

Our journey since declaring a Climate & Ecological Emergency

**APSE Wales – Renewable Energy & Climate Change
Advisory Group - Online Meeting**

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What I'm going to cover

- Our journey so far since Council declared an emergency in July 2019
- Some reflections on lockdown and this agenda
- Answering any of your questions


July 2019- DCC
declare a Climate
& Ecological
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On the 2 July 2019 Denbighshire County Council passed the following motion:

Denbighshire County Council will:

- Immediately declare a climate and ecological emergency
- Commit to making the authority net carbon zero by 2030 at the latest
- Set up a task and finish group to draw up a clear plan within 6 months to achieve the above, including ways to enhance biodiversity in Denbighshire
- Call on the Welsh Government and UK Government to provide assistance and resources to enable us to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance biodiversity
- Work with partners across the public, private and third sector to help solve this climate and ecological emergency.



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Oct 2019- Task
& Finish Group
meet for the
first time

The Climate Change & Ecological Emergency Working Group

- 8 councillors, with 2 members appointed by each of the 4 political groups on the Council.
- Advisory, non-decision making body but may make recommendations or requests to other Denbighshire County Council committees, panels, lead members or officers as appropriate.
- Will report to full Council on its plan and will disband once its plan has been agreed or adopted by Council.





Public Consultation & Paper to Full Council

- Marked the 6 month deadline within the Emergency Declaration with a paper to Full Council
- Introduced the language “Net Carbon Zero and Ecologically Positive Council 2030”
- Ran public consultation asking for public view on those two goals and their ideas for how the Council can go about achieving it



Resourcing the task

- Political Working Group campaigned for budget in 2020/21 to progress the work
- £200k revenue secured
- Funded 10 month Programme Manager post and 6 month Project Officer post
- Provided match funding pot for delivery of scheme in year.



Hard graft!

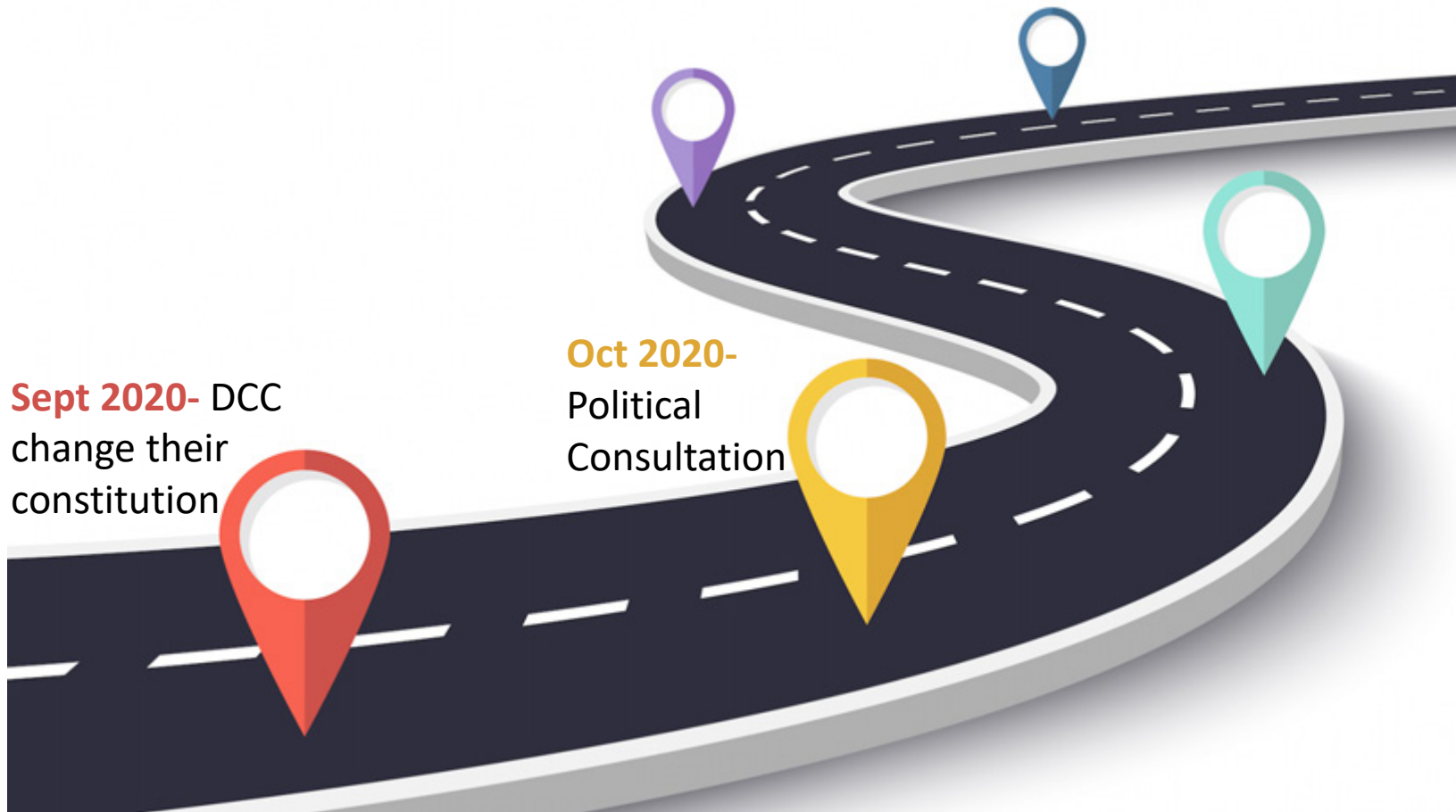
- Baselining our carbon emissions for 2019/20 using Welsh Government post testing draft Greenhouse Gas Reporting spreadsheet and guidance.
- Conducting workshops with every service area's Senior Management Team on ideas for process changes, policy changes and projects.
- 2030 carbon reduction scenario workshops mapping reduction potential per source of emissions [+ sequestration increase].
- Decisions on scope of net carbon zero and supporting targets based on the data.
- Cost estimation on projects to deliver for immediate MTFP period 2021/22- 2023/24.
- Senior leadership oversight and sign off throughout.
- Collating all information into strategy document.

Sept 2020- DCC
change their
constitution



Having regard to tackling climate and ecological change in decision making

- Increasing the organisational capacity and capability to not make the climate and ecological change problem any worse.
- ‘Principal of Decision Making’ section of Council constitution, addition of bullet point that all decisions will be made “with regard to tackling climate and ecological change”.
- Continuation of a culture change within the organisation, further supported by Carbon Literacy Training for all Councillors, Senior & Middle Managers, Project Managers.



Political Consultation

- Presentation/ workshop at all the Member Area Groups
- Lead Members
- Cabinet Briefing
- Budget Board
- Political Working Group



DCC's Climate and Ecological Change Strategy – draft for public consultation

- The consultation on the Council's Draft Climate and Ecological Change Strategy is now live- closes on 7th December.
- The strategy is all about the Council becoming Net Carbon Zero and Ecologically Positive by 31st March 2030.
- The document explains what we mean by the goals net carbon zero and ecologically positive Council, how the Council is currently performing on both, what we hope 2030 will look like for the Council having achieved our goals and the changes and actions we hope to deliver over the next 9 years.
- Also has sections on how strategy was developed, reference to other Council Strategies that support the Council in delivery of these goals, financial strategy to fund delivery, how progress will be monitored and how share our learning.
- 47 pages, multiple formats!

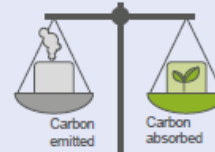
DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S
CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL CHANGE STRATEGY

Our Net Carbon Zero Goal

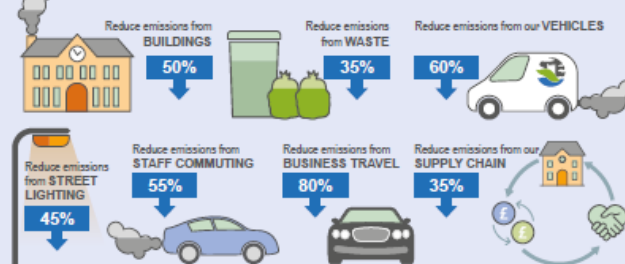
OUR DELIVERY PLAN FOR 2030

OUR 2030 GOAL

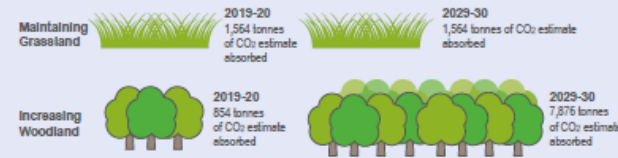
Our goal is for the total carbon emitted by the Council minus the total carbon absorbed from Council owned and operated land to equal zero by 31st March 2030. Plus we aim to reduce our supply chain emissions by 35%.



We aim to reduce carbon emissions from the following sources:



We will increase the carbon absorbed by the land we own and manage by...



What do we need to do to reach our goals?

PRIORITY ACTIONS INCLUDE:

- Energy efficient buildings
- Create new woodland
- LED street lighting
- Communication and behaviour change initiative
- Waste reduction and reuse schemes
- Reduce paper
- Renewable energy schemes
- Electric vehicles and charging points

Get involved

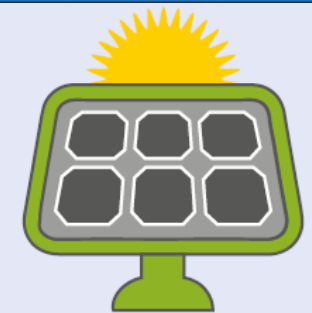
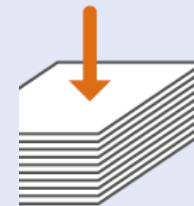
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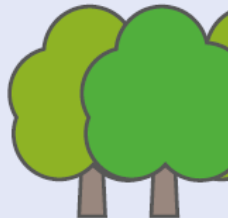


Renewable energy
schemes

suggestions
on process
and policy
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Energy efficient
buildings

Create new w



MORE THAN 100

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What next for 2020/21

- Jan 2021 - Political sign off at Cabinet and Full Council and strategy formally adopted.
- Jan/Feb 2021- Political sign off of Council Budget for 2021/22 (including provision for Year 1 delivery of the strategy).
- Jan/Feb/Mar 2021- Gearing up for delivering Year 1 projects/tasks – integration with Service Planning process, external funding bids, project business cases/ governance.

Reflections on Covid & this agenda

	Buildings	Waste	Fleet	Business Travel	Staff Commute	Supply Chain	Carbon Sequestration
2020/21 carbon outturn prediction	Reduction	Increase	Reduction	Reduction	Reduction	Not sure- Increase or Same	Same

Locking in the positive change for carbon for future years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rise of home working 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rise of home working New ways of working- remote, digital 				Deepened Regional working / Collaboration Supporting local	Recognition that access to nature locally increases wellbeing
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Any Questions?