3.1 ktCO <sub>2</sub> ; Industry 'Other Fuels': 24.2 ktCO <sub>2</sub> ; Large Industrial Installations: 568.0 ktCO <sub>2</sub> . Climate Change Officer to stay updated through partnership with Scotland Net Zero Routemap.		COVID IMPACT
5.1h	Agriculture: Engage with farmers and landowners and work in partnership to support and encourage our local agriculture sector and national agencies to reduce emissions from agriculture and promote biodiversity and sustainability, supporting the Scottish Government's targets		Economic Development & Strategic Investment; Countryside Services; partners	Emissions from Agriculture sector, from UK Government data	2017 data for East Lothian: Agriculture: 19.1 ktCO <sub>2</sub>	Decrease in emissions from Agriculture sector	Annual	The emissions from the Agriculture sector in East Lothian for 2019 was 20.0 ktCO <sub>2</sub> (the latest data available from UK Government – BEIS) Rural Economy Group established with remit to consider including climate actions.		COVID IMPACT

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5.1i	Work with partners to explore opportunities to develop the Carbon Capture, Utilisation and, potentially, Storage (CCUS) sector in East Lothian		Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners			Cockenzie – NPF3 for renewable energy, ongoing engagement with potential investors	2025	No update to report. Will continue to liaise with partners including the Scottish Government.		
<b>Key Priority Area 2: Thriving Town and Rural Centres</b>										
5.2a	Continue to support the 'Town Centre First' Principle to develop and enhance our town and rural centres	LDP; EDS; Town Centre Strategies	All relevant services; Planning Service; Economic Development & Strategic Investment; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per LDP, EDS and Town Centre Strategies	As per LDP, EDS and Town Centre Strategies	As per LDP, EDS and Town Centre Strategies	2020 / ongoing		Action combined with 5.2e as of December 2021.	COVID IMPACT
5.2b	Vibrant Low Carbon Local Economies – continue to support locally driven improvements to access, retail, service, and visitor experience in town and rural centres enhancing the circular economy ('shop local', farmers' markets, making connections to East Lothian Food & Drink, broad based business support, active and sustainable travel).	EDS; LTS; Town Centre Strategies; Area Plans	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per EDS	As per EDS	As per EDS; linkages with Visit East Lothian channels	2020 / ongoing	Ongoing.		COVID IMPACT
5.2c	Provide specific support and signposting for low carbon, zero waste, sustainable, and social enterprise / community wealth building business models.	EDS; Town Centre Strategies	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; Town Centre partners	As per EDS	As per EDS	As per EDS	2020 / ongoing	Continues via Business Gateway and Economic Development activities, though focus has been on COVID-19 support and recovery.		COVID IMPACT

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5.2d	Work with partners to investigate options for local business hubs / co-working spaces, and support local co-working initiatives, if demand is identified.	EDS; Town Centre Strategies	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; Town Centre partners	Number of local business hubs / co-working spaces progressing		Increased number of local business hubs / co-working spaces progressing. If demand is identified, then work with partners to realise this demand, based on funding, commitment from businesses, and availability of premises.	Annual	Impact of COVID on working models still to be seen fully, hubs and co-working spaces continue to be hard to develop / make pay.		COVID IMPACT
5.2e	Continue to develop, deliver, and support town, local, and village centre regeneration initiatives including the repair of and improvements to the insulation and energy efficiency of private and local authority business premises, and the reuse of vacant / derelict buildings and land for mixed use development.	LHS; LPD; EDS; Town Centre Strategies	Economic Development and Strategic Investment; Planning Service; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per LHS, EDS, LDP, and Town Centre Strategies	As per LHS, EDS, LDP, and Town Centre Strategies	As per LHS, EDS, LDP, and Town Centre Strategies	2020 / ongoing	Place Based Programme funding to be utilised over next 4 years with other funds to deliver TC Regeneration, e.g. completion of Cockenzie CARS by 2023 and Dunbar Cars to 2025/26. Opportunities via multiple benefits from MFPS / MAT and other schemes, opportunities via UK Government Levelling up funding.	Suggested to be combined with 7.1g as of December 2021	
5.2f	Enterprising Communities - Support local efforts to enhance East Lothian's town, local, and village centres, helping deliver community-led regeneration.	EDS; LDP; LHS; Town Centre Strategies; Area Plans	Economic Development and Strategic Investment; Planning Service; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per LHS, EDS, LDP, Local Area Plans, and Town Centre Strategies	As per LHS, EDS, LDP, Local Area Plans, and Town Centre Strategies	As per LHS, EDS, LDP, Local Area Plans, and Town Centre Strategies	2020 / ongoing	Support has focused on local structure during the response and early recovery phases linked to COVID-19. Local business groups now established in most towns and funding being provided for the development of projects focused on the local economy - many of these support local activity and sustainability.		COVID IMPACT

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5.2g	Digital Towns – Continue to support measures to ensure that all town, local, and rural centres have the appropriate future-proofed infrastructure required to enable East Lothian to have the most digitally-connected local economy and communities.	EDS; LDP; Town Centre Strategies	Economic Development and Strategic Investment; Planning Service; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per EDS, LDP, Local Area Plans, and Town Centre Strategies	As per EDS, LDP, Local Area Plans, and Town Centre Strategies	As per EDS, LDP, Local Area Plans, and Town Centre Strategies	2020 / ongoing		Suggested to be combined with 5.1d as of December 2021	COVID IMPACT
5.2h	Proactive Planning – Encourage well connected, sustainable, low carbon town, local, and rural centre development, and recognising shifting retail and working trends, support mixed uses in centres to enhance sustainability and resilience	LDP; EDS; LHS; Town Centre Strategies	Planning Service; EDS; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per LDP, EDS and Town Centre Strategies	As per LDP, EDS and Town Centre Strategies	As per LDP, EDS and Town Centre Strategies	2020 / ongoing	Throughout the pandemic planning officers have been taking a supportive approach towards appropriate business related developments in town and local centres to enable local businesses to continue to trade and to enhance resilience.		
<b>Key Priority Area 3: Climate Adaptation: Climate Ready Businesses</b>										
5.3a	Work with partners to encourage and support business, public sector and third sector organisations and other institutions prepare for the challenges and opportunities presented by climate change, including preparing Business Continuity Plans		SECCO; Economic Development & Strategic Investment (EDSI); partners including Adaptation Scotland	Number of businesses, public sector organisations and other institutions prepared for climate change impacts; number of Business Continuity Plans in place		Increasing number of businesses, public sector organisations and other institutions prepared for climate change impacts; increasing no. of Business Continuity Plans in place	2025	Development of actions still ongoing. Sustainability and Climate Change Officer to collaborate with Economic Development.		COVID IMPACT
5.3b	Work with partners to raise awareness of climate change impacts on businesses / climate adaptation measures		SECCO; EDS; partners including Adaptation Scotland	Number of articles / events		Increase number of promotional articles and events attended	2025	Economic Development service reports this is definitely a topic for an event with the business community, once we can do them, post-COVID. Moving forward, this could possibly be combined with carbon literacy courses mentioned in action 1.1e.		COVID IMPACT

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5.3c	Engage local businesses with the Resilient Communities initiative and the Council's Severe Weather Emergency Planning, to identify where they can provide support for our local communities in times of hardship due to climate and severe weather impacts	Resilient Communities initiative	Economic Development; SECCO; Protective Services; Emergency Planning, Risk & Resilience Team; businesses	Production of Emergency Response / Community Resilience plans to include local businesses		All Emergency Response / Community Resilience plans include local businesses	Ongoing to 2025	This action remains live and is ongoing. Emergency Planning, Community Resilience and Events Officer will as of December 2021 collaborate with Economic Development, which has direct contact with local business, to move forward with the action		COVID IMPACT
<b>Outcome 6: A Healthy and Resilient Natural Environment and the route to Carbon Neutral</b>										
<b>Key Priority Area 1: Our Natural Environment and Biodiversity</b>										
6.1a	Progress an extensive annual native Tree Planting and maintenance programme in East Lothian to offset carbon emissions, in appropriate locations	Biodiversity Action Plan	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners; volunteers	Number of native trees planted / hectares of new woodland planted annually	To be established (tree planting underway for many years)	Increased tree planting	annually	Ongoing. Encouraged and supported by Amenity Services / Tree Officer and Countryside Service / Countryside Rangers on Council-owned land, and local groups also encouraged to contact private landowners to identify potential suitable sites for tree planting. Orchards have been progressed with community groups including at Lewisvale Park, Musselburgh. 'East Lothian Climate Forest' (ambition for extensive tree planting programme of 2 million trees across East Lothian in 10 years, working in partnership) is being progressed by Steering Group to bring on board a delivery partner.		
6.1b	Prepare a Woodland and Forestry Strategy for East Lothian, as required by Scotland's new planning act		Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Planning Service	Preparation of a Woodland and Forestry Strategy for East Lothian		Woodland and Forestry Strategy for East Lothian prepared, adopted and implemented	2025	This is being progressed. Scoping report and outline of proposed strategy submitted October 2021. Forestry and Woodland strategy: key risk competing demands on officer time; the local government election timescales may also delay this. The timescales aimed at are known to be challenging but it is important to get the strategy in place to provide context for the climate forest. It is not always possible to allow officer time for this work due to competing demands of the service. There is a risk of the strategy being held up by challenge from 3rd parties, which have arisen elsewhere. This is being mitigated by taking advice from Scottish Forestry and drafting the Strategy to try and avoid similar challenges.		

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6.1c	Plant 40,000m <sup>2</sup> of wildflower meadows in East Lothian each year to improve biodiversity and increase pollination	Biodiversity Action Plan	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners; volunteers	Area of wildflower meadows planted	30,000m <sup>2</sup> (2019)	40,000m <sup>2</sup> annually	annually	Ongoing – we continue to progress this. New opportunities are being taken wherever possible, including working with local community groups to plant wildflower areas and identifying opportunities to re-wild areas.		
6.1d	Review and update actions in ELC Countryside Site Management Plans to ensure they reflect best practice in site management for carbon sequestration / carbon storage potential – particularly for Aberlady Bay, John Muir Country Park, Gullane Bay; subject to the appropriate Habitat Regulations Assessment	ELC Countryside Site Management Plans	Countryside Service	Production of revised Countryside Site Management Plans that reflect best practice in carbon sequestration / storage potential	Current actions in Countryside Site Management Plans	All Countryside Site Management Plans have actions that reflect best practice in carbon sequestration / storage potential	2025	Three Management Plans are under review.		
6.1e	Implement actions in revised ELC Countryside Site Management Plans to ensure countryside sites / natural habitats are in prime condition to sequester and store carbon; subject to the appropriate Habitat Regulations Assessment	ELC Countryside Site Management Plans	Countryside Service; partners; volunteers	Condition of Countryside Sites indicator	Baseline Condition has been established for all relevant sites	Increased Condition of Countryside Sites indicator score; countryside sites / natural habitats are in prime condition to sequester and store carbon	2025	Many actions disrupted by COVID. More achieved than 2020 because of employment of seasonal Countryside Rangers.		COVID IMPACT
6.1f	Produce an updated Biodiversity Action Plan to tackle the Ecological Emergency	Biodiversity Action Plan	Countryside Service	Production of updated Biodiversity Action Plan		Updated Biodiversity Action Plan published	2022	No update to report. Scottish Government published a Scottish Biodiversity Strategy post 2020: Statement of Intent in December 2020 with an updated strategy due in 2022 (delayed due to Covid). The LBAP will be produced in line with these documents.		COVID IMPACT
6.1g	Implement the Biodiversity Priorities in the East Lothian Biodiversity Action Plan across East Lothian	Biodiversity Action Plan	Countryside Service; partners; volunteers	As per Biodiversity Action Plan			Ongoing / 2025	Ongoing, but noting timeframes as above for refreshed LBAP.		

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6.1h	Naturalise amenity grassland to enhance local biodiversity, improve natural habitats and support wildlife	Biodiversity Action Plan	Countryside Service; volunteers	% of amenity grassland naturalised		10% of amenity grassland naturalised	2022	New cut & lift machinery purchased through Nature Restoration Fund will allow greater opportunities for naturalised grassland.		
6.1i	Protect the status of designated sites, and enhance the natural resource (particularly woodland, saltmarsh, peatland and other carbon rich soils which function in carbon sequestration), working with national partners	Biodiversity Action Plan, LDP, Green Networks Strategy SPG	Countryside Service; partners	As per national site condition monitoring indicators	Baseline established as per national site condition monitoring indicators	As per national site condition monitoring indicators	Ongoing / 2025	Many actions disrupted by COVID. More achieved than 2020 because of employment of seasonal Countryside Rangers.		COVID IMPACT
6.1j	Woodland creation / enhancement, native tree planting and hedgerow planting in and around our communities (in appropriate locations) to offset the carbon emissions and traffic pollution in urban areas	Green Networks Strategy SPG; OSS; Forestry & Woodland Strategy; LDP	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Strategy & Development; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	Areas of native woodland planted; number of native urban/street trees planted	As per ELC Tree Management (Amenity Services) baseline	Increased areas of woodland in and around towns; increased numbers of urban/street trees	Ongoing / 2025	Ongoing. Options are currently under consideration to take this forward on a larger scale. Continue to be implemented in new developments.		
6.1k	Work with farmers and landowners to maximise carbon storage potential of land-use by planting of woodland or individual trees; peatland restoration and conservation projects; wetland creation; carbon sequestration, working with national agencies	Biodiversity Action Plan; Green Networks Strategy	Countryside Service; national and local partners	National indicators; implementation of conservation projects working in partnership	As per national indicators	As per national indicators; Conservation projects implemented working in partnership	Ongoing	Impacted by COVID this year.		COVID IMPACT
6.1l	Undertake projects to improve and encourage biodiversity & wildlife and enhance natural habitats in and around our communities and urban areas, including managing amenity greenspace for biodiversity / pollinators, riverside habitats, grasslands	Biodiversity Action Plan; OSS	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; the Wildlife Information Centre (TWIC); partners; volunteers	Number of local biodiversity projects supported; records / surveys of urban wildlife	As per Wildlife Information Centre records; Biodiversity Action Plan	Increased number of local biodiversity projects supported; increased records of urban wildlife	Ongoing	Funding from Scottish Government (Nature Restoration Fund) in Summer 2021 has enabled a grassland management project for the benefit of pollinators and wider biodiversity. Project ongoing, due for completion Spring 2022.		

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6.1m	The Council's Countryside Ranger Service to interpret / educate / raise awareness of climate change mitigation, adaptation and sequestration as part of their remit	ELC Countryside Ranger Service Roles and Remit	ELC Countryside Ranger Service	Inclusion and implementation of interpretation / education / awareness-raising about climate change mitigation, adaptation and sequestration in ELCRS remit	Currently undertaken as required / when opportunities arise	Inclusion of interpretation / education / awareness-raising about climate change mitigation, adaptation and sequestration in ELCRS remit and being implemented	2021	Disrupted by COVID this year.	Revise target date to 2022.	COVID IMPACT
6.1n	Work in partnership to look after the marine environment, including East Lothian's coast and beaches (e.g. beach cleans), including the responsible use and enjoyment of the coast	Countryside Site Management Plans	ELC Countryside Ranger Service; partners; volunteers	Actions in Countryside Site Management Plans; number of beach cleans / promotional events etc.	As per actions in Countryside Site Management Plans	As per actions in Countryside Site Management Plans; maintain & increase numbers of beach clean events / promotional events etc. as appropriate	Ongoing	Disrupted by COVID this year. Brief drafted with Planning for Recreation study. Consultants appointed to develop a Visitor Destination Management Plan		COVID IMPACT
6.1o	Investigate the impacts of increasing recreational pressures on East Lothian's coast, including recreational disturbance to habitats and wildlife, and the cumulative impacts		Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Economic Development; partners; Planning Service	Production of study into impacts of increasing recreational pressures on East Lothian's coast		Production of study into impacts of increasing recreational pressures on East Lothian's coast, to inform future management	2025	Brief drafted with Planning for Recreation study. Recreational Pressures Study; key risk lack of funding; lack of time for other key services to commit fully to project; potential lack of suitably qualified consultants capable of carrying out the work. Funding is needed for this study. It is intended that once agreed, the brief will be advertised through the procurement portal. If there are no suitable bids the relevant services will have to consider how this can be carried out.		COVID IMPACT
<b>Key Priority Area 2: Climate Adaptation and the Natural Environment</b>										
6.2a	Promote and facilitate the adaptation of the natural environment by enhancing natural habitats and landscape features e.g. coastal dune systems, saltmarsh; subject to the appropriate Habitat Regulations Assessment	Countryside Site Management Plans; Green Networks Strategy	Countryside Service; partners	As per Countryside Site Management Plans; Biodiversity Action Plan	As per Countryside Site Management Plans; Biodiversity Action Plan	As per Countryside Site Management Plans; Biodiversity Action Plan	Ongoing	Coastal adaptation funding announcement awaited. Shoreline Management plan update needed. Procurement of seasonal staff enabled work to progress with sea buckthorn removal and monitoring of coastal habitats to inform management		COVID IMPACT

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6.2b	Work with landowners to create connected blue networks and progress natural flood management, natural river flood protection measures / floodwater storage by improving and creating natural riverine habitats, including freshwater marshland, wetlands and Sustainable Drainage System opportunities	Flood Risk Management Strategy; Flood Protection studies; Green Networks Strategy	Structures & Flooding Team; Countryside Service; landowners	Opportunities are taken to work with landowners to improve blue networks and natural flood management; Progression of natural river flood protection measures	As per Flood Risk Management Strategy; preliminary studies underway	Increased blue network connectivity and areas of natural flood management identified; natural river flood protection measures and habitat improvements progressing	2025	To be considered in Flood Studies identified in Local Flood Risk Management Plan.	ACTION NOW COMBINED WITH ACTION 6.2E - Cabinet approved, Jan 2021	
6.2c	Plant trees and hedgerows around urban areas to create natural areas of shade and shelter	Forestry & Woodland Strategy; Biodiversity Action Plan; Green Networks Strategy	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other community partners	Length of hedgerows planted; number of urban/street trees planted	As per ELC Tree Management (Amenity Services) baseline	Increased length of hedgerows planted; increased numbers of urban/street trees	2025	Ongoing. Continue to be implemented in new developments.		
6.2d	Continue to control invasive species	Countryside Management Plans	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; partners	Eradication of non-native invasive plant species	As per management of invasive species	Work towards eradication of non-native invasive plant species	Ongoing / 2025	Continuing. Amenity Services are also controlling Giant Hogweed alongside the River Esk in Musselburgh to prevent detrimental impact on flood protection work.		

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6.2f	Incorporate into LDP and implement the climate change adaptation measures for new developments as set out in East Lothian's Green Network Strategy Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)	LDP; Green Networks SPG	Planning Service; Sport, Countryside & Leisure	As set out in Green Network Strategy SPG	As set out in Green Network Strategy SPG	Development of adaptation measures as set out in Green Network Strategy SPG	Ongoing / 2025	An action in the Green Network Strategy is to set up a working group to oversee the implementation of the Green Network Strategy. This has not yet been done due to lack of officer time. This continues to be a risk. In consenting planning applications, there is usually a balance of factors and it may not always be possible to achieve all aims. Competing demands on land is likely to continue to make implementation of some aspects of the Green Network difficult. Lack of funding for projects is also a risk. This can be considered through the review of the LDP, where it may be possible to seek further developer contributions for the Green Network providing this is reasonable and related to the development. The Planning Policy and Strategy team continues to consider how best to integrate climate change issues into the LDP. This will include consideration of the strong presumption in draft NPF4 for LDP's to seek to achieve Scotland's national outcomes (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.		
6.2g	Reinforce path networks alongside rivers by willow setting (a natural riverbank stabilisation technique with green network benefits for biodiversity)	Core Paths Plan	Countryside Team; volunteers	Use this technique for core paths improvements / stabilisation wherever possible	Already underway	Continue to use this technique for core paths improvements / stabilisation wherever possible	Ongoing / 2025	Ongoing where feasible.		

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<b>Outcome 7: East Lothian's Communities are places encouraging a Low Carbon Lifestyle and are prepared for the effects of Climate Change</b>										
<b>Key Priority Area 1: Our Communities and Placemaking</b>										
7.1a	Work in partnership with our communities to support our communities towards becoming Net Zero Carbon, including enabling community initiatives for carbon cuts, sequestration and adaptation, and delivering improvements to the public realm in towns	Scottish Government's updated Climate Change Plan, once published	SECCO; Strategy & Development; Connected Communities; partners including Scottish Government	To be confirmed by Scottish Government's updated Climate Change Plan	To be confirmed by Scottish Government's updated Climate Change Plan	Reduction in Carbon Emissions	Annual		The Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan Update was published in December 2020. Work continues to support our communities to tackle climate change and improve sustainability locally.	
7.1b	Implement the Green Network Strategy to ensure connectivity, accessibility and enhancement of green spaces and green networks, including native tree planting / hedgerow planting in urban areas, wild spaces for nature, linked with blue networks and Sustainable Drainage Systems	Green Networks Strategy SPG; LDP; Open Space Strategy (OSS)	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Planning Service; Strategy & Development	Greenspace connectivity in our settlements and new developments; 'Quality of Urban Greenspace' environmental indicator: Landscape Audit Management System (LAMS) score	Current LAMS score for our urban greenspaces as per OSS	All settlements have connected green networks close to where people live; LAMS score increasing	Ongoing		Ongoing. We continue to progress delivering actions in our communities and take opportunities wherever we can. The Green Network Strategy has been adopted, and some actions have come forward in accordance with this, including the work on ClimatEvolution. The Green Network Strategy, having been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance, should be referred to by Development Management officers in deciding planning applications. It was also intended that it would be used to support funding applications, however there has been insufficient officer time to pursue this. The next steps are to examine any difficulties with implementation of the strategy, and how this can be addressed.	
7.1c	Ensure that Core Path network, active travel network and wider path network are integrated and connect residential areas (including new developments) with settlement amenities, destinations, parks/open space, transport hubs; path networks in and around settlements should include shorter recreational circuits; paths should be constructed for climate resilience (e.g. porous surfaces)	Core Paths Plan; LTS / ATIP; LDP; Developer Contributions Framework	Outdoor Access; Countryside Service; Roads Services; Planning Service	Length of Core Paths and length of promoted active travel routes; path and active travel connectivity	Current length of Core Paths and length of promoted active travel routes	Increased length of paths & active travel routes; particularly in urban/semi-urban areas; increased path & active travel connectivity	ongoing		Ongoing.	POSITIVE COVID IMPACT

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7.1d	Ensure connectivity of residential areas with local sustainable transport modes, including buses / bus stops, to reduce reliance on the car; maps of routes available to new residents to encourage active travel	LTS	Roads Services; Transport Services; Planning Service; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per LTS	As per LTS	As per LTS	ongoing	In the interests of encouraging sustainable travel patterns, the Council as Planning Authority continues to impose a planning condition on all major housing developments requiring that a Green Travel Plan be submitted to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to the occupation of any of the residential units. The Green Travel Plan shall have particular regard to provision for walking, cycling and public transport access to and within the site, and will include a timetable for its implementation, and details of how and when it will be distributed to all residents The Journey Hub at the Brunton Hall was completed in summer 2021, and a concept plan has been put together for enhanced landscaping. A feasibility study for a further Journey Hub at Wallyford P&R is underway.		
7.1e	Implement the objectives of the Open Space Strategy to ensure Quality Open Space (amenity open space), which functions in climate change mitigation and adaptation	Open Space Strategy (OSS)	Sport, Countryside & Leisure	'Quality of Urban Greenspace' Landscape Audit Management System (LAMS) score		All amenity open space at 60% quality standard; all parks at 70% quality standard; maintain and improve LAMS scores	ongoing	Ongoing. We continue to achieve these objectives, as evidenced by successful 'In Bloom' entrants for example. Our new litter management recording system will be Litter Management System (LMS); we also have our own internal recording system.		
7.1f	Vacant or Derelict Sites: Encourage the local community to identify vacant or derelict sites and work in partnership to improve these to the benefit of the appearance of the local area, biodiversity and potentially community growing projects	LDP; Vacant and Derelict Land Survey; Open Space Strategy (OSS); Area Plans	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Connected Communities; Area Partnerships; partners				2025 / ongoing	Not many Council-owned vacant sites, although community groups have come forward interested in progressing this at some locations and we are working to support them. Food Growing Strategy group re-established and Local Food Growing Strategy being progressed.		
7.1g	Support community led regeneration, including bringing empty properties back into use, to improve town centres and rural areas	Local Housing Strategy (LHS)	Housing Strategy; Economic Development				2023	A Review of Empty Homes was completed in 2019. The Scottish Government are currently reviewing funding arrangements for bringing Empty Homes back into use. No progress has been made as of December 2021. This action will be reviewed as part of preparation for the LHS 2023-2028	Suggested to be combined with 5.2e as of December 2021	

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7.1h	Support community initiatives such as cooking classes, community kitchens, food growing, community entertainment to reduce the need to travel and support vibrant and sustainable communities	Area Plans	Area Partnerships; Connected Communities Food Friendly East Lothian network established	Community initiatives supported by the Council		Number of community initiatives supported by the Council	Ongoing	Disrupted due to COVID. Nothing to update.		COVID IMPACT
7.1i	Work with partners to promote sustainability and reducing the carbon footprint of local sporting activities in our communities		Sports Development; partner organisations	Number of sports clubs implementing 'sustainability statements'		Increasing number of local sports clubs implement 'sustainability statements'	Ongoing	Community Sports Hubs have been re-established from November 2021 which will provide a network of clubs to roll out awareness raising and actions linked to implementing sustainability.		COVID IMPACT
7.1j	Awareness-raising campaign aimed at home owners / occupiers to enhance garden ground to tackle climate change mitigation, adaptation and sequestration, and enhance biodiversity (including the planting of native trees / appropriate shrubs; provision of food growing space / fruit trees); encourage homeowners not to replace garden ground with hard-standing or artificial turf		SECCO; partners	Publicity campaign implemented	No publicity campaign in place	Publicity campaign implemented to raise awareness	2025	Investigating opportunities that may arise through development of the Local Food Growing Strategy. Awareness-raising campaign is under consideration. Promotion of tree planting in garden ground is underway through the Council's support for the 'Queen's Green Canopy' tree planting initiative (which also includes tree planting on public and privately owned land).		
7.1k	Work with partners to take opportunities to improve water management, including rainwater harvesting and grey water harvesting, and creation and enhancement of blue infrastructure for both carbon off-setting and natural flood management	LDP; SUDS Guidance; Green Network Guidance	Amenity Services; Planning Service; Sport, Countryside & Leisure	Development Proposals / Pre Application advice; open space enhancement	LDP Delivery Programme , Open Space Strategy	Number of watercourses enhanced or SuDS implemented in an environmentally sympathetic manner	2025	All SuDS Designs in Planning Applications are assessed for compliance with Council's SuDS Design SPG		

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<b>Key Priority Area 2: Planning for New Developments</b>										
7.2a	Enforce Planning Condition for all relevant development proposals to report on the actions to be taken to reduce the Carbon Emissions from the build and from the completed development, including the provision of renewable technology and infrastructure for new car charging points	Planning Condition	Planning Service; Building Standards	Reports submitted on actions to reduce carbon emissions from new developments		All relevant development proposals to submit reports on the actions to be taken to reduce carbon emissions	2020 / ongoing	The Planning Authority continues to seek to ensure that our carbon emission reduction condition is complied with and would consider whether it was expedient to take enforcement action should the condition not be complied with.		
7.2b	Progress embedding the Just Transition to Net Zero into the planning process through our next Local Development Plan for example by pursuing low carbon heating from the groundwater heat source from our coalfields, and Climate Resilient new developments adapted for future climate change impacts	Next LDP; National Planning Framework	Planning Service; national partners	Just Transition to Net Zero is being embedded into next LDP		Progress embedding Just Transition to Net Zero into next LDP	2025	The East Lothian Local Development Plan (LDP) was adopted in September 2018, and is 'in-date' until 2023. The Planning Policy and Strategy team is completing a work package on integrating climate change issues into the LDP. The next step will be the production of an Evidence Report, which will set out where we are now, and how we intend to take forward this work. Consultation will be carried out on the Evidence Report. In addition, we are currently exploring the feasibility of mine water geothermal heat options in our former coalfields; and we are exploring options to progress low/zero carbon heat and energy sources for housing.		

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7.2c	Implement the Local Development Plan policies and Supplementary Planning Guidance on Green Networks, Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), open space, allotments, active travel and sustainable transport connectivity in new developments, Travel Plans for residential and non-residential developments, green corridors for people and wildlife; encourage developers to facilitate the restoration of degraded watercourses, where possible	LDP and Supplementary Planning Guidance; Green Network Strategy SPG; Design Standards for New Housing Areas SPG (in prep); Open Space Strategy	Planning Service; Sport, Countryside & Leisure	As per LDP policies and Supplementary Planning Guidance	As per Local Development Plan policies and Supplementary Planning Guidance	As per LDP policies and Supplementary Planning Guidance	Ongoing to 2025	Remains ongoing. The Planning Authority seeks to ensure that development proposals comply with relevant development plan policy and Supplementary Planning Guidance. An action in the Green Network Strategy is to set up a working group to oversee the implementation of the Green Network Strategy. This has not yet been done due to lack of officer time. This continues to be a risk. In consenting planning applications, there is usually a balance of factors and it may not always be possible to achieve all aims. Competing demands on land is likely to continue to make implementation of some aspects of the Green Network difficult. Lack of funding for projects is also a risk. This can be considered through the review of the LDP, where it may be possible to seek further developer contributions for the Green Network providing this is reasonable and related to the development.		
7.2d	Include key elements of Design Standards for New Housing Areas Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) and Green Network Strategy in next LDP. Until such time implement SPG in new development.	LDP	Planning Service	Design Standards for New Housing Areas SPG prepared and implemented	Draft produced in 2018/19	Design Standards for New Housing Areas SPG implemented	2020 / ongoing	Remains ongoing. The design guidance SPG continues to be a material consideration in our determination of new proposals for housing development. Including elements of design standards and Green Network Strategy in the revised LDP. The key risk in the past was a lack of policy support at a national level although there is more emphasis on green networks in the draft of National Planning Framework 4. It will be for the council to reassess its Green Network Policy which is not being currently used with sufficient regularity to provide any real impact.		
7.2e	Explore Net Zero town of the future, including by pursuing low carbon heating from the groundwater heat source from our coalfields, and a Climate Resilient new town that is adapted for future climate change impacts	City Deal/Growth Delivery	Development Planning; Growth Delivery; Partners	Indicators will grow as the project progresses; mine water and climate resilience	Currently establishing baseline	As technical work develops	2025	Ongoing. We continue to explore options for Blindwells new town and our proposed 'ClimatEvolution Zone' with partners, including the feasibility of mine water geothermal heat sources in the former coalfields. We have commissioned consultants to explore feasibility of mine water geothermal for the wider coalfield area, including Cockenzie and Blindwells. We are also exploring through a separate consultancy the scope for sustainable energy and heat networks at Blindwells and Cockenzie.		

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7.2f	Explore the opportunity to include a policy requirement for developments to plant native woodland to mitigate against climate change and off-set emissions	Next LDP	Planning Service; Sport, Countryside & Leisure; national partners	Work to inform new policy development			2025	Explore the opportunity to include a policy requirement for developments to plant native woodland to mitigate against climate change and off-set emissions. This will be considered in reviewing the LDP and producing the Forestry and Woodland Strategy. There are issues which would, within the current planning framework, be difficult to resolve to achieve this. Conditions are required to meet certain tests, namely that they are: necessary; relevant to planning; relevant to the development to be permitted; enforceable, precise; and reasonable in all other respects. It is not sufficient that something be desirable in public policy terms to impose a condition requiring it. This remains a key block to implementing this proposal; however, a review of the policy through the LDP will look to rectify the situation.		
7.2g	Evaluate our next LDP with a view to achieving the Net Zero Carbon emissions target by assessing development location in relation to transport, preventing loss of trees and topsoil areas, and woodland planting proposals linked to development	Next LDP	Planning Service; partners	Evaluation process progressing			2025	This will be considered in due course through the LDP process.		
<b>Key Priority Area 3: Local Food Growing</b>										
7.3a	Prepare and implement a Local Food Growing Strategy for East Lothian, to ensure that allotment sites in East Lothian are of a sufficient quantity and quality to meet the needs and aspirations of local residents, including in new developments; support and promote local food growing initiatives		Amenity Services	Preparation of Local Food Growing Strategy		Local Food Growing Strategy implemented	2022	Food Growing Strategy group re-established and Local Food Growing Strategy being progressed. Local food growing initiatives are supported in our communities by the Area Partnerships, and community-led initiatives are underway across some communities.		

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7.3b	Plant and manage community orchards / community fruit growing in partnership with communities; including planting apple trees alongside core paths – ‘Apple Core Paths’ – for community benefit	Local Food Growing Strategy (in prep); Area Plans	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Area Partnerships; communities	Number of apple trees / fruit trees planted and managed		Increased number of apple trees / fruit trees planted and managed	2025	Ongoing. Encouraged and supported by Amenity Services. Orchards have been progressed with community groups including at Lewisvale Park, Musselburgh.		
7.3c	Investigate options for working in partnership with our communities to bring areas of suitable urban land into use for local food growing, including private gardens and vacant land	Local Food Growing Strategy (in prep)	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; Area Partnerships; communities	Progressing options		Progressing options to bring areas of suitable urban land into use for local food growing	2025	Many groups doing community growing projects (existing/ongoing but also new ones during COVID). Amenity Services are working to support developing new community growing spaces. Investigating opportunities that may arise through development of the Local Food Growing Strategy.		
7.3d	Work with partners to investigate opportunities for implementing a distribution network for surplus food growing production		Amenity Services; local partners	Progressing opportunities		Progressing opportunities for food distribution network	2025	This will follow implementation of Food Growing Strategy. New Fareshare Food HUB established, now based in Prestonpans. Local emergency food distribution took place, co-ordinated via local Community Resilience Bases, during COVID, funding provided by Scottish Government.		COVID IMPACT
<b>Key Priority Area 4: Awareness Raising and Engagement</b>										
7.4a	Explore options to identify how best to engage and ensure representation across all sectors of East Lothian’s community, to involve our communities in the local planning of our Climate Emergency Response (e.g. Citizens’ Assembly; Climate Change Forum / Network)		CCPMG; SECCO; external partners	Options appraisal involving all sectors of East Lothian’s community		Appropriate citizens’ engagement forum is established and functioning	2021	Climate Change Officer had discussions with community representatives, including representatives of local sustainability organisations, Area Partnerships, Resilient Communities / Community Councils, young people through the East Lothian Youth Council and schools, local businesses and landowner/ land manager representatives. COVID has impacted on the timescales for this however options are being considered through the Climate Change Planning & Monitoring Group. The Planning Service has undertaken training which will improve their engagement with communities over the climate change issues relevant to the forthcoming Local Development Plan, which has the potential to significantly affect climate emissions from the built environment for years to come.	Revise target date 2022	COVID IMPACT

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7.4b	Produce a Communications Plan setting out our awareness-raising and engagement proposals		SECCO; Corporate Communications	Production of Communications Plan		Communications Plan produced and implemented	2021	Communications over the year 2021 to date concentrated on the identification of particular achievements including the expansion of the Council's EV fleet and award for the successful attraction of external funding for charging infrastructure. The need for communications support in other areas combined with the temporary loss of a Climate Change Officer reduced the opportunities to highlight organisational progress. The reintroduction of the residents' newspaper Living in November 2021 provided an opportunity for considerable coverage of climate change progress.	Revise target date 2022.	COVID IMPACT
7.4c	Develop an East Lothian Climate Change Charter, setting out what the Council will do and what communities / individuals can do to tackle climate change and reduce emissions		SECCO; Corporate Policy & Improvement	Production of East Lothian Climate Change Charter	Currently promoting the #make a difference theme	Publication of East Lothian Climate Change Charter	2021	No progress to date on the Climate Change Charter. Tackling Climate Change is one of the key priorities of the Recovery and Renewal Plan - Embed sustainable and green thinking in our actions and make tackling the climate and ecological emergency central to our social and economic recovery, laying foundations for a sustainable and prosperous future.	Revise target date 2022.	COVID IMPACT
7.4d	Support and help to promote national campaigns, including the Scottish Government's 'Greener Scotland' campaign, to consider the carbon footprint of our everyday lifestyle and behaviour choices		SECCO; Corporate Communications; partners	Participation in national promotional campaigns; social media engagement	Currently participate in Scotland's Climate Week, Earth Hour etc.	Participation in national promotional campaigns; social media engagement	Ongoing to 2025	Ongoing. We continue to support and promote national climate change messaging and campaigns, as appropriate. The Council released publicity for the UN COP26 Climate Summit including appropriate social media messaging. The 'Climate Change and Sustainability' page of ELC's website includes website links to relevant external organisations and partner agencies including the Scottish Government's 'Net Zero Nation' website and Zero Waste Scotland's Energy Efficiency Business Support website. The 'Fuel Billing advice - Energy Efficiency' page of ELC's website includes links to external partner organisations including Home Energy Scotland and the East Lothian Energy Advice Service.		
7.4e	Work in partnership with Community Councils, Area Partnerships, TRAs and other local groups and organisations to encourage and assist all areas of East Lothian to become involved in taking forward sustainability and promoting a low carbon lifestyle in their local area	Area Plans; Community Council plans etc.	SECCO; Strategy & Development; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners; Corporate Policy & Improvement	Actions incorporated into Area Plans and other community plans	Several Area Plans already include actions to tackle climate change	All Area Plans and other community plans include sustainability / plans to tackle climate change	Ongoing to 2025	Several Area Partnerships have already incorporated actions to tackle climate change in their local Area Plans. Climate Change Officer has had discussions with community representatives, including representatives of local sustainability organisations, Area Partnerships, Resilient Communities / Community Councils, and young people through the East Lothian Youth Council and schools.		

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7.4f	Set up a network of 'Green Champions' in our communities to help promote sustainability, raise awareness and encourage engagement with the move to a low carbon lifestyle		SECCO; Waste Services; CCPMG; community partners	Network of community 'Green Champions' set up	Many local groups etc. already taking this agenda forward	Network of community 'Green Champions' set up	2021	The setting up of a 'Green Champions' network has been delayed due to COVID, however, the Climate Change Officer continues to engage with many local people/groups/organisations who are already committed to and underway with taking forward this work in their local communities.	Revise target date 2023.	COVID IMPACT
7.4g	Set up a dedicated page on the Council's website to function as a central information point for directing people to information on the transition to a low carbon lifestyle and a Net Zero East Lothian; increase awareness of the impacts of climate change and what individuals / homeowners / employers can do to adapt	Climate Change Strategy; Resilient Communities initiative	SECCO; Corporate Communication s; partners	Central information point set up on Council's website	Climate change information & links currently on Council website	Central information point set up on Council's website	2021	Delayed due to COVID. Options are being considered to take this forward. Currently the 'Climate Change and Sustainability' page of ELC's website includes website links to relevant external organisations and partner agencies including the Scottish Government's 'Net Zero Nation' website, Zero Waste Scotland's Energy Efficiency Business Support website, and Adaptation Scotland's website. The 'Fuel Billing advice - Energy Efficiency' page of ELC's website includes links to external partner organisations including Home Energy Scotland and the East Lothian Energy Advice Service.	Revise target date 2022.	COVID IMPACT
7.4h	Undertake an awareness raising campaign to promote tackling climate change, reducing emissions and how everyone can #make difference; including information provision and promoting behaviour change		SECCO; Corporate Communication s	Awareness levels measured via Scottish Household Survey	74% of adults in 2018	Increasing levels of awareness	Ongoing to 2025	The Make a Difference campaign is still to be fully launched but the results of the latest Residents Survey, which includes a number of questions relating to Climate Change, will provide an opportunity to pinpoint key concerns and how, as an organisation, East Lothian Council is responding.		COVID IMPACT
7.4i	Work with partners to provide information, training and support for residents, communities and businesses and share best practice to help inspire action across the county		Rev	Awareness levels measured via Residents' Survey	74% of adults in 2018	Increasing levels of awareness	Ongoing to 2025	This has been impacted by COVID, however the Climate Change Planning & Monitoring Group continues to take opportunities to liaise with communities, residents, businesses and other stakeholders and partners to share and promote best practice. The Climate Change Officer liaised with residents, communities, local organisations, schools and businesses as appropriate. People's Energy Company affordable tariff for East Lothian residents was launched. Unfortunately People's Energy ceased trading in September 2021. When the energy market settles down approaches will be made to other suppliers to identify possible partner to support East Lothian residents.		COVID IMPACT

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes	Tracking of progress with actions
7.4j	Community Events, Education and Training Programme: Continue to support the use of greenspaces and community meeting places by local groups and organisations for holding appropriate local events and activities, promote opportunities to encourage a sustainable lifestyle, undertake education and awareness-raising activities and training.	Open Space Strategy (OSS)	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; partners	Number of local events, training and initiatives; number of participants at events / training		Increased number of local events, training and initiatives; increased number of participants at events / training	Ongoing to 2025	Events were not permitted due to COVID restrictions, however are now re-starting in line with government guidelines although not yet fully returned. We continue to support these events.		COVID IMPACT
7.4k	Community Involvement: Encourage and support the formation of local volunteer groups, such as "friends of" or "in bloom" groups to support the enhancement of specific open space	Open Space Strategy (OSS); Countryside Site Management Plans	Sport, Countryside & Leisure; local groups; partners	Local volunteer groups, such as "friends of" or "in bloom" groups underway	As per OSS and Countryside Site Management Plans	Local volunteer groups, such as "friends of" or "in bloom" groups underway and supported; as per OSS	Ongoing to 2025	COVID lockdowns have impacted, however 'In Bloom' groups and 'Friends Of' groups continue and we continue to support and encourage these groups.		COVID IMPACT
<b>Key Priority Area 5: Climate Adaptation: Climate Ready Communities</b>										
7.5a	Increase community and individual resilience	Resilient Communities network	Protective Services; Emergency Planning, Risk & Resilience Team; Connected Communities	Proportion of Community Councils with local Community Resilience Plans (currently 40% in 2018/19)	10% (2016/17)	75% (2022)	2022	Action ongoing. The Emergency Planning and Resilience team are aware new Community Councils chairs have recently been appointed. This team awaits an invite to complete a presentation to the new CC chairs (induction) when this Resilient Communities initiative will be highlighted. This presentation will be followed up by encouraging all CC's to appoint Resilient Community SPoC's and deputies. Support and guidance will continue to be given to all Resilient Communities.		

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7.5b	Set up a Climate Change Adaptation network for East Lothian, based upon the Resilient Communities network already established	Climate Change Strategy; Resilient Communities network	SECCO; Protective Services; Emergency Planning, Risk & Resilience Team; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other community partners	Establishment of a Climate Change Adaptation network for East Lothian	Resilient Communities network	Climate Change Adaptation network is set up for East Lothian	2021	COVID-19 has impacted on the plans to develop a Climate Resilient Communities Network for East Lothian, due to the existing Resilient Communities network and Community Councils undertaking significant community support and resilience work during COVID. This will be progressed again when the time is right.	Revise target date 2022	COVID IMPACT
7.5c	Community Councils will be encouraged to elect Single Points of Contact (SPoCs) for Climate Change Adaptation		SECCO; Protective Services; Emergency Planning, Risk & Resilience Team; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and others	Single Points of Contact (SPoCs) identified for Climate Change Adaptation		Every Community Council has a Single Point of Contact (SPoC) for Climate Change Adaptation	2021	As above (7.5b): COVID-19 has impacted on the plans to develop a Climate Resilient Communities Network for East Lothian, due to the existing Resilient Communities network and Community Councils undertaking significant community support and resilience work during COVID. This will be progressed again when the time is right.	Revise target date 2022	COVID IMPACT
7.5d	Work in partnership to support and assist our communities to prepare Climate Ready Response Plans for their area		SECCO; Connected Communities; Protective Services; Emergency Planning, Risk & Resilience Team	Climate Ready Response Plans in place for communities	Community Resilience Plans already in place in several communities	Climate Ready Response Plans in place for all communities	2022	As above (7.5b): COVID-19 has impacted on the plans to develop a Climate Resilient Communities Network for East Lothian, due to the existing Resilient Communities network and Community Councils undertaking significant community support and resilience work during COVID. This will be progressed again when the time is right.		COVID IMPACT

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes	Tracking of progress with actions
7.5e	Raise awareness and understanding of climate change impacts among East Lothian's communities, and improve capacity to respond to climate risks; work in partnership with local employers, landowners, voluntary groups, and community planning partners including Emergency Responders	Climate Change Strategy; Severe Weather Response Plan	SECCO; Connected Communities; partners including Adaptation Scotland, community planning partners	Climate Adaptation awareness-raising campaign / promotion; awareness levels among local population (measured in Residents' Survey)		Climate Adaptation awareness-raising campaign / promotion in place; awareness levels increasing among local population (measured in Residents' Survey)	Ongoing to 2025	Communications not directly involved at this stage as led by Connected Communities but communications support will be provided as appropriate. An East Lothian Climate Action Network is currently being set up by community groups. The Council's Sustainability and Climate Change Officer is supporting the project and discussions are ongoing how the network best can be used to continue raising awareness on climate action in East Lothian.		COVID IMPACT
7.5f	Progress the Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme	Flood Risk Management Strategy	Structures & Flooding Team; national & local partners	Progress implementation of Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme		Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme is progressed	Ongoing to 2025	Musselburgh Flood Protection Scheme Stage 4 - Outline Design progressing - delayed due to COVID		
7.5g	Progress the Haddington Flood Protection Scheme	Flood Risk Management Strategy	Structures & Flooding Team; national & local partners	Progress implementation of Haddington Flood Protection Scheme		Haddington Flood Protection Scheme is progressed	Ongoing to 2025	A review of the Haddington Scheme is currently ongoing including the Natural Flood Management Report.		

## Appendix 2: Amended actions in the Climate Change Strategy Action Plan, for approval

Proposed revisions to the 2021 target dates of the following actions due to COVID related impacts:

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes	Tracking of progress with actions
1.1b	Embed our aims to tackle the Climate Emergency and to achieve emission reductions within our Council Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan (East Lothian Plan)	Council Plan; East Lothian Plan	Policy Team; SECCO	Council Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan (East Lothian Plan)	Outcomes under East Lothian Plan 2017–2027	Key targets within the Council Plan	2021	The review of the 2017-2022 Council Plan and East Lothian Plan 2017-2027(Local outcome Improvement Plan) will take place in early 2022 and a new Council Plan and revised East Lothian plan will be completed in spring/ summer 2022. The new Strategic Needs Assessment has been delayed until 2022.	Revise target date to 2022	COVID IMPACT
1.1e	Ensure that training in carbon efficiency behaviours is provided to all new Council employees via the staff Induction process, to instil the low carbon culture of East Lothian Council	Staff Induction process	Corporate Policy & Improvement; SECCO	Introduction of Induction training in carbon efficiency behaviours for all new staff		Induction training in carbon efficiency behaviours is in place	2021	This has been impacted by COVID. However, information on 'Tackling Climate Change and improving Sustainability' has been incorporated into the Chief Executive's Induction presentation for new staff. There is a 'Home Energy' E-Learning module (produced by Home Energy Scotland) available on ELC's staff online training platform LearnPro.	Revise target date to 2022	COVID IMPACT
1.1f	Inclusion of a new mandatory E-Learning module on reducing your carbon footprint, for all Council employees; explore options to make this available to community / third sector organisations, via the wider E-Learning platform		Corporate Policy & Improvement; SECCO	Production of E-Learning module on reducing your carbon footprint		E-Learning module on reducing your carbon footprint in place	2021	This was being explored with external providers including Keep Scotland Beautiful, however, this has been impacted by COVID. However, there is a 'Home Energy' E-Learning module (produced by Home Energy Scotland) available on ELC's staff online training platform LearnPro for ELC staff to access.	Revise target date to 2022	COVID IMPACT

**Proposed revisions to the 2021 target dates of the following actions due to COVID related impacts (continue):**

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes	Tracking of progress with actions
1.5a	Facilities Management Services will aim to eliminate problematic or unnecessary single-use plastics by the end of 2020 as part of the UK Plastics Pact	UK Plastics Pact; Facilities Management targets	Facilities Management Service	Elimination of specific single-use plastics		Specific single-use plastics eliminated by end of 2020	2021	Due to impacts of COVID these target dates will be revised to the end of 2021. Due to COVID there has been an unfortunate increase in the use of single use plastics in 2021. To address, school pupils are encouraged to bring refillable bottles from home where possible. There has been an increase in the use of disposables for school lunches however as we return to hot meals this is being reduced. COVID related PPE cleaning materials, chemicals in bottles, hand sanitiser etc. have all added to the increased use. When it is safe and practical to look at reducing single use plastics in these areas Facilities Management Service will take this forward. The council remains committed to tackling unnecessary/problematic single-use plastics use. Facilities Management have introduced dosing systems which is reducing waste and enhancing performance.	Revise target date to 2022	COVID IMPACT
1.6b	Implement an Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicles (ULEV) strategy for our Council vehicle fleet	ULEV Strategy	Transport Services	ULEV Strategy implemented		ULEV Strategy implemented	2021	Work continues on the Fleet Strategy with an expected completion of Jan/Feb 2022	Revise target date to 2022	COVID IMPACT

**Proposed revisions to the 2020 target dates of the following actions due to COVID related impacts (continue):**

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes	Tracking of progress with actions
1.6d	Implement a 'Travel Plan' for all Council staff, setting out the expectation, resources and infrastructure to implement modal shift in staff travel behaviour from driving single-occupancy private cars to sustainable travel options, including use of electric vehicle (EV) pool cars, car sharing, active travel, use of public transport	Local Transport Strategy (LTS)	Roads Services	Introduce a travel plan for all ELC staff (subject to constituencies of the service)		Introduce a travel plan for all ELC staff	2021	Staff continue to work from home where possible and virtual meetings are the default option. Staff Travel Survey for post COVID working arrangements still to be carried out in February 2022. Discussions are taking place with the ELC Transformation Team who are tasked in the reallocation of office space with the opportunities to provide new and upgrade existing council assets to encourage sustainable and active travel options for the workforce. The Transformation Team will be conducting a staff survey and it is intended to have relevant STP questions included.	Target date changed to 2023. The Council is still in a stage of recovery and renewal. A new travel plan will be difficult to create without seeing the post-COVID impacts. Once we know those impacts, we can create a more resilient travel plan.	COVID IMPACT
1.8b	Embed the objectives of this Climate Change Strategy with the 'Learning for Sustainability' (LFS) agenda as part of Curriculum for Excellence (CfE). LFS is delivered through outdoor learning, global citizenship and sustainable development	LFS Vision 2030 as part of Curriculum for Excellence	Education; Outdoor Learning; national education partners	Climate Change Strategy objectives embedded into 'Learning for Sustainability' element of school curriculum	Engagement with Outdoor Learning within school day: Primary 47% Secondary 100% (not including P7 camp)	Climate Change Strategy objectives embedded into 'Learning for Sustainability' element of school curriculum	2020	No change to schools' position. Continued focus will be on recovery and nurture due to the challenges of the pandemic that the schools have faced in the 12 past months.	Revise target date to 2023	COVID IMPACT
2.1i	Work with businesses and other employment hubs to implement Green Travel Plans for staff, and work up a promotional campaign with rewards e.g. Sustrans' Scottish Workplace Journey Challenge		Roads Services; SECCO; partners; businesses	Number of Green Travel Plans for Staff produced for businesses / employers; number of staff travelling by active & sustainable modes		Increasing number of Green Travel Plans for Staff produced for businesses/employers; increasing number of staff travelling by active & sustainable modes	2021	No change, to be reviewed post COVID.	Roads to lead, query via Behaviour Change Officer with support from ED.  Revise target date to 2022.	COVID IMPACT

Proposed revisions to the 2020 target dates of the following actions due to COVID related impacts (continue):

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes	Tracking of progress with actions
3.3a	Increase the awareness of the impacts of climate change and what individuals / homeowners / employers can do to adapt, by setting up a website central hub linking to information from ELC and relevant partner agencies	Climate Change Strategy; Resilient Communities initiative	SECCO; Strategy & Development; Web Team; external partners including Adaptation Scotland	Website Hub set up; number of 'hits' on website	None at present specifically for East Lothian	Website Hub set up; number of 'hits' on website increasing	2021	Website hub still to be progressed. However, the 'Climate Change and Sustainability' landing page of ELC's website includes website links to relevant external organisations and partner agencies including Adaptation Scotland.	Revise target date to 2022	
6.1m	The Council's Countryside Ranger Service to interpret / educate / raise awareness of climate change mitigation, adaptation and sequestration as part of their remit	ELC Countryside Ranger Service Roles and Remit	ELC Countryside Ranger Service	Inclusion and implementation of interpretation / education / awareness-raising about climate change mitigation, adaptation and sequestration in ELCRS remit	Currently undertaken as required / when opportunities arise	Inclusion of interpretation / education / awareness-raising about climate change mitigation, adaptation and sequestration in ELCRS remit and being implemented	2021	Disrupted by COVID this year.	Revise target date to 2022.	COVID IMPACT
7.4a	Explore options to identify how best to engage and ensure representation across all sectors of East Lothian's community, to involve our communities in the local planning of our Climate Emergency Response (e.g. Citizens' Assembly; Climate Change Forum / Network)		CCPMG; SECCO; external partners	Options appraisal involving all sectors of East Lothian's community		Appropriate citizens' engagement forum is established and functioning	2021	Climate Change Officer had discussions with community representatives, including representatives of local sustainability organisations, Area Partnerships, Resilient Communities / Community Councils, young people through the East Lothian Youth Council and schools, local businesses and landowner/ land manager representatives. COVID has impacted on the timescales for this however options are being considered through the Climate Change Planning & Monitoring Group. The Planning Service has undertaken training which will improve their engagement with communities over the climate change issues relevant to the forthcoming Local Development Plan, which has the potential to significantly affect climate emissions from the built environment for years to come.	Revise target date 2022	COVID IMPACT

Proposed revisions to the 2020 target dates of the following actions due to COVID related impacts (continue):

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes	Tracking of progress with actions
7.4b	Produce a Communications Plan setting out our awareness-raising and engagement proposals		SECCO; Corporate Communications	Production of Communications Plan		Communications Plan produced and implemented	2021	Communications over the year 2021 to date concentrated on the identification of particular achievements including the expansion of the Council's EV fleet and award for the successful attraction of external funding for charging infrastructure. The need for communications support in other areas combined with the temporary loss of a Climate Change Officer reduced the opportunities to highlight organisational progress. The reintroduction of the residents' newspaper Living in November 2021 provided an opportunity for considerable coverage of climate change progress.	Revise target date 2022.	COVID IMPACT
7.4c	Develop an East Lothian Climate Change Charter, setting out what the Council will do and what communities / individuals can do to tackle climate change and reduce emissions		SECCO; Corporate Policy & Improvement	Production of East Lothian Climate Change Charter	Currently promoting the #make a difference theme	Publication of East Lothian Climate Change Charter	2021	No progress to date on the Climate Change Charter. Tackling Climate Change is one of the key priorities of the Recovery and Renewal Plan - Embed sustainable and green thinking in our actions and make tackling the climate and ecological emergency central to our social and economic recovery, laying foundations for a sustainable and prosperous future.	Revise target date 2022.	COVID IMPACT
7.4f	Set up a network of 'Green Champions' in our communities to help promote sustainability, raise awareness and encourage engagement with the move to a low carbon lifestyle		SECCO; Waste Services; CCPMG; community partners	Network of community 'Green Champions' set up	Many local groups etc. already taking this agenda forward	Network of community 'Green Champions' set up	2021	The setting up of a 'Green Champions' network has been delayed due to COVID, however, the Climate Change Officer continues to engage with many local people/groups/organisations who are already committed to and underway with taking forward this work in their local communities.	Revise target date 2023.	COVID IMPACT

Proposed revisions to the 2020 target dates of the following actions due to COVID related impacts (continue):

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7.4g	Set up a dedicated page on the Council's website to function as a central information point for directing people to information on the transition to a low carbon lifestyle and a Net Zero East Lothian; increase awareness of the impacts of climate change and what individuals / homeowners / employers can do to adapt	Climate Change Strategy; Resilient Communities initiative	SECCO; Corporate Communications ; partners	Central information point set up on Council's website	Climate change information & links currently on Council website	Central information point set up on Council's website	2021	Delayed due to COVID. Options are being considered to take this forward. Currently the 'Climate Change and Sustainability' page of ELC's website includes website links to relevant external organisations and partner agencies including the Scottish Government's 'Net Zero Nation' website, Zero Waste Scotland's Energy Efficiency Business Support website, and Adaptation Scotland's website. The 'Fuel Billing advice - Energy Efficiency' page of ELC's website includes links to external partner organisations including Home Energy Scotland and the East Lothian Energy Advice Service.	Revise target date 2022.	COVID IMPACT
7.5b	Set up a Climate Change Adaptation network for East Lothian, based upon the Resilient Communities network already established	Climate Change Strategy; Resilient Communities network	SECCO; Protective Services; Emergency Planning, Risk & Resilience Team; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other community partners	Establishment of a Climate Change Adaptation network for East Lothian	Resilient Communities network	Climate Change Adaptation network is set up for East Lothian	2021	COVID-19 has impacted on the plans to develop a Climate Resilient Communities Network for East Lothian, due to the existing Resilient Communities network and Community Councils undertaking significant community support and resilience work during COVID. This will be progressed again when the time is right.	Revise target date 2022	COVID IMPACT
7.5c	Community Councils will be encouraged to elect Single Points of Contact (SPoCs) for Climate Change Adaptation		SECCO; Protective Services; Emergency Planning, Risk & Resilience Team; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and others	Single Points of Contact (SPoCs) identified for Climate Change Adaptation		Every Community Council has a Single Point of Contact (SPoC) for Climate Change Adaptation	2021	As above (7.5b): COVID-19 has impacted on the plans to develop a Climate Resilient Communities Network for East Lothian, due to the existing Resilient Communities network and Community Councils undertaking significant community support and resilience work during COVID. This will be progressed again when the time is right.	Revise target date 2022	COVID IMPACT

**Proposal to combine actions 4.1e and 4.2c into 5.1c due to overlap:**

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes
5.1c	Work with partners to build low carbon planning, energy efficiency and sustainability advice into the East Lothian business support ecosystem, and continue to support businesses to reduce their carbon footprint, improve energy and resource efficiency, and increase sustainability in their processes, supply chains, packaging, distribution	EDS	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners including Resource Efficient Scotland	Number of businesses supported to improve energy/resource efficiency, as recorded by ELC's resource efficiency consultant		Increased number of businesses supported to improve energy/resource efficiency	Annually to 2025	Business Gateway continues to support businesses in this regard. Zero waste and other goals to be considered for inclusion in the ne ED strategy from 2022 on. Project with HMP to reuse LEA being explored. All business activity severely affected by the COVID pandemic. Go green to grown your business' training prosed as a key theme of the new Lothian's Business gateway training offer from 2022. ED has not funded events for a number of years and the ability to influence actions and procedures via the funding no longer exists. However, events which go through the SAG and are tourism related do receive advice and guidance from relevant ELC departments such as transportation, facilities management and environmental health.	Seeking Cabinet approval to combining action 4.1e and 4.2c into action 5.1c.
4.1e	Continue to assist businesses and event organisers to implement resource efficiency, energy efficiency and waste reduction measures		Economic Development; Resource Efficient Scotland (RES); businesses	Number of energy/resource efficiency measures installed; cost saved to businesses - as per RES data		Increased uptake of energy/resource efficiency measures by businesses; increased cost savings	ongoing	COMBINE WITH ACTION 5.1C	Seeking Cabinet approval to combining action 4.1e and 4.2c into action 5.1c.
4.2c	Businesses: Work with partners including Zero Waste Scotland to encourage circular economy business models among East Lothian's businesses		Waste Services; Economic Development & Strategic Investment; SECCO; partners including Zero Waste Scotland; businesses	Number of businesses using circular economy business models	Need to establish baseline	Increasing number of businesses using circular economy business models	2025	COMBINE WITH ACTION 5.1C	Seeking Cabinet approval to combining action 4.1e and 4.2c into action 5.1c.

**Proposal to combine actions 5.2a and 7.1g into 5.2e due to overlap:**

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes
5.2e	Continue to develop, deliver, and support town, local, and village centre regeneration initiatives including the repair of and improvements to the insulation and energy efficiency of private and local authority business premises, and the reuse of vacant / derelict buildings and land for mixed use development.	LHS; LPD; EDS; Town Centre Strategies	Economic Development and Strategic Investment; Planning Service; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per LHS, EDS, LDP, and Town Centre Strategies	As per LHS, EDS, LDP, and Town Centre Strategies	As per LHS, EDS, LDP, and Town Centre Strategies	2020 / ongoing	Place Based Programme funding to be utilised over next 4 years with other funds to deliver TC Regeneration, e.g. completion of Cockenzie CARS by 2023 and Dunbar Cars to 2025/26. Opportunities via multiple benefits from MFPS / MAT and other schemes, opportunities via UK Government Levelling up funding.	Seeking Cabinet approval to combining action 5.2a and 7.1g into action 5.2e.
5.2a	Continue to support the 'Town Centre First' Principle to develop and enhance our town and rural centres	LDP; EDS; Town Centre Strategies	All relevant services; Planning Service; Economic Development & Strategic Investment; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per LDP, EDS and Town Centre Strategies	As per LDP, EDS and Town Centre Strategies	As per LDP, EDS and Town Centre Strategies	2020 / ongoing	COMBINE WITH ACTION 5.2e	Seeking Cabinet approval to combining action 5.2a and 7.1g into action 5.2e.
7.1g	Support community led regeneration, including bringing empty properties back into use, to improve town centres and rural areas	Local Housing Strategy (LHS)	Housing Strategy; Economic Development				2023	A Review of Empty Homes was completed in 2019. The Scottish Government are currently reviewing funding arrangements for bringing Empty Homes back into use. No progress has been made as of December 2021. This action will be reviewed as part of preparation for the LHS 2023-2028	Seeking Cabinet approval to combining action 5.2a and 7.1g into action 5.2e.

**Proposal to combine actions 5.1d and 5.2g due to overlap:**

Ref	Action	Relevant Strategy / Plan	Lead Person / Service	Indicator	Baseline	Target (where applicable)	Target date	UPDATE: AT DECEMBER 2021	Notes
5.1d	Support the faster roll out of Superfast Broadband, including required infrastructure for new developments	EDS	Economic Development & Strategic Investment; partners	% of East Lothian properties with Superfast Broadband (30Mbps - National target)	85% (2016/17)	100% (2022)	2022	No data at the moment.	
5.2g	Digital Towns – Continue to support measures to ensure that all town, local, and rural centres have the appropriate future-proofed infrastructure required to enable East Lothian to have the most digitally-connected local economy and communities.	EDS; LDP; Town Centre Strategies	Economic Development and Strategic Investment; Planning Service; Connected Communities / Area Partnerships and other partners	As per EDS, LDP, Local Area Plans, and Town Centre Strategies	As per EDS, LDP, Local Area Plans, and Town Centre Strategies	As per EDS, LDP, Local Area Plans, and Town Centre Strategies	2020 / ongoing	COMBINE WITH ACTION 5.2.g	Seeking Cabinet approval to combining action with 5.2g