

Appendix 1 – Climate Emergency Action Plan Progress (January 2024)

Action	Measure	Timeline	Progress
Theme 1. Strategy			
1.1 Establish effective governance for the Walsall Net Zero 2041 Programme & identify dedicated resource.	Formalised internal governance structure with the establishment of an internal Climate Action Taskforce meeting every 3 months with regular online communication via 'office Microsoft Teams'.	June 2024	Taskforce will continue to meet every three months. The membership of this group and ToR to be reviewed to ensure it includes all those services with significant influence over CO2 emissions.
	Climate Change Programme Manager (CCPM) recruited as a priority to 3-year fixed term post to lead on programme planning & monitoring & to populate carbon savings per action measure.	Complete Feb 2024	A permanent Climate Change programme manager (CCPM) has been recruited. Two Net Zero Project Officers are currently being recruited to enhance delivery of this action plan. Other Project officers will be recruited subject to outstanding funding bids being successful.
	Council to establish an internal project team identifying 'Officer Champions' within each service area for cross-departmental engagement & aligned to change management process.	June 2024	Identifying 'officer champions' will be a priority for the Net Zero Project Officer when appointed. Officer Champions are expected to be in place by June 2024.
	Consultant procured to support full assessment of impacts, risks; identify measures and opportunities against Council functions and to inform future actions.	March 2024	The need for the external consultant is currently being reviewed. A Net Zero 2041 Strategy is currently being drafted, after this has been consulted on it is proposed that a revised 5-year action plan is developed. It will be for the Climate Change Task Force to decide whether external consultants are required to assist developing this action plan for this or it would be better to develop in-house capacity.
	Annual performance review for Cabinet and full Council.	-	Current Climate Change Action Plan to go to the scrutiny committee 16th January. It is proposed that it will be presented as a formal annual performance review 20th July 2024 along with the draft 'Net Zero 2041 strategy'.
	Base line data and measuring our progress to Net Zero	June 2024 / Ongoing	The Council will use the Local Government Association GHG tool to assess council Scope 1 and 2 emissions. It will use the Oxygen Insights tool to assess Scope 3 emissions. It will use the data generated by these tools report performance via the widely used Carbon Disclosure Project to measure performance against other local authorities.
1.2. Climate Change embedded within decision-making.	Climate Change considered as part of the Corporate Plan refresh & future updates of relevant service plans and policies.	2024	Climate Change priorities will feature in the refresh of the Corporate Plan (expected 2024). The priorities will be inline with those stated in the 'We are Walsall 2040 borough plan'
	Climate Change reflected within committee reporting process i.e., sustainability appraisal.	2024	Working to enhance and embed to assessment of climate impact in the cabinet decision making process. An updated 'Climate Impact' toolkit will be rolled out to reflect our climate change strategy more concisely. 'Climate Impact' to be added to the list of consultees on the 'Cabinet Report Consultation Sheet'

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	Climate Change integrated into immediate to longer-term financial strategy & external funding priorities.	Ongoing	<p>Successes:</p> <p>WMCA: Net Zero Neighbourhoods Plan Development Grant</p> <p>DESNZ: Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme (LADS) 3 extension.</p> <p>DESNZ: Local Energy Advice Demonstrator: Local In-person Energy Advice via Schools 2023-25 project.</p> <p>Defra: Coronation Living Heritage Fund, Walsall project.</p> <p>Defra: Species Survival Fund, Bee beaches project.</p> <p>Department for Education: Nature Park and Climate Action Grants.</p> <p>Partner bids benefitting Walsall:</p> <p>Ofgem via Innovate UK: Local Area Energy Plans – Walsall Council will get access to LEAP+ tool for Walsall by March 2024.</p> <p>DESNZ: Net Zero Accelerator Programme: CAMPOS Phase 2 – c£520k funding for NZN for Walsall from £6m bid.</p> <p>DfT: Local EV Infrastructure (LEVI) funding.</p> <p>Outstanding submission highlights:</p> <p>Sports England: £920k for solar panels at Oak Park and Bloxwich Active Living Centres.</p> <p>NLCF: Climate Action Fund: Energy and Climate Fund EOI success and £1.5m full application by 7 November.</p> <p>PSDS: Re-submitted on 7 November, due to portal issues, £558k for Bloxwich DAIC and New Art Gallery Walsall</p> <p>Midlands Net Zero Hub: Electrification of Depots competition, £25k for business case development.</p> <p>Other partners outstanding submissions:</p> <p>Foreign Commonwealth and Development officer: Sky and Straw: Innovate Ukraine. To help upskill Ukrainian women and build Transportable Accommodation Modules (TAMs) in Walsall.</p> <p>DfT: Transport Research and Innovation Grants 2023, with Aston Uni and AKTECK for Active Travel Resilient Infrastructure Planner, an AI-based tool that aims to assist town planners in the design and analysis of active travel infrastructure plans.</p> <p>DESNZ: Regional Net Zero Building Retrofit Skills Pilot, included in regional Uni project.</p> <p>Total: 25 applications submitted; 10 successful; 7 outstanding.</p> <p>Total: £38,666,262 applications submitted; £22,401,634 successful; £5,064,518 outstanding.</p> <p>Walsall benefit: £13,786,262 applications submitted; £3,421,634 successful; £3,664,518 outstanding.</p>
1.3. Raise awareness of Climate Change amongst Councillors & Staff.	a) Develop identifiable programme branding & communications programme, which promotes progress & celebrates success & positive changes in environmental practice.	March 2024	A comms plan is being developed as part of the draft Net Zero 2041 Strategy. It is proposed a dedicated web page on the council website will give updated on climate change actions and other climate change news.

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	Identify appropriate carbon literacy training and determine best approach for Council roll out to raise awareness and encourage behaviour change	2024 / Ongoing	Climate Literacy Training is to be delivered at the Senior management group February 20 th . Specialist Climate literacy training for the comms and planning teams is also being assessed and will be delivered early in the new year if a suitable proposal is received. Two on-line pilot climate literacy training sessions have been scheduled for December and January. If these sessions are successful a rolling programme will be developed.
1.6 Promote Sustainable Procurement.	Review Procurement Policy & consider extent to which Social Value Act can be used to help achieve Council's Climate Change Strategy	2024	A Sustainable Procurement Policy is being written which has 3 pillars - Social Value, Net Zero and Local Economic Development. The expectation is that this will be approved in the Autumn. To ensure that this is fully embedded it will require a change to the Council's Contact Rules which is being discussed with Legal Services.
1.7 As part of a longer-term vision of a net zero carbon borough, to encourage environmental education and promote climate action amongst residents, schools, businesses, and communities.	Engage with residents, community groups and schools to promote environmental education and introduce longer term vision of a net zero borough.	2023/24	Local project initiative – Hillary School and local community. During 2023 and 2024 the energy team are seeking to secure a range of complementary funding to support energy efficiency, carbon reduction and sustainable energy education for a local community. The project is focussed on Hillary Street School. To date a range of funds have been secured to help with this initiative: a) £50,000 of UK Shared Prosperity Funding b) £184,000 Local Energy Advice Demonstrator (LEAD) project funding. It is proposed to use the new sustainable education project being delivered to pupils free of charge by Achieve your Goals CIC to act as a catalyst to encouraging parents and carers to take-up energy advice and heating and insulation upgrades and where possible micro-energy generation. The advice provided is expected to help households access funds such as HUGS 2 and ECO 4 and ECO Flex 4. In addition, households will be supported to access the collective fuel switching scheme to see whether they can reduce their energy bills via switching supplier. The scheme is also seeking to support school staff and volunteers become local energy champions and secure City and Guilds level 3 training in domestic energy awareness.

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Theme 2. Energy			
2.1 Estates Strategy aligned with climate action plan.	Review usage of Council properties & consider removal (by disposal, sale, or demolition) of the most energy efficient buildings.	Ongoing	Assessment of buildings underway - majority of stock condition surveys are now complete, and priority Net Zero Carbon audits have been undertaken. Asset challenge process to be designed by Strategic Advisor - procurement process close to completion.
	Ongoing review of the Council's energy purchasing strategy and the potential for green supplies.	Ongoing	Consideration is being given to the Council's Energy procurement strategy for the new energy contracts which commence on 1 October 2024.
	New heating and ventilation system for the Civic Centre & Council House designed and more manageable heating controllers to improve efficiency (Estimate 2-year programme)	2025	A new Heating and Ventilation system has been designed utilising an air source heat pump and will be out to tender this summer to be installed by April 2025.
	Installation of LED lighting within buildings and light dimming technology expanded from Civic Centre to Council House (Estimate 19-month programme)	2025	Appointment of Strategic Advisor ongoing
	Replacement of windows to energy efficient units (A+) in the Civic Centre and Council House as part of a 2-year programme.	2025	To be delivered as part of the comprehensive HVAC upgrade.
	Review energy usage of Active Living Centres, Crematoria, and Streetly Cemetery and implement any cost-effective improvements as a matter of priority.		Solar Panel installations at Oak Park and Bloxwich ALCs included in bid for Sport England funding.
2.4 Replace streetlights with energy efficiency lighting systems by 2023.	22,856 LED street light lamps will be installed across Walsall by September 2023 (ERDF funded).	March 2024	Implementation on track for completion by March 2024 as per the programme
2.6 Tackle fuel poverty and improve home energy as part of the Council's long-term vision of a net zero borough.	a) Implementation of the Council's HECA Plan to tackle fuel poverty, excessive winter deaths, residential carbon emissions, and poor health resulting from cold / damp homes.	Ongoing	The HECA Action Plan was updated in July 2023 with a refresh of available data. As well as the plan being available online at: https://go.walsall.gov.uk/housing/saving-energy/walsall-heca-report-fuel-poverty key details from the plan are also available online on the councils Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (in the Housing Chapter). Key to the plan is seeking to secure as much external funding as possible to help households reduce their housing related carbon emissions.
	b) Continue promotion of the Council's home energy saving initiatives and collective energy switching schemes to residents (From autumn 2020 the fuel switches will require all bidding companies to use 100% renewable power).	Ongoing	A new national auction was run in June 2023 for which the council promoted the same to enable residents to partake. Latest figures show 498 residents have signed up. Switching energy providers Walsall Council

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	c) Work with our partners (including energy companies, registered social landlords, NHS Walsall, private landlords) to reduce fuel poverty by targeting any discretionary assistance (capital investment, advice, and support) and seeking external funding /advice to help residents of these properties.	March 2025	<p>Update on projects – The Watmos (Social Housing Decarbonisation Funded) project of improving 858 homes is now due to complete in December 2023.</p> <p>The Council has completed Round 1 of Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUGS) in May 2023. The council has now secured full and final acceptance by government as to being a delivery agent for the second round of Home Upgrade Grant Scheme (HUGS 2) which lasts until March 2025.</p> <p>Specific tranches of properties are being developed for future bids to help more households with the HUGS funding. HUGS is a fund to help those households on low income in energy efficiency homes and who do not have gas as a source of home heating.</p> <p>A similar approval has been secured from the Midland Energy Hub (MEH) for a separate allocation of funding. Officers are continuing to work with obligated energy providers to secure ECO4 and ECO Flex 4 for households within the borough so that they can improve their insulation and reduce their carbon emissions.</p> <p>Local Authority Delivery scheme (LADs) Round 3 completed at end of October 2023.</p>
	d) Continue to ensure that landlords, agents, and those selling or letting their homes are aware of their legal obligation to provide and make available Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) and take appropriate action against those who fail in this obligation.	Ongoing	<p>160 new EPCs - Average rating 59 (D)</p> <p>New EPCs for previously F rated private rented dwellings -</p> <p>New EPCs for private rented dwellings where the EPC had expired:-</p> <p>272 New EPCs - Average rating 60 (D)</p> <p>New EPCs for private rented dwellings that previously had no EPC at all:</p> <p>160 new EPCs; Average rating 59 (D)</p> <p>New EPCs for previously F rated private rented dwellings:</p> <p>208 new EPCs; Average rating 60 (D)</p> <p>New EPCs for previously G rated private rented dwellings:</p> <p>124 new EPCs; Average rating 61 (D)</p> <p>New EPCs for private rented dwellings where the EPC had expired:</p> <p>272 New EPC's; Average rating 60 (D)</p> <p>Total: 764 new EPCs</p>
Theme 3. Waste & Consumption			
3.1 Reduce the total volume of waste and associated costs through technological and behavioural change.	Develop a Waste Strategy to determine how the borough's waste will be managed sustainably in-line with the council's We are Walsall 2040 vision.	2025	<p>An external consultant is to be commissioned develop a strategy to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise the quantity of household and business waste. • Improved recycling's rates • Zero to Landfill – including identifying alternatives. • Eliminate Greenhouse Gas emissions from collections and transportation. • Food waste options appraisal. • Ensure all council own and operated facilities segregate waste and recycle effectively.

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	b) Develop a communication strategy which engages residents, schools, communities, and businesses with measures to reduce the volume of waste they produce and increase participation / quality of reuse & recycling. Explore incentive schemes via external funding.	Ongoing	Some external funding successful for litter programme through space hive. More work is needed to develop a communications strategy and develop incentive schemes.
	c) Continue to support and promote community initiatives to reduce waste & fly-tipping e.g., Walsall Litter Charter, Green CSR Programmes, ACT Initiative, and WASSUP 2022 Litter Challenge.	Ongoing	Litter/ recycling events/ campaigns and volunteer development. Litter and waste campaigns are being promoted via volunteer networks. Litter charter being developed.
3.4 New Household Waste and Recycling (HWRC) sites - Middlemore Lane & Fryers Road	a) Introduce reuse shops. - Residents can take unwanted items which can be upcycled or repaired. - Residents can buy pre-owned, repaired, and refurbished items cheaply. b) Introduce a facility for local small businesses. c) Generate renewable energy by installing solar panels on both sites. d) Reduce the amount of Walsall's waste going to landfill and improve Walsall recycling rates	2025	Middlemore Lane, 14.7 acres. Is with procurement, the design stage has been completed. The build is to start Summer 2024 (18 month build Winter 2025). Reuses shop – will take electrical items, furniture, and refurbish electrical and bikes. It is also intended that the reuse shop will promote behaviour change to promote the circular economy and help with the consequences of the cost-of-living crises. A solar PV array will be installed on the site. Electric Vehicle Charging (11kW AC) will be installed on the site. The Waste Transfer station will enable separation of waste streams (e.g., food waste).
	Fryers Road - new HWRC and Reuse Centre	2026	The existing site is being redeveloped to form a larger HWRC. Planning permission has been granted. 3 off 11kW EV AC charges will be installed on the site. Solar PV will be installed on the Reuse shop.
Theme 4. Transport			
4.1 Development and implementation of a Staff Green Travel Plan	Review of staff 'Rewards and Retention' policy to include EV salary sacrifice.	2024/25	Review of employee rewards and benefits has now been built into the corporate workforce strategy 23-26, action currently scheduled for delivery 24-25.
4.2 Develop public transport initiatives which enable a rapid shift towards active and sustainable travel modes.	a) Explore and develop digital wayfinding measures and provide real time travel updates via e-totems (ERDF funded).	2023	Totems were installed at Bradford Place and St. Paul's bus station just before Covid. A refresh of the information displayed on the totems has just begun.

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	b) Implement the Emergency Active Travel Fund Grant to encourage more / safer cycling and walking in the borough including temporary traffic management measures, a new 'pedestrian and cyclist friendly zone' in Walsall Town Centre, installing additional cycle parking on council owned land, as well as remarking and resigning existing cycle routes/infrastructure.	Ongoing	Emergency Active Travel Tranche 1 (EATF T1) grant funding was implemented in Summer 2020. All the measures have remained in place apart from the pedestrian and cyclist friendly zone on Wolverhampton Street. Walsall Council then subsequently received Active Travel Funding Tranche 2 (ATF T2) to spend on developing a new cycle route on Wolverhampton Road West, in Bentley, as well as 5 School Streets. Both schemes are now also fully operational. The government has recently released Active Travel Tranche 3 and 4 funding.
	c) Implement LCWIP Cycling and Walking Measures to make significant improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure (subject to funding) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCWIP Corridor: Rushall to Brownhills via B4152 • LCWIP Corridor: Darlaston to Walsall town centre via A4038 • LCWIP Corridor: Wolverhampton City Centre to Walsall • LCWIP Corridor: A34 Perry Barr Extension through to Walsall • Core Walking Zone: Walsall to Willenhall. 	Ongoing	LCWIP priorities have recently changed in line with the publication of Black Country LCWIP. However, progress has still been made on developing the routes originally listed in the West Midlands LCWIP including: Rushall to Brownhills via B4152 (included in a bid for ATF 4 funding). LCWIP Corridor: Darlaston to Walsall Town Centre via A4038 (included within a bid for CRSTS funding). LCWIP Corridor: Wolverhampton City Centre to Walsall (included within a bid for CRSTS funding). LCWIP Corridor: A34 Perry Barr Extension through to Walsall (considered as part of the Sprint bus work).
	d) Review potential railway station developments,	Ongoing	Rail stations for Willenhall and Darlaston are currently in the process of being delivered. Active travel improvements have been developed in the surrounding areas. Willenhall Station - ATF 3, 4 and LUF funding in place to deliver active travel improvements. Darlaston Rail Station - concept designs complete for active travel improvements to Kendricks Rd, Bentley Mill Way and Darlaston Greenway. Preliminary design work to begin.
	e) Review Zero Emission bus feasibility options.	2027	The ZEBRA project is the vehicular element of the SPRINT rapid transit bus scheme (developing the zero-emission vehicles, which will operate the route). This scheme is being led by TfWM. There has been no public announcement by TfWM on the specification or tender for vehicles yet.

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4.3 Promote and encourage ultra-low and low emission vehicles in Walsall and sustainable transport options in accordance with the Transport in Walsall Strategy 2017-22 and the West Midlands / Black Country Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Strategy.	To accelerate and amplifying the EV transition in anticipation of a 2035 ban on the sale of conventional vehicles, including coordinating with TfWM to support installation of additional rapid and ultra-rapid chargers.	Ongoing	<p>Strategic Transport commissioned the developed of a Walsall EV Strategy to set out the projected uptake in EVs in Walsall and set a series of targets for EV charge point installations up to 2030 for the Council and wider private sector support. The next steps are for this EV Strategy to go to Cabinet and public consultation - dates TBC.</p> <p>LEVI 22/23 Pilot for Pelsall Ward Councillors were previously briefed, and next stage is to issue a comms plan for consultation on these charge points for installation by March 2025 at the latest (assumed to be in 2024 more likely).</p> <p>LEVI Capability Funding - 2 FTE 2-year contract positions have been appointed at Black Country Transport; this will include support to the programme for Walsall Council. The Strategic Transportation Team are working with Black Country Transport on development and delivery.</p> <p>CRSTS funding is in the process of full business case development to release the funding from WMCA.</p> <p>LEVI Capital funding is also allocated to the West Midlands, the allocation to Walsall is TBC.</p>
4.4 Explore and deliver a transition of the council's own fleet to electric vehicles.	Development of a fully costed 'Green Fleet Proposal' to manage and reduce the environmental impact of Council fleet on emissions.	2024	<p>It is the long-term ambition to have an all-electric fleet by 2035. The timeline is determined by when suitable vehicles will be available on the market. This is particularly true for the heavier fleet (e.g., RCVs). The fleet electrification programme will therefore initially concentrate on the smaller vehicles in the fleet.</p> <p>A bid with for funding with the Midlands Energy Hub for to develop a business case for installing the changing infrastructure necessary to power a future all electric fleet.</p>
Theme 5. Nature			
5.1 Enhancing the borough's parks and green spaces to increase meadow, wetland, and green areas in Walsall.	a) Build on the Black Country's UNESCO Geopark status to attract investment into the area's geological heritage.	Ongoing	<p>BC Geopark revalidation took place 19-22nd July, Team impressed with delivery despite not having dedicated officers in post. More work needed on building visibility and work in schools.</p> <p>BC Geopark working on fund raising strategy with external consultant and developing new Tourism strategy as one of the UNESCO revalidation recommendations.</p>
	b) When new development is considered in areas with nature conservation value to ensure that risks can be managed through suitable adaptation measures.	2024	Biodiversity Net Gain training for planners and Councillors delivered, Other Green Finance ? Natural Capital initiatives being considered, in readiness for BNG being delivered on major development sites from Jan 2024 and smaller development sites from April 2024.
5.2 Investigate and cost opportunities to increase urban greening.	a) Develop Greening Strategy and identify land to offset carbon through increased tree planting and creating wildlife friendly corridors.	Ongoing	<p>Land for tree planting being identified through rewilding programme, more work required getting people engaged with programme.</p> <p>Two new officers recruited through Woodland accelerator programme to assist in finding areas for tree planting.</p> <p>New tree planting resources are proving very successful with increased funding being secured, will over exceed targets this planting season, with 19,500 trees due to be planted this winter.</p>

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	b) Integrate the management of green spaces with town centre master planning and regeneration strategies to allow the mitigation and adaptation benefits to be realised.	2023	Green Bloxwich development of large-scale greening initiative as part of regeneration programme Levelling up for Parks funding delivered new planting in Reedswood Park, including a successful Green Flag award
	c) Alignment with WMCA Virtual Forest Campaign and carbon offsetting.	2024	Virtual Forest will be updated at the end of 23/24 season.
	d) To deliver the Conservative pledge of planting a tree for every resident in the borough over the next 10 years	2024/5	Developing new planting projects as part of rewilding programme. Tree planting for every household has been established as not enough space for over 300k trees. We will deliver 10k trees/ year as part of street scene strategy. New Woodland accelerator posts delivering 7 ha, roughly 20,000 trees in 23/24.
5.3 Conduct a viability study on parks and green spaces to integrate renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps and LED technology.	a) Conduct audit and costable options to introduce of lighting across parks building on installation of LED lighting in the Arboretum to increase efficiency savings.		Lighting proposals will be investigated when capital scheme developed. Solar lighting being investigated when new projects developed.
5.4 Renewal of the Green Space Strategy to raise additional parks to Green Flag standard.	a) Green Space Strategy renewal in 2022 to consider an increase of parks to Green Flag status.	Ongoing	Green Spaces strategy being procured through consultants, satisfaction survey being developed as part of this project. 10 parks currently awarded Green Flag, investigating Cemeteries and community managed spaces. Two new Green Flag parks being submitted annually as per current strategy, with community and cemetery submissions in Jan 24. Satisfaction survey results show that residents very keen to see Wildlife enhancement projects as a priority for park improvements.
Theme 6. Resilience & Adaptation			
6.1 Ensure all Council services and operations are adaptable to a changing climate.	a) Review of Walsall Resilience Strategy ensuring plans are updated to reflect the changing climate risk.	Ongoing	All service area BCP's have been reviewed, with each Directorate producing their Business Impact Analysis (BIA).
	b) Work with our partners to understand the current and future risks of flooding and review plans with West Midlands Local Resilience Forum & Black Country Local Resilience Forum.	Ongoing	The Walsall Multi Agency Flood Plan (MAFP) is in the process of being updated in conjunction with the Environment Agency and other key partners. This will be going out for consultation shortly.
	c) The development of Walsall Resilience Risk Register.	Ongoing	Production currently paused whilst the West Midlands Conurbation Local Resilience Forum (WMC LRF) Risk & Assessment Working Group finalise the Risk Register for the conurbation.

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	d) We will ensure business continuity planning at the council is resilient to climate impacts - preparing and assessing business continuity plans.	Ongoing	All service area BCP's have been reviewed, with each Directorate producing their BIA.
6.2 Integrate climate change into regeneration and planning to enable economic prosperity and promotion of sustainability.	a) Review of the Black Country Plan with further regard to sustainable development and the government's emerging proposals in the Environment Bill and other planning regulations.	2024 / Ongoing	Environment Act published Nov 2021. Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill granted royal assent in October 2023. The Walsall Borough Local Plan will replace the Black Country Plan, however work on the local plan has been paused due to uncertainty over plan-making reforms, with a potential start date not until Autumn 2024
	c) Determine planning applications requiring approval for Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) systems.	Ongoing	ongoing throughout determination of applications requiring SuDS
	d) Promote sustainable modes of travel for new developments by securing Travel Plans as part of planning decisions	Ongoing	ongoing throughout determination of applications requiring Travel Plans
6.3 Reduce risk of flooding to estate, properties, and infrastructure.	b) Annual training and exercise (multi agency every 3 years)	Ongoing	This will form part of the WMC LRF training and Exercise schedule.
6.4 Plans in place for emergencies - Issuing alerts in the events of severe weather, increased temperatures, and flooding.	a) To review and update ' Warning & Informing Policy' to reflect climate change risk.	Ongoing	This will be in conjunction with the WMC LRF RAWG work.
	b) We will work with communities and businesses to increase resilience to future changes in climate including the development of an engagement programme (briefing events / toolkit) to support Walsall businesses and community groups with continuity planning.	Ongoing	This will form part of the WMC LRF work to ensure consistency across the conurbation