

Climate Change Strategy Acton Plan 2022

Time frames **and** **Priority**
short 2022-2024 low
med 2023 -2027 medium
long 2027-2030 high

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1. Communication, Lobbying, partnership working					
HBC corporate actions					
1.1	Create a brand/image for Climate Change communications and use with all comms to do with behaviour change, engagement and positive environmental impacts	Encourage others to take climate and environmental action Increased visibility of Council's climate actions	Officer resources & time including Climate Change & Communication teams	Short Med	Branding developed by March 2023
1.2	Keep the Council's climate change web pages up to date and continue to develop media to engage new audiences and keep people and organisations engaged	Raised awareness of climate change and actions you can take at home, in your business etc	Can be delivered using existing resources Communication team and Climate Change team with support from all services	Short High	Ongoing Provide a monthly update in the council's newsletter
Actions by the council to enable the borough to become net zero carbon by 2030					

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1.3	Continue to share the climate strategy and action plan with partners and work with Government departments, SELEP, the Energy Hub, ESCC and other regional and local organisations to identify existing and forthcoming funding to support specific projects and actions.	Investment in climate change action plan commitments in order to meet certain KPIs	Can be delivered using existing resources	Short – Long High	Ongoing
1.4	Keep the Climate Change and Environment Communications and Engagement Plan up to date reflecting local, regional, national and international environmental campaigns	Raised awareness of environment and climate change issues	Can be delivered using existing resources Communication and climate change team with support from all services	Short High	Annual environmental campaigns are promoted throughout the year
2 Governance and decision making					
HBC corporate actions					
2.1	To reflect the climate action the council is planning to take, meet with all council service areas and engage with HBC staff to update the action plan	Climate emergency is integrated across all service areas, policies strategies and projects	Within existing resources Climate change team	Short High	By Nov 2022
2.2	Provide staff and councillor training on the council's climate change strategy	It will be clear to cllrs, officers and the public the climate change	Within existing resources Officer time	Short High	staff training 2023+ Cllrs 2023

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	and action plan to ensure our decisions take into account climate change implications	consequences of all decisions			
2.3	Investigate climate/carbon E-learning opportunities available through the councils current learning portal that could be mandatory for all staff	All staff will increase their environmental awareness to enable carbon reduction in their work and private life	Within existing resources – HR team	Short High	March 2023 and ongoing
2.4	Update job descriptions to include climate change as part of the standard result area for all jobs incorporating climate change into the Council’s behavioural framework	Climate change becomes a core job requirement for all roles. Increased climate change awareness amongst staff and requirements with service provisions	Within existing resources - HR team	Short Med	Within 2022/2023 and ongoing
2.5	Set up green champions network for interested staff to support the council’s climate change work	Increased awareness, engagement and support to deliver the climate emergency and reduce the Councils and boroughs greenhouse gas emissions	Officer resources to develop, instigate and maintain and engage the whole organisation Climate Change team & Communication	Med Med	Establish a staff climate change action group to develop and implement ideas during 2023/24
2.6	Prepare an annual report to cabinet each March and 6 monthly update report in October providing an	Cllrs are kept informed and up to date about progress being made to deliver the climate change action plan	Can be delivered Within existing resources	Short High	Ongoing Annual report and 6 monthly update reports

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	update about the action plan and information about the towns and the council's carbon emissions.				
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2.7	Working in partnership with Rother District Council, Wealden District Council and the East Sussex Procurement Hub update the council's sustainable procurement policy to ensure our supply chain for goods and services contributes to net zero	Reduced emissions from procurement.(scope3) Increased local spend and resulting improved community wealth Supports value for money and the wider economic, social and environmental benefits	Can be delivered within existing resources Procurement Hub and climate change team	Short High	Updated policy by Q1 2023/34 Procurement Hub to provide Training for all staff that procure goods and services during 2023/24
3 Renewable and low carbon energy (power and heat)					
HBC corporate actions					
3.1	Continue to identify further opportunities to install solar PV on council owned buildings and large 3 rd party roofs in the borough	Help to support the council and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions and operational costs	Within existing resources and agreed budget	Short High	2022/23 for first phase
3.2	Ensure the council purchases green electricity for its operational assets e.g. Muriel Matters House	Continue to minimise the council's Scope 2 emissions through renewable energy electricity	Within existing resources Head of Finance with support from	Short and ongoing	Notify by March 2023 next round of procurement

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			climate change team		
Actions by the council to enable the borough to become net zero carbon by 2030					
3.3	Identify opportunities/sites for onshore wind turbines and other renewable energy schemes within the refresh of the Local Plan	Increase supply of local renewable energy, creating greater local energy security and supporting the decarbonisation of the energy system	Local Plan Policy team Existing resources and working with partner organisations e.g. Rother District Council	Short and ongoing Med	2022/23 and ongoing
3.4	Work with UK Power Network (UKPN) to support the transition to a smart grid capable of meeting the requirements of a carbon-neutral Hastings; develop a greater understanding of local grid constraints so that investment in EV infrastructure and development of new renewable & low carbon energy assets can be achieved	Reduction in carbon emissions	Existing resources including Planning Policy, climate change team	Long Med	Ongoing
3.5	Enable community energy schemes and explore the potential for micro-grids in housing developments on council land	Community energy schemes are supported to deliver projects locally	Within existing resources Estates, Planning, Housing and Climate	Short – long Med	Ongoing

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		Increase in community owned local energy generation	Change and Legal teams		
3.6	Ensure Local Plan policies deliver strategic energy infrastructure developments, transport and housing that seek to support the transition to a carbon-neutral Hastings and the decarbonisation of the electricity grid.	The transition to net zero for the town is supported through planning policy	Existing resources Planning Policy team and Climate Change team	long	2030
3.7	Working in partnership with 'Your Energy Sussex' and local authorities across East and West Sussex continue to promote 'Solar Together Sussex', and similar initiatives to encourage the uptake of renewable and low carbon technologies in owner occupier homes	Increased energy security Increased in local energy generation Reduced carbon emissions from local homes Reduced fuel poverty Support local supply chain	In partnership with YES and ESCC – within existing resources Climate change and communication team	Short Med	Ongoing – annual
3.8	Investigate the potential for low carbon heat networks in large scale redevelopment and new development projects taking advantage of govt funding for feasibility	Town wide carbon emissions reduced	Govt funding – HNDU and HNIP Within existing resources	Med – long Med	2023+

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	studies and capital infrastructure				
4 Reducing energy demand from homes and the built environment The existing building stock accounts for 75% of existing CO2 emissions – reducing demand for electricity and heating could reduce borough-wide emissions by 30%. Retrofitting and improving the energy efficiency of all tenures of existing housing (owner occupied, private rented, and social housing) will be required to meet net zero					
HBC corporate actions					
4.1	Review the Council's estate to understand the current carbon/ energy performance of its assets and develop a long-term asset management plan and associated carbon reduction plan for council assets to ensure the council assets meet EPC requirements EPC C by 2025 for new tenant and 2018 for existing tenants.	This will ensure that our assets are energy efficient and meet landlord EPC requirements Reduced carbon emissions Improved energy efficient stock	Resources will need to be identified and secured from govt funding schemes e.g. psds for any identified improvements to assets.	Med -Long	2024+
4.2	Undertake further energy /carbon efficient retrofits of Council operational buildings if cost-effective to do so e.g. LED lighting at MMH	Reduced carbon emission and energy bills from council buildings	Within existing resources and invest to save budget following business case	Short Med	2023+
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4.3	Complete housing stock condition survey (waiting for the census data to be released for housing)	Provides baseline information to inform housing strategy and long-term planning for retrofitting the existing housing stock.	And within existing resources	Short	2022/23
4.4	Use the Housing stock condition survey to inform the decisions about a future HMO licensing scheme and continue to take action to address category 1 hazards for excess cold, damp and mould in the private rented housing.	Reduced health inequalities from poor quality housing Reduced carbon emissions from housing sector	HMO licensing tbc Funding and staffing will need to be provided if a similar scheme is to be continued in the borough beyond the funding available Within existing resources	Short High	Ongoing and 2023+
4.5	Share the findings of the BEIS funded MEES project which targeted EPC F and G rated private rented stock to inform the approach the council will take to enforcing future EPC standards of EPC C for new tenancies by 2025 and existing tenants by 2028.	Adequate resources in place to support housing work Improved housing stock and living conditions Reduced carbon emissions from private rented housing	Resources tbc	Short High	Tbc

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4.6	Develop and implement the actions defined in the Hastings Housing strategy TBA	Housing standards in the private rented sector Improve Reduced fuel poverty reduced health inequalities	Housing Strategy to be developed Housing team	Short High	2023/24
4.7	Work in partnership with other local authorities, private and social landlords through East Sussex Housing Officers Group (ESHOG) and East Sussex Energy Partnership to develop a strategic approach to decarbonise all tenures of housing	Carbon emissions are reduced as far as practicably possible from housing Reduced fuel poverty and improved health outcomes	Local partnerships e.g. ESHOG and ESEP Within existing resources Fuel poverty coord, housing and climate team working with public health and housing strategic leads.	Short -long High	Ongoing
4.8	Work in collaboration with East Sussex Housing Officers Group (ESHOG) and East Sussex Energy Partnership and others to develop bids for the local authority delivery strands of the Governments Home Upgrade Grants and other associated funding schemes such as the Social Housing decarbonisation scheme	Public and private sector housing can access funds to help retrofit and improve energy efficiency Worst energy performing homes are improved and EPC rating of local housing increases Reduced risk of cold, damp and mouldy homes Improved health outcomes	As funding becomes available Fuel poverty coord, housing and climate change team	Short – Med High	2022+

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4.9	Support and facilitate access to the Warm Homes East Sussex scheme	Fuel poverty in the borough reduces Those most vulnerable benefit from energy efficient advice and measures and other support as required Improved health outcomes	Within existing resources Fuel poverty coordinator and comms teams and ESEP	Short - long high	Ongoing
4.10	Continue to promote guidance from Historic England about how to improve the energy efficiency and climate resilience of the local historic housing stock and create conservation and design guidance for the local plan	5000 properties in the borough are in conservation areas or a listed property	Within existing resources Conservation and design team	Short High	2023+
4.11	Deliver the Town Living Towns Fund project	12 Retrofitted, affordable homes Reduced fuel poverty Worst energy performing homes are improved and EPC rating of local housing increases Best practice example of how to retrofit Grade 2 listed property	Phase 1 – 5 homes by March 2026 Housing and Towns Fund Programme team	Med High	2022-2026
4.12	Influence new housing developments on council	All new homes are designed and built to be as low		Short –Long	2023+

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	land to make sure new housing developed is as low carbon as technically feasible and affordable	carbon and energy efficient and as possible within budgets available			
4.13	Support the 'Partnerships for people and place' project researching the challenges of retrofitting/improving the energy efficiency of the private rented stock – a partnership project with ESCC, CAB1066 BEIS and DHLUC	Findings of the research shared with partners	Within existing resources Fuel poverty, housing and climate change team	Short med	2023
4.14	Support the delivery of the Green construction, energy and vehicle training centre Towns Fund project at the Ore Campus ESCG	New green skills training centre open and course running Increase in green skills and job opportunities	By March 2026 Towns fund programme team	Med high	Courses start in 2023
5 Transport					
HBC corporate actions					
5.1	Continue to review the Council's fleet and identify opportunities for fleet replacement with zero and ultra low carbon vehicles and the use of electric bikes. Install associated	Reduced carbon emissions and improved air quality EV Vehicle fleet being procured <ul style="list-style-type: none"> wardens and parking service 1 van, 2 cars EV ordered 	Fleet manager and parking services manager Fleet vehicles ordered Fleet charging infrastructure at	Short and medium high	Ongoing

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	work place charge points for electric fleet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT and leisure – one Van ordered 	Carlisle base installed other sites to follow		
5.2	Introduce a cycle to work scheme to encourage more active travel for staff Reviewing other actions to support this such as a secure bike store and potential battery charging for EV bikes.	Gradual modal shift to reduce private vehicle travel and sustainable travel becoming the norm Increase number of staff commuting to work and meetings by bike Improved physical and mental well being	Existing Officer resources, HR and Finance	Short High	To have scheme set up for all staff to apply to by Dec 2022
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5.3	Continue to keep under review off-street car parking fees and consider the introduction of an emission-based scheme to encourage the switch to cleaner, more efficient vehicles.	Improved air quality Reduced emissions from vehicles	Within existing resources Parking and finance team	Short Med	Ongoing By 2030
5.4	Work in partnership with ESCC to deliver new cycling and walking initiatives as detailed in the East Sussex Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and seek	Additional cycling and walking routes Increased active travel opportunities Improved health and well being Improved air quality	Can be delivered using existing resources Planning policy, climate change and regeneration teams	Short – long High	Ongoing

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	opportunities for funding.				
5.5	Work in partnership with ESCC to deliver on-street EV charging infrastructure and where technically feasible the off street EV charging infrastructure	Increased charging infrastructure for electric vehicles Improved air quality Reduced emissions form transport	Can be delivered using existing resources Parking services, planning and climate change teams	Short med long Med	Ongoing
5.6	Work in partnership with ESCC to develop the Local Transport Plan (LTP4) to inform the transport policies and priorities for the county and future investment including meeting net zero carbon	Improved air quality More active travel options Reduced reliance on the car	Can be delivered using existing resources Planning, economic development, regeneration, parking and climate change teams	Short High	Complete by winter 2023
5.7	Ensure all new housing developments provide infrastructure for electric vehicles, active travel and car sharing options	The decarbonisation of transport is supported Improved air quality	Within existing resources	Short Med	Ongoing
5.8	Encourage the use of public transport by visitors to Hastings and those attending the towns events to reduce the need to travel by car	Improved air quality	Within existing resources	Short Med	Ongoing
	Convert Biffa waste fleet to HVO from April 2-23	Reduction in Co2 emissions from waste fleet by 85-90%	Pricing tbc	Short High	April 2023 and ongoing
6 Biodiversity, green infrastructure and nature recovery					

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<p>Nature and ecosystems play a huge role in regulating the climate, absorbing carbon and can help us to adapt to and mitigate climate change. Biodiversity and ecosystems are a crucial part of our effort to combat climate change and working with nature brings multiple benefits.</p>					
<p>HBC corporate actions</p>					
6.1	Develop an in house Grounds maintenance service and new service specification to manage the town's parks and open spaces	Greater control over maintenance specification Enhance local biodiversity	Within available resources	Short High	Nov 2023
6.2	Improve and reduce mowing practices on the council's land, in parks and open spaces and grass verges	Increase in biodiversity and habitat for insects Reduction in waste arisings from mowing	Within available resources	Short high	Ongoing with more influence from Nov 2023
6.3	Reduce the use of chemicals on council's land and lobby ESCC to do the same	Improved habitat for insects Increase in biodiversity	Within available resources	Short high	ongoing with more influence from Nov 2023
6.4	Increase wildflower and pollinator planting where suitable	Improved habitat for insects	Within available resources	Short High	ongoing with more influence from Nov 2023
6.5	Continue to develop sustainable planting schemes within parks and open spaces, seafront beds and decorative	Reduction in waste arisings from annual planting schemes Reduced need for watering Increase in biodiversity	Within available resources	Short – Long High	ongoing with more influence from Nov 2023

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	planters to reduce the need to replant annual plants and conserve water				
6.6	Continue to manage the Cemetery grounds to allow for minimal mowing and maintenance whilst enabling public access to the site and plant new trees as part of the Queens Green Canopy project in the century Grounds	Increased biodiversity Reduction in waste arisings from mowing	Crematorium and Cemetery management Within existing resources	Short Low	Ongoing with more influence form Nov 2023
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6.7	Working in partnership with Surrey Wildlife Trust to deliver the blue green infrastructure strategy and biodiversity net gain study to inform the local plan policy	Increased climate resilience Improved health and well-being through greater resilience to extreme heat and flooding	Within existing resources Planning policy, natural resources and climate change team	Short High	To inform the local plan policy Dec 2023
6.8	Prepare the council for biodiversity net gain and potential off-site provision creating an understanding of where the delivery of nature-based solutions and habitat improvements can be achieved within the borough – develop a pipeline of projects for	Improved local habitats Increased resilience to climate change impacts	Within existing resources Planning policy, natural resources and climate change team	Short – Long High	To inform local plan policy Dec 2023

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	biodiversity net gain and 'offsetting'				
6.9	Complete the open spaces study to inform the local plan about the amount, value and quality of open space to see if it will match future population levels of demand for access.	Access to open spaces Improves health and well being	Within existing resources Planning policy team	Short Med	To inform local plan policy Dec 2023
6.10	Provide support and advice to potential tree planting projects as required to help to ensure the native species are planted in the right place/habitat.	Carbon capture Improved biodiversity	Within existing resources	Short – long low	Ongoing
6.11	Review land holdings for possible biodiversity and nature based climate solutions (as part of the council's strategic asset mngt review)	Partnership projects created Increase in biodiversity Improved health and well being	Within existing resources	Short Med	2022+
6.12	Continue work with community group and organisations e.g. Education Futures Trust, Speckled Wood, Ground Work Trust, Green House Project, Bohemia Walled Garden, the Garden Town Team	Increased awareness of climate change and the local environment Enhanced biodiversity New skills for green jobs	Within existing resources	Short Med	Ongoing

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6.13	Expand the sustainable land management practices at Hastings Country Park, to include regenerative agriculture approaches including the creation of woodland pasture	Increased biodiversity through an increase in woodland pasture through the repurposing of arable land	Within existing resources Apply for new ELMS grant scheme 2024 onwards	Short – long Med	Apply for new ELMS grant scheme 2024 onwards
6.14	Continue to provide volunteer opportunities within the management of our parks and open spaces so that local people can gain new green skills	Increased environmental awareness Increased green skills	Within existing resources	Short – long Low	ongoing
6.15	Work in partnership with ESCC and the garden town team to deliver the public realm and green connections towns fund project to green the town centre and improve active travel choices in the town centre	Increased biodiversity Increase climate resilience Increased cycling and walking Improved health and well being	TF budget £3.4m Towns fund programme team Match funding required	Med Med	March 2026

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6.16	Support the delivery of the Broadening Futures Together – partnership project between Plumpton College & Education Futures Trust (EFT) to providing opportunities to gain green skills in land management	Increased green skills	T Fund budget Within existing resources Towns Fund programme	Short High	Courses delivered 2022/23 onwards
<p>7 Food land must be managed to provide food (and building materials) as well as managed to preserve biodiversity. Agriculture systems are threatened with reduced productivity due to a decline in the number and variety of plants and animals in the agricultural (and surrounding) environment Agricultural greenhouse gas emissions are responsible for 10% of total UK GHG emissions; emissions from agriculture can be reduced by changing the mix of food we eat.</p>					
HBC corporate actions					
7.1	Support local food growing through Local Plan policies	protect and enhance green spaces and increase opportunities for allotments and food growing spaces through the green infrastructure network.	Within existing resources	Med Med	ongoing
7.2	Support and promote the Hastings sustainable fishing fleet e.g. through the fish fayres and Hastings fish brand	Decrease carbon footprint by encouraging residents and hospitality businesses to buy local, sustainable fish which can be indicated by the fish brand logo and promoted at fish Fayres.	Within existing budget and resources. The fish brand is set up and website maintained by 1066 Country.	Long Med	ongoing

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7.3	Support local food growing initiatives by making Suitable council owned land available	More residents can access local food and grow their own	Can be delivered using existing resources	Med Med	2023+
7.4	Support the local Hastings and Rother food partnership funded by ESCC	Create local food security Increase local food production and distribution Increased food security and reduced food poverty	Can be delivered using existing resources	Short – Long Med	Ongoing
7.5	Support initiatives that promote or enable low carbon and nature-friendly farming locally e.g. roof top farming, Town Grown Food growers' network	Increase and educate number of residents able to grow their own food. This will decrease food miles, enable more cheap, healthy food options and increase biodiversity	Can be delivered using existing resources	Long Med	Ongoing
7.6	Continue the support of community orchards through the provision of land where resources such as water are nearby e.g. Church Wood Community Orchard, Brembrook Road and The Bowl	Creates additional, local, free food resources and engage and educate residents in community growing.	Can be delivered using existing resources/grants and support to the voluntary sector partnerships	Long Med	Ongoing
8 Reducing emissions from waste and supporting a circular economy The best way to reduce emissions from waste is to produce less. While consuming less, reusing, upcycling, recycling, and recovering materials and energy are ways to manage our waste. Emissions from waste management activities such as collection and disposal of waste also create emissions, but form a relatively small proportion of emissions from waste as a whole.					

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8.1	Working in partnership review waste & recycling service provision to align them with the requirements of increasing recycling and decreasing residual waste especially as the requirements of the Environment Act and food waste collections become clearer	Increased recycling rates	Within available resources Financial implications of Env Act requirements will be considered separately Waste mngt team	Short High	Ongoing
8.2	Working in partnership complete the fleet review to produce pathway to zero carbon RCV (refuse collection vehicle) fleet	Plan in place to deliver zero carbon waste and recycling fleet ULEV and alternative low carbon fuels identified	Can be delivered using existing resources waste mngt teams	Short and med High	Complete vehicle trials 2022/23
8.3	Deliver on zero carbon RCV fleet	Zero carbon fleet achieved	Financial implications to be assessed separately at the time	Long med	2030
8.4	Compost parks and open space waste arisings, creating a mulch/ compost to reapply to our land	Reduced need to buy compost Reduced waste for disposal Improved soil condition	Can be delivered using existing resources		

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8.5	Support local reuse and repair schemes which divert waste for disposal, for example Freecycle, Freecycle, repair cafes, library of things, Hastings Furniture Service, local charity shops etc.	Encourages a local circular economy and these schemes provide the most help and benefit to people in greater need	Can be delivered using existing resources	Short High	Ongoing
8.6	Support local community composting schemes to allow those without a garden or allotment to recycle and compost their food waste	Reduces organic waste added to landfill which will reduce methane emissions. Compost can be used to improve soil and promote healthy plant growth and reduce need to buy compost	Can be delivered using existing resources	Short Low	Ongoing
8.7	Promote the Christmas tree recycling scheme which collects trees and turns them into a compostable material for use in the parks.	Less dumped Christmas trees Recycle green waste into compost	Can be delivered using existing resources	Short Med	Ongoing
<p>9 Water Climate change is already affecting water access for people around the world, causing more severe droughts and floods. Increasing global temperatures are one of the main contributors to this problem. Climate change impacts the water cycle by influencing when, where, and how much precipitation falls</p>					
HBC corporate actions					

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9.1	Once asset management plan is completed for non-domestic buildings ensure water consumption is addressed in all of the council's assets	Preservation of water resources Water wastage is minimised, and costs saved	Resources to be identified	Med Med	2024+
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9.2	Complete the new Local Plan and ensure that planning policies and guidance reflect our strategic goals for water minimisation	New development is low carbon, energy and water efficient and is resilient to future climate change	Can be delivered using existing resources	Short high	Dec 2023
9.3	Ensure planning policy reflects the need to avoid substantial development on flood plain	Essential flood plain is retained and flood risk is minimised	can be delivered using existing resources	Short High	Dec 2023
9.4	Work in partnership with the Environment Agency and the Southeast coastal group to explore the options viable to manage the risks posed by sea level rise and coastal erosion	Shore line management plan in place Reduced risk of coastal flooding Minimise vulnerability and provide resilience to flooding and coastal change	Partnership working delivered using existing resources	Med High	Ongoig
	Update the Strategic flood risk assessment – level 1 to inform local plan policies in light of new guidance from the env agency	Minimise vulnerability and provide resilience to flooding and coastal change	can be delivered using existing resources	Short High	Ongoing Dec 2023

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<p>10 Adaptation and resilience the climate is changing so we need to plan for and be prepared for a certain level of climate breakdown. We can limit CO2 but we cannot mitigate its effects entirely. We will need to adapt to social and economic disruption caused by climate change. Our vulnerabilities and risks include rising sea level, impacts on land use, warmer wetter winters, more intense storms and severe summer heatwaves.</p>					
<p>HBC corporate actions</p>					
10.1	Ensure the blue green infrastructure plans and biodiversity net gain build future climate resilience for the town through natural capital solutions and carbon offsetting	Building community climate resilience to heat waves and flooding	Can be delivered in existing resources Planning policy, biodiversity and climate change team	Short - Long High	Dec 2-023 and ongoing
10.2	Continue to adapt the planting schemes in our parks and open spaces in response to hotter drier summers and more intense winter rainfall and wetter winters.	Increase resilient planting Increase in biodiversity	Within existing resources P& O Spaces team	Short – Long High	Ongoing
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10.3	Ensure our coastline is protected from sea level rise through the delivery of the Shoreline Management Plan and the council's coastal protection	The councils statutory flood risk management responsibilities are met Increased community resilience to climate change Minimise vulnerability and	Defra flood defence funding Within existing resources Foreshore team	Short – Long High	Ongoing

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	programme supported through govt funding	provide resilience to flooding and coastal change			
10.4	Carry out annual recycling of beach shingle as required to protect the coastline	Beaches are sustained and the coastline is protected Minimise vulnerability and provide resilience to flooding and coastal change	Within existing resources long term Financial implications to be assessed separately at the time	Short – long High	Ongoing
10.5	Working in partnership with Sussex Nature partners to develop a Sussex Nature Recovery Strategy to ensure the future resilience and adaptation of local habitats	Sussex and Hastings is a place where people and nature thrive	Within existing resources	Short – long Med	2023 - 2030 and beyond