

Risk Identifier	CR-11
Risk Title	Climate Emergency


Risk Description
 Without a valid calculation of the baseline and projected carbon emissions from council operations, there is a risk that planned de-carbonisation projects and activities will not result in the required carbon savings needed over the next 6 years, leading to a failure to achieve the objective of net zero carbon emissions in all council operations by 2030 as set out in the Climate Crisis strategy.

Risk Owner
 Ben Brown

Directorate Responsible
 Climate and Environment

Original Risk		
Likelihood	Impact	Score
3	3	9

Residual Risk		
Likelihood	Impact	Score
4	3	12

Risk direction
 Increasing 

Cabinet Member
 Councillor Reeves

Key Dates	
Date Registered	5th June 2024
Last update	5th June 2024

Background
 The UDC Climate Crisis Strategy identifies that the organisation needs to take control and reduce council carbon emissions, with a commitment to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030. Concern was raised by Scrutiny Committee as to whether the actions and activities being delivered in the Climate Crisis action plan were having the desired impact on the Councils commitment to net zero by 2030. A priority in the updated 2024/25 Climate and Biodiversity action plan is to develop and agree a Carbon Reduction Management plan, building on best practice in carbon and energy management. This plan is crucial to UDC corporate team understanding of the types of projects and investment that will be needed to achieve net zero carbon emissions in council operations. The aims of the carbon management plan include a robust framework to track carbon emission reduction, and more formal procedures and awareness of energy management responsibilities of all staff that have control or influence over energy, fuel, and water consumption. The UDC senior officer Climate and Biodiversity Board has oversight and responsibility for delivery of the Climate and Biodiversity action plan.

Service Area Affected
 All

Triggers
 The Council has made a commitment to reach Net Zero by 2030 and in order meet that challenging target, must establish a route map to achieve that target. Climate change and biodiversity must be considered alongside other corporate priorities and incorporated into strategic decision making if we are to be successful. If the Council does not embed these issues into longer term and everyday decision making, that opportunities for external funding will be missed for the community and the Council.

Risk Type
 Threat

Risk Response Category
 Reduce

Risk Response	Risk Response Actionee	RAG Status	Progress Update	Next Scheduled Update

Climate Change and Biodiversity board has been established to coordinate implementation of the Corporate Priorities and Climate Change Action plan at officer level.	Ben Brown	Amber	Third meeting scheduled on 14 October. Agenda will focus on emerging issues and risks around key CCBD plan actions as follows: 1. Estate Decarbonisation Plan, resource and investment needed. Match Funding Risk and Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme 2. District Wide Strategic Planning for Climate and Environment: Renewable Energy; Sustainable Transport; EV Strategy and Local Area Energy Plan. Emerging programme and projects and resource gaps. 3. Ecology and Biodiversity Planning and Projects. Delivering Biodiversity Duty	Dec
APSE energy engaged to rebenchmark energy usage (and other resource usage)	Vicky Reed	Green	APSE commissioned to revisit and validate UDC carbon baseline data and map Council trajectory to net zero including measures and investment required.	Dec
Engage with consultancy on fleet decarbonisation strategy	Ben Brown	Amber	Work planned for Q3 2024.	Dec
Potential bid to public sector decarbonisation fund autumn 2024	Nic Whitman	Amber	Building survey and HDP complete for London road, Canfield. Project development will meet submission requirements for Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund. Awaiting confirmation of project costs and match funding required.	Dec
Ecologist role currently vacant	Dean Hermitage	Red	Attempts to recruit to this role have been unsuccessful however interim arrangements have been established with ECC Place Services.	Dec

Key for RAG status of risk response	
R	Control is not in place or working or progress has slipped
A	Control is not working efficiently and some challenges remain
G	Control is working or predominantly in hand or completed