

Test Valley

Borough Council

Introduction

The Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP; 2024) was approved in November 2024. The CEAP aligns with the timeline of the Corporate Plan 2024-2027. As part of the monitoring and reporting on the delivery of the actions within the action plan, an annual report will be taken to Cabinet each year on behalf of Climate Emergency Working Group (CEWG). The annual report from the CEWG will report on the progress against the Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) actions as well as making recommendations for amendments to the CEAP. This is the first annual report.

This document therefore provides an update on progress delivering on our climate emergency objectives and actions.

Update on action delivery

The Climate Emergency Action Plan (2024) contains 39 actions. Annex 1 provides an update on each action, with an overview of the main progress summarised below. Within this section we have also provided information on projects that we have undertaken that support the objectives of the CEAP but are not specifically included as actions, this includes working with partners to make a difference. Some of the key updates are summarised below.

Communities

A climate change grant was launched in June 2025. The aim of the grant is to help community groups and other not-for-profit organisations to improve their energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and / or deliver projects to improve community resilience to climate change. So far nine grants have been awarded. Some examples of the grants have been listed below:

- Funds towards solar panels and battery storage at Ampfield Pavilion, Sherfield English Village Hall, and Woodley Village Hall.
- Funds towards replacing lighting with LEDs at St Peter's Church Hall in Over Wallop and Abbey United Reform Church in Romsey.
- Funds towards other projects including relating to windows, window coverings, and control systems at Abbotswood Community Centre, and Baddesley Baptist Church.

This grant is being run as a one-year pilot until March 2026. A progress review will be undertaken before the deadline to assess whether the scheme will be recommended to continue in 2026/27.

As well as the climate change grant, projects are continuing to be awarded funding through our other grant schemes such as the Community Asset Fund, including towards schemes to reduce energy use.



Residents

Over the course of the operation of the Warmer Homes scheme (from mid-2023 to end March 2025) 58 properties in Test Valley received a total of 112 measures to improve the energy performance. About 17 of the properties were completed since the CEAP was approved in 2024.

We are also working to help raise awareness of available energy efficient grants to residents, especially within the winter months. In addition to this we are looking to review policy to reduce any barriers to grants currently available to residents.

In line with the nature of some of the buildings within Test Valley, we commissioned a piece of work to prepare a guidance resource on heritage assets for energy efficiency and renewable energy proposals. The guide looks to provide information on how to make historic buildings more energy efficient. This can be found on our website here.

A kerbside food waste recycling service was launched in October, which may reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with managing waste at a borough and beyond scale.

Businesses

We delivered a net zero support project which has helped a number of businesses by providing support and advice on how to make their businesses more energy efficient. Through this two year project, 97 businesses engaged with this support service, 62 site visits were conducted and at least 26 businesses adopted new to the firm technologies as a result. Overall 24 businesses were awarded small capital grants towards decarbonisation projects including LED lighting, insulation, energy efficient windows, thermal window blinds / window film, energy efficient chillers/freezers, solar PV panels, composters, and electric vehicle (EV) charging units.

A new business solar grant was launched which follows on from the information shared on rooftop solar potential for buildings located in certain business parks and industrial estates in Test Valley. The council also sponsored the sustainability award category for the Test Valley Business Awards 2025.

Wider environment

A Tree Strategy and associated action plan was approved in May 2025 by Cabinet. This represents the next step on a journey to continue with an integrated approach to the management of trees and woodlands. The strategy aims to build on the council's proven track record of a proactive approach to tree and woodland management across a broad portfolio of public spaces. It sets out our management principles for our trees and woodlands, our approach to new and replacement planting, and how we intend to ensure a resilient and sustainable tree stock for the future.

The council supported the preparation of the Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy which has been led by Hampshire County Council. Based on the current timescales, it is anticipated that the Strategy will be published by the end of the year.



Council's greenhouse gas emissions

The Climate Emergency Action Plan set out the approach to calculating the council's greenhouse gas emissions. This concentrates on the energy (gas and electricity) used by most buildings we own and operate, as well as the fuel for our fleet vehicles and smaller machinery (e.g. for managing green spaces). The council's greenhouse gas reporting helps inform our approach to actions to work towards carbon neutrality.

We publish our greenhouse gas emissions each year, with the latest information for 2024/25. Table 1 provides a summary of the carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions for the different categories we report on.

Scope 1 emissions related to the fleet have dropped due to the switch from diesel to HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil) and electric vehicles, with this being the first full reporting year of using HVO. Energy consumed for powering electric vehicles appears in scope 2 rather than scope 1.

Gas consumption has reduced for this year. While Bourne House no longer uses gas, as a result of the decarbonisation project, other buildings have a combination of increases and decreases in gas consumption, which may reflect year to year variations for example depending on use and heating demand.

Electricity associated emissions have increased overall, however some buildings have increased their electricity consumption and others have reduced consumption. An increase in electricity consumption at Bourne House was anticipated as a result of the delivery of the decarbonisation project and the move away from gas powered heating.

Table 1: TVBC annual greenhouse gas emissions (tonnes CO₂e)

| Scope | Source | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 | 24/25 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 (Direct | Fleet fuel | 1,010 | 1,053 | 1,078 | 1,087 | 1,077 | 90 | 15 |
| Emissions) | Small machinery | 15 | 14 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 18 | 20 |
| | Gas use | 251 | 260 | 251 | 329 | 313 | 308 | 278 |
| Total Scope 1 | | 1,276 | 1,326 | 1,342 | 1,431 | 1,404 | 415 | 314 |
| 2 (Indirect Emissions) | Electricity use | 416 | 366 | 255 | 234 | 222 | 232 | 260 |
| Total Gross emissions | | 1,691 | 1,692 | 1,597 | 1,665 | 1,626 | 647 | 574 |
| Green tariff | | - | | 138 | 203 | 179 | 182 | 208 |
| Solar PV exports | | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Net emissio | ns | 1,683 | 1,685 | 1,453 | 1,457 | 1,444 | 461 | 362 |

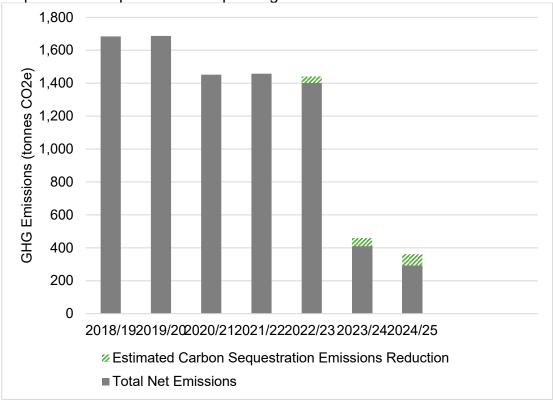
Overall, net emissions decreased by 99 tonnes CO₂e between 2023/24 and 2024/25, which equates to about a 20% reduction. Since 2018/19, the emissions have reduced by about 78%. This has largely been influenced by our switch to HVO fuel and the change to an electricity contract backed by Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origin (REGO) certification.

Carbon sequestration

A carbon sequestration calculation was undertaken to estimate the impact of the council's tree planting (since 2021) on net greenhouse gas emissions as part of the CEAP. It was outlined with caveats including that this is a new science, there is not one universal calculation, and the research shows varying figures in the literature which arise for a range of factors including ages of habitats, species, soils, and location. Therefore, we recognised the benefit of carbon sequestration on the council's carbon emissions but could not be precise of the actual impact.

Since the publication of the CEAP (2024) an assessment has been undertaken looking at carbon storage and sequestration on council green spaces. We have updated our approach to calculating the carbon sequestration associated with tree planting as a result. Figure 1 outlines an updated bar graph using the latest data.

Figure 1: Net greenhouse gas emissions trajectory with updated carbon sequestration impact from tree planting



Emissions within the borough of Test Valley

The government publishes data on greenhouse gas emissions by local authority area. This does not cover all emissions but is a useful source of information. The most recent information is for 2023. Table 2 shows how the emissions have changed in recent years, with the coronavirus pandemic having an impact, particularly in relation to transport.

Between 2022 and 2023 there was a reduction in emissions of just over 4%, which is similar to the national average of about 5%. Between 2005 and 2023 reported emissions in the borough reduced by about 37%. The national decarbonisation of power supplies will have played a role in the change in emissions over this timescale.

The rate of change varies between sectors. Since 2005, industrial and domestic sector emissions reduced by about 50%, and commercial emissions reduced by about 60% in Test Valley. In comparison, transport emissions reduced by about 17%. The smaller reduction in transport emissions is also seen when looking at Hampshire and England as a whole.



Table 2: Borough of Test Valley greenhouse gas emissions (full dataset) (kilotonnes CO₂e)

| Sector | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Industry | 51.0 | 56.6 | 51.1 | 44.8 |
| Commercial | 61.9 | 71.2 | 62.9 | 50.8 |
| Public sector | 20.6 | 21.6 | 18.9 | 14.8 |
| Domestic | 194.4 | 195.0 | 165.6 | 156.1 |
| Transport | 360.7 | 380.6 | 386.4 | 378.2 |
| Land use, land use change, forest (net) | -19.2 | -17.7 | -16.3 | -16.6 |
| Agriculture | 99.5 | 100.9 | 96.9 | 94.7 |
| Waste | 19.8 | 23.8 | 17.6 | 27.2 |
| Total | 788.7 | 831.9 | 783.1 | 749.9 |

[Taken from UK local authority and regional greenhouse gas emissions statistics: 2005 – 2023, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, 2025]



Conclusion and next steps

Over the past year, we have made progress on delivering a number of our actions relating to the climate emergency, with others underway.

The CEAP aligns with the timeline of the Corporate Plan 2024-2027. Therefore, over the next year the Climate Emergency Working Group will continue to monitor and review the progress of the actions within the action plan. This will include refining how the progress of the actions is captured to provide more context into the progress made and to help identify actions which are complete and those which will be taken further. The review process will also include identifying potential new actions to ensure that the council continually adapts and find new ways in which to reduce organisation greenhouse gas emissions as well as helping to influence those within the borough to do the same.

Annex 1: Update on CEAP (2024) actions

| No. | Action | CEAP (2024) timescale / milestone | Progress | Update |
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| 1 | Investigate the feasibility of implementing measures to improve the energy efficiency and enhance our use of renewable energy at Portway Depot, including through pipework insulation, replacing glazing, and installing additional solar panels (potentially with supporting energy storage). | By end March 2025 | Underway – early stages | A feasibility study will look at the testing of ground conditions, roof structures and energy usage data to better inform future proposals. The feasibility study will be used to build on previously completed works and clear up any caveats highlighted in past studies. This is intended to be undertaken as part of the same package of investigative works as for the Walworth Enterprise Centre. |
| 2 | Investigating measures to improve energy efficiency and use renewable energy at Walworth Enterprise Centre e.g. cavity wall insultation, solar PV panels (potentially with energy storage), and air source heat pump(s). | By end March 2025 | Underway – early stages | A feasibility study will look at the testing of ground conditions, roof structures and energy usage data to better inform any future proposals. The feasibility study will be used to build on previously completed works and clear up any caveats highlighted in past studies. This is intended to be undertaken as part of the same package of investigative works as for Portway Depot and potentially also Beech Hurst. |
| 3 | Plan and deliver the new theatre in Andover to operate as closely to being carbon neutral as possible. | Autumn 2027 | Underway - in progress | The planning application for the new theatre has been submitted. At present, the new theatre is forecast to achieve BREEAM Excellent. Due care will be provided to ensuring that the demolition works integrate environmental management principles and standards. |
| 4 | Investigate the feasibility to install batteries for energy storage where solar PV panels are being/have been installed. | Ongoing action for all relevant projects | Underway - no live projects | Solar PV has been fitted to Portway Depot and Ganger Farm Sports Pavilion. At the time of their installation, the initial assessment was that there was unlikely to be a significant benefit from batteries. There was also consideration of installing batteries as part of the Bourne House decarbonisation project, but this was pursued at the time. |

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| | | | | No current proposals to install solar panels on other council assets to report on in the context of this action. The position in relation to batteries will be kept under review as the technologies continue to evolve. |
| 5 | Explore the carbon storage and sequestration role of our parks, nature reserves and other green spaces and opportunities to enhance management to improve this potential and additional opportunities for carbon offsetting. | By end March 2025 | Complete – reviewing next steps and scope to implement | The carbon sequestration assessment was completed in June 2025. This looked at the carbon sequestration of the council's green spaces and provides recommendations for specific sites for potential future sequestration opportunities. The council is reviewing the recommendations to determine what can be implemented and next steps. |
| 6 | Scope and produce a Tree Strategy which would see the roll out of management principles, the approach to replacement planting and new planting across council property throughout the lifetime of the CEAP. | By end March 2025 | Complete and implementing | The Tree and Woodland Strategy was approved by Cabinet in May 2025. This includes an associated action plan. |
| 7 | Replace lighting with LEDs across the council's built assets. | Subject to resources, this will be completed within between 2 and 5 years | Underway – in progress | The following sites have been completed: Picket Twenty Sports Pavilion car park lights Hunts Farm Sports Ground Beech Hurst ground floor DWP office Portway Depot ground maintenance store Walworth Enterprise Centre communal areas The following sites are planned to be completed in the near future as the next tranche of assets: Beech Hurst parking bollards |
| | | | | Beech Hurst parking bollardsAlma Road car parkCrosfield Hall |

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| | | | | Charlton Sports Centre |
| | | | | The remaining assets will be reviewed and grouped into different packages of work to be tendered to a subcontractor. |
| 8 | Review EV charging infrastructure for council vehicles and staff. | By end March 2025 | Underway – in progress | 10 new EV faster chargers were installed at Portway Depot in November 2024. The installation of EV charging at Beech Hurst is being reviewed, which is scheduled to take place in 2025/26. |
| 9 | Investigate the feasibility of installing a solar canopy on the top deck of the Chantry Centre Multi-Storey Car Park. As part of this, consider whether any | By end March 2025 | Underway – early stages | There is a programme of remedial work for the car park, looking primarily at work to the concrete structure, which has been the initial focus. |
| | scheme should include energy storage options. | | | A feasibility study was undertaken in 2022 that needs to be further developed in order to understand the potential for solar PV. As such, further work is planned to undertake a structural assessment of the roof deck to understand possible loading and update the feasibility study to establish the possible energy generation from any scheme. The outcome of this work will inform further consideration of options. |
| 10 | Implement an integrated waste collection approach for council sites that maximises the range of materials that can be recycled. | By end March 2025 | Complete and operating | In line with legal requirements for certain businesses through Simpler Recycling, additional recycling opportunities have been introduced, including a food waste stream. |
| 11 | Investigate opportunities to reduce the unnecessary use of disposable/single use materials. | Ongoing action | Underway | This is an ongoing action that all services are involved in. No specific updates available at this time. |
| 12 | Continue to roll out smart energy meters across the council's larger built assets (based on energy consumption). | List of assets to be fitted with smart meters | Underway – in progress | Half hourly smart meters are currently installed at Portway Depot, Walworth Enterprise Centre, Chantry Centre Multi-storey Car Park, Andover Bus Station |

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| | | to be submitted to energy companies by end of 2024 | | complex, Ganger Farm and Beech Hurst. Smart energy meters require internet access which may affect their role out. Work has commenced to seek the installation of smart meters where possible. |
| 13 | Replace the external lighting in the car park at Beech Hurst with LEDs. | Complete by end March 2025 | Complete – next stage to be commenced | The Beech Hurst car park LED lighting upgrade is complete. Phase two for 2025/26 is to upgrade the low-level lighting bollards (also referenced in action 7 update). |
| 14 | Update the Procurement Strategy in the context of the climate emergency and incorporate ethical, sustainable criteria into the procurement process. | Complete by end of 2024 | Underway – early stages | The council's contract standing orders have been updated to take account of the implementation of the Procurement Act 2023. The approach to updating associated documents, including the Procurement Strategy, is being reviewed to ensure they are fit for purpose. The current Procurement Strategy continues to be relevant and needs to be taken into account. This document includes a section on sustainable procurement – the way this would be considered will depend on the nature of the goods, works, or services being procured. |
| 15 | Undertake a climate change risk assessment in relation to the council's assets and service delivery. | Complete by end of March 2025 | Underway – in progress, near completion | A climate change risk assessment has been prepared and is continuing to be refined. It will be kept under review to ensure it remains up to date. |
| 16 | Investigate feasibility of installing cavity wall insulation at Former Magistrates Court, Romsey. | By end March 2025 | Complete and closed | In light of further investigation, it is considered that cavity wall insulation would not be appropriate for this building. There may be other options for wall insulation that can be considered but they would have other implications that would need to be fully assessed and would be more intrusive to undertake, which may result in other approaches to improving the energy performance of this site being preferable. |

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| 17 | Continue to engage in supporting the implementation of the Local Transport Plan, as a mechanism to encourage greater use of active and sustainable travel modes. | Ongoing action. The plan looks forward to 2050 but is likely to be reviewed prior to this, with short term (to 2025) and medium to long term priorities established. | Underway | Councillor Janet Burnage has been confirmed as Member Champion for Active Travel, the purpose of this role is to raise the profile of this issue across Test Valley and promote the delivery of active travel schemes with support of officers. |
| 18 | Complete a feasibility study to assess the technical and economic potential of a heat network in Andover town centre. | By end of 2024 | Complete and closed | The feasibility study has been completed. In light of discussion with the Climate Emergency Working Group, it is not intended to progress with the investigation of a heat network in Andover at this time, but this can be kept under review in light of any government funding and policy announcements. |
| 19 | Undertake an assessment of heat network zones across the borough. | By end of 2024 | Complete and closed | The assessment has been completed. The Climate Emergency Working Group has been briefed on the outcomes and there are no further actions planned on this matter at this stage. |
| 20 | Through the preparation of the Test Valley Local Plan 2040, ensure policies and proposals facilitate the move towards carbon neutrality and active & sustainable travel. | Submit for examination in mid-2025 | Underway – in progress, working towards Regulation 19 stage (Quarters 2 & 3 2026) | Following the Revised Regulation 18 consultation, representations are being reviewed to inform our approach to the next stage of preparing the Local Plan. This will also include further engagement with key consultees and updating the evidence base to support the emerging Local Plan. As part of this process, it remains the intention to ensure policies and proposals facilitate the move towards carbon neutrality, as well as |

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| | | | | trying to enable options for active and sustainable travel as far as possible to do so. |
| 21 | Produce a guidance resource on heritage assets for energy efficiency & renewable energy proposals. | By end of 2024 | Complete and in use | This is completed and has been published on the council's <u>website</u> . Councillors have been made aware of the document, and an update has been provided to the Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils (TVAPTC). |
| 22 | Promote and raise awareness of grants available to residents to improve the energy performance of their homes, this includes the Warmer Homes scheme. | Warmer Homes available until March 2025 | Underway – in progress | Through the Warmer Homes (HUG2) scheme, which is now closed, 58 properties in the borough received a total of 112 measures to improve their energy performance. This included the installation of insulation, air source heat pumps, and solar PV panels. Additional measures have been delivered through other grant schemes. The Warm Homes: Local Grant scheme launched in April 2025 and is proving to be very popular with residents nationally. Interested applicants are invited to express an interest in the scheme, and a link is available from the council's energy efficiency webpages. In response to the report taken to council on 23 July 2025, a budget of £15,000 has been allocated to help with promotion of grants to improve energy performance. The council's webpages relating to energy efficiency have been updated to provide the most up to date information, including signposting to other organisations who can offer advice and support. A leaflet has been produced on energy efficiency grants, which is being distributed through a range of community networks. A social media campaign has just commenced on this subject. |

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| 23 | Work with Hampshire County Council to prepare the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for northern Test Valley. | Early 2025 | Complete being implemeted | The northern Test Valley LCWIP was adopted by Hampshire County Council in March 2025. TVBC will continue to work with Hampshire County Council to secure funding and deliver the measures in the LCWIP as part of the implementation of Local Transport Plan 4. |
| 24 | Continue to work with Hampshire County Council in relation to community transport opportunities within the borough. | Ongoing action | Underway – in progress | The community transport contract has been renewed and commenced on 1 September 2025. The length of the contract is 4 years plus the option to extend for a further two years. This comprises dial a ride and minibus hire options through Test Valley Connect. The contract sets out that when vehicle replacement is needed, will look to replace with electric mini buses if the technology / logistics allows. |
| 25 | Work with Hampshire County Council in their planning and delivery of the role out of on-street electric vehicle charging point through the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) scheme. | Deployment of charging points anticipated to be undertaken over five years from 2025/26 | Underway – early stages | The Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) scheme in Hampshire is working towards the rollout phase, with funding allocated to support on-street EV charging infrastructure. Hampshire County Council has been allocated £6,662,000 from the Department for Transport (DfT) for this purpose. The rollout of LEVI funded EV charging infrastructure is subject to agreement by the Department for Transport of the application - it is understood the funding has been approved. The council has offered assistance in the rollout phase. |
| 26 | Investigate future demand of EV charging points in Test Valley operated car parks. | By end of 2024 | Complete – will be reviewed in the future | This has been completed as part of car park review. This indicated that at present there are enough charging points in both Andover and Romsey, but that this will be kept under review in the future. |
| 27 | Deliver the second year of the Test Valley community energy project in conjunction with Community Energy South. | By end of March 2025 | Complete and closed | This has been completed. The focus of the project shifted part way through the year to encourage additional delivery. This resulted in support to a number of community groups to identify opportunities to save |

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| | | | | energy in community buildings and supported Broughton in the early stages of a village decarbonisation project. |
| 28 | Work with communities to develop case studies of projects undertaken locally that others can use to inform their own schemes. | By end of March 2025 | Underway – in progress | Case studies have been identified through discussions at TVAPTC and internal feedback. Work is underway to prepare written and video case studies. |
| | | | | The case studies will include Amport and Monxton Village Hall and Abbotswood Community Centre. Further community organisations will be contacted regarding case studies in the coming months. |
| 29 | Deliver the rural net zero support project to include a pilot project on land management. | By end of March 2025 | Complete and closed | An event was held on 5 March 2025 to disseminate results of trials to farming community. The report and associated film is available via the council's website. |
| 30 | Deliver the rural net zero support project to include and business advice service. | By end of March 2025 | Complete and closed | Rural net zero project has been completed. 97 businesses engaged, 62 site visits were conducted and at least 26 businesses adopted new to the firm technologies as a result. |
| 31 | Deliver the rural net zero support project to include capital grants programme. | By end of March 2025 | Complete and closed | Rural net zero project has been completed. 24 businesses were awarded small capital grants towards decarbonisation projects including LED lighting, insulation, energy efficient windows, thermal window blinds / window film, energy efficient chillers/freezers, solar PV panels, composters, and EV charging units. A series of case studies have been prepared and published on the council's website to illustrate some of |
| 32 | Take action under the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) policy where private rented housing fails to meet the minimum energy efficiency standards. | Ongoing action | Underway – in progress | the changes made as a result of the programme. Action is being taken on a case-by-case basis where a property is identified to be non-compliant. |

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| 33 | Supporting climate change related initiatives and project emerging through engagement with communities through the Thriving Communities project. | Ongoing action | Underway | No specific climate change related initiatives identified through this route at this point. |
| 34 | Design and develop a community grant specifically related to climate change. | By end March 2025 | Complete – implementing | The Climate Change grant was launched in June 2025, following Council approval of the budget for 2025/26. So far, nine grants have been awarded. |
| 35 | Continue to work with partners through local resilience forums to include appropriate consideration of risks associated with climate change. | Ongoing | Underway – in progress | Test Valley Borough Council is a member of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum and as such considers the impacts of climate related events as part of its usual planning processes. Specific consideration is given to such events as flooding, wildfires, and extreme weather along with the consequences of such events e.g. power loss due to frozen/downed power cables. At a more local level the borough council continues to promote community resilience and the production of community emergency plans amongst its local communities and is looking to provide more resource for this work over the coming year. |
| 36 | Through the preparation of planning policy and determination of planning applications, promote active and sustainable travel opportunities within new developments. | Ongoing | Underway – early stages | This is an ongoing activity in relation to both planning policy and determining planning applications. Opportunities for active and sustainable travel are being considered through the identification of proposed site allocations through the emerging Local Plan. |
| 37 | Continue to use our communication tools, including the website and Green Test Valley e-newsletter, to raise awareness of and signpost to opportunities and advice on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change. | Ongoing | Underway – in progress and ongoing | The Green Test Valley and other council e-newsletters, including the business e-newsletter, have been used to raise awareness of a number of projects and pieces of work, including grants, resources, projects we have supported and opportunities to get involved. |

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| 38 | Share updates, best practice, and case studies with local communities to support community based action on climate change. This will include engagement with the Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils. | Ongoing | Underway – in progress | This links to action 28. Amport and Monxton Village Hall and Abbotswood Community Centre have provided information for a case study. Further community organisations will be contacted regarding case studies. Information on resources to support communities is available on the website. Procurement is underway to commission a support service for community organisations for the remainder of 2025/26 who are struggling to know where to start with reducing their energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. |
| 39 | Work with organisations that deliver services on behalf of the council to encourage them to act on reducing their greenhouse gas emissions. This would include Places Leisure, as the operator of assets including Romsey Rapids and Andover Leisure Centre and Registered Providers in relation to their existing housing stock. | Ongoing | Underway – in progress | Solar Panels have been installed at Andover Leisure Centre. Building Management Systems (BMS) and air handling unit installed at Romsey Rapids. Work is underway to update parts of the plant in order to connet these to the new upgraded BMS at Romsey Rapids. |

