

Risk Identifier	CR-10
Risk Title	Climate Emergency

Risk Description	Risk Owner	Directorate Responsible
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.	Ben Brown	Climate and Environment

Previous Risk	Current Risk	Risk direction	Cabinet Member	Key Dates
Likelihood Impact Score	Likelihood Impact Score	Stable	Councillor Reeves	Date Registered 5th June 2024
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Background	Service Area Affected
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.	All

Triggers	Risk Type	Risk Response Category
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.	Threat	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	Forth meeting held in January and considered business case to transition UDC to HVO fuel which is a drop in alternative to regular diesel and considered as sustainable. Next meeting in April to consider Public Sector Decarbonisation project at London Road and the trajectory to net zero by 2030.	June 25
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.	June 25
Engage with consultancy on fleet decarbonisation strategy	Ben Brown	Amber	Business case for HVO being considered by Cabinet in spring 2025 and to determine potential funding for the additional costs.	June 25
Potential bid to public sector decarbonisation fund autumn 2024	Nicola Wittman	Green	Building survey and HDP complete for London road, Canfield. Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund bid successful for London Road project and will commence in Summer 2025. Further discussion and planning required for other estates.	June 25
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.	25-Jun

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