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SOUTHAMPTON
CITY COUNCIL

Green City Charter for Southampton

Our vision is to create a cleaner, greener, healthier and more sustainable city. Southampton will be a better place for present and future generations that is prepared for the challenges presented by climate change. We will achieve this by ensuring we are ambitious, lead by example and set ourselves challenging goals.

- 1 We want to be carbon neutral by 2030;
- 2 We will take actions that will improve the quality of life in our city. We want the Healthy Life Expectancy Indicator to be the best amongst our peers and to remove the difference cities like Southampton experience with rural areas in terms of deaths attributed to air pollution;
- 3 We will work in partnership, share our knowledge and inspire others;
- 4 We will protect and enhance our natural environment;
- 5 We will make the best use of our resources, reduce our energy consumption, minimise waste and ensure we repair, reuse and recycle;
- 6 We will encourage, promote and incentivise the use of sustainable and active travel;
- 7 We will reduce emissions and aspire to satisfy World Health Organisation air quality guideline values. By 2025 we want to see nitrogen dioxide levels of 25 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as the norm;
- 8 We will use energy that is generated from renewable sources and support the generation of sustainable energy that does not compromise local air quality;
- 9 We will use services and products that support our vision.

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healthier and more sustainable city.



Launched in June 2019

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- Reduce waste & pollution
- Minimise the impact of climate change
- Stop health inequalities
- Protect and enhance our natural environment
- Create a more sustainable approach to economic growth

SCC is the cities largest landlord, landowner, vehicle fleet & energy consumer!

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Achievements so far

£60 million spend on committed actions including:

- £36m improving HRA homes to be more energy efficient
- £9m on reducing road congestion
- £8m improving cycle ways
- £3m investing in public transport
- £4m on smaller projects including improving our green spaces and investing in electric vehicles.

Long list of future actions currently being developed into a programme for 2020-25.

Delivery Plan to be launched in early 20205

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Key Partner Pledges

- The Green City Charter **cannot be achieved without support** from partners.
- 76 organisations, businesses and individuals have already signed the Green City Charter, **committing** their **pledge** to work with us to **lead the UK's efforts to be carbon neutral**, live more sustainably and improve quality of life, including (but not limited to):
 - Associated British Ports
 - Balfour Beatty
 - Bannister Primary School
 - Bluestar Buses
 - Southampton Airport
 - Southampton Football Club
 - Southern Water

Balfour Beatty



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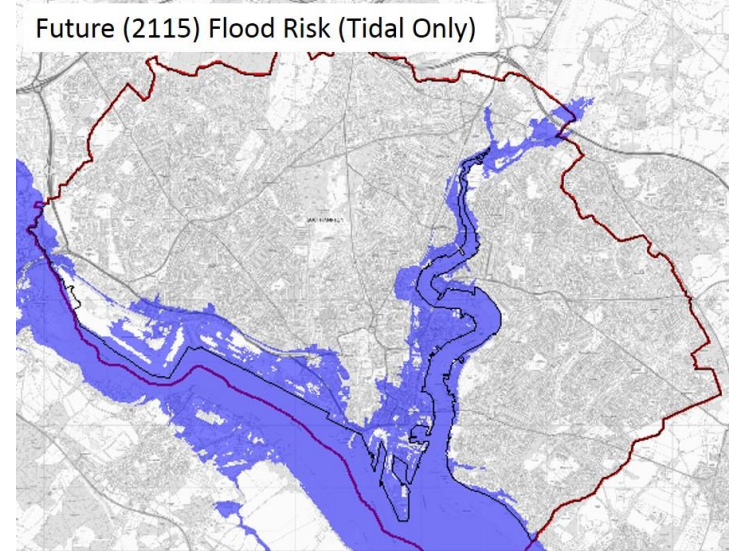
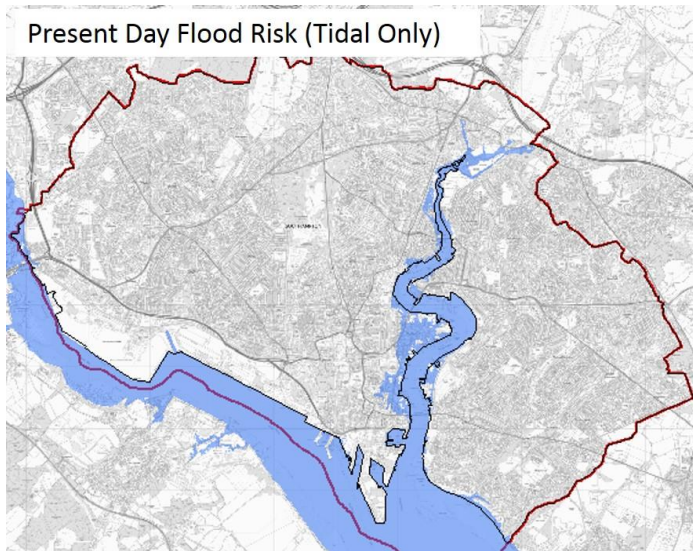
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- New **climate change predictions** (UKCP18) were released in December 2018 indicating that there is likely to be **increases in extreme weather** and **sea level rise**.
- As a both an **urban area** and **coastal city**, Southampton is vulnerable to **tidal and surface water flooding** – the most recent widespread flood event occurred on **24 September 2019** due to **extreme rainfall**, with similar majorly disruptive events likely to occur **frequently** if action is not taken.



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- We can see change is happening now



- SCC declared a climate emergency in March 2017: Carbon neutral by 2040.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are delighted to announce that **Southampton City Council** has been voted one of the 3 finalists for a Big Green Award.

Category 6 - Transport Project (Low Emission Taxi Scheme)



What Can You Do?

