



Climate Change Action

Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee

21 October 2021

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Howard Doe

Medway Climate Change Action Plan



<http://www.medway.gov.uk/climatechangeplan>

Action Plan endorsed by Cabinet on 8 June 2021

£75k allocated from the Modern Medway Fund – 2 new posts recruited

- Climate Response Support Officer
- Climate Response Engagement Officer

Hosted a 12 week internship within the Climate Response Team

Climate Change included in the Council Plan 2021/22

Achievements



- Upgrade of Highway [Street Lighting to LED](#) - 17,409 (of 26,776) are now LED
- Phase 1 of Re:fit , a £12m programme to improve energy efficiency in 11 council buildings – underway from October

Across all 11 sites:

Annual guaranteed energy saving is anticipated to be 2,185,431kwh

Financial savings at £265,665 per annum

Annual carbon savings equal to 476 tonnes of CO2.

- Green and Blue Infrastructure Framework Strategy – at draft stage
- River Source Heat Pump study funded by BEIS – underway
- Heat District Network Feasibility Study for the Hoo Peninsula and Strood – completed

Achievements



- [Medway Tree Fund](#) web form now live - £740 donated since November 2020
- 13,842 small trees were planted across 10 sites in early 2021
- Medway Tree Strategy – at draft stage
- Animated [air quality video](#) and teaching pack produced and promoted to all schools in Medway – 213 views on YouTube, 11 schools responded to follow up survey
- [KentAir](#) went live on 1st April 2021. Includes a refreshed and rebranded educational tool kit, [Care for Air](#)
- [Solar Together Kent](#) - supported Medway residents and small businesses to install roof -top solar panels - 16 have proceeded to install stage

Achievements



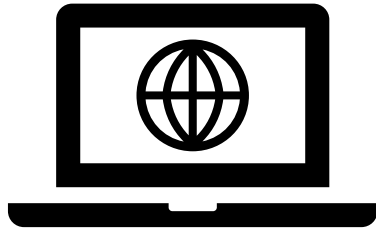
- First EV Event on 25 September in Rochester Castle Gardens, sponsored by The Climate Coalition as part of the national 'Great Big Green Week' - well attended and positively received
- 34 EV charging points successfully installed across three sites in Medway
- [Electric Vehicle \(EV\) Charge Point survey](#) - 268 responses received since June 2020 will inform a new EV Strategy
- Taxi and private hire engagement exercise to understand uptake of ultra -low emission vehicles – completed. Further work planned subject to funding
- EV charge points to support a trial of EVs for staff business use – installed and in use
- Kent 600 district network project – feasibility study underway



Achievements

- Dedicated web page - will be refreshed as content is growing
- Digital and summary version of the [action plan](#) now available online
- Social Media
 - Instagram – 495 followers, reaching 1062% more accounts in September than previous month
 - Facebook – 2089 followers and a 205% increase in engagement in September than previous month
- Monthly Newsletter – 759 subscribers, a 23% increase on Q1
- Medway Matters – relevant content in every edition
- Events planned in the lead up to COP26 including a community engagement event and councillor briefing session

Read the Action Plan at
medway.gov.uk/climatechangeplan



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