

**BUSINESS SUPPORT AND DIGITAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
31 AUGUST 2023**

**Council Priority: PLACE - Medway: A place to be proud of
Council Value: TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE
Quarter 1 2023/24**

Performance by outcome

Key

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Red | Significantly below target (>5%) | Amber | Slightly below target (<5%) | Green | Met or exceeded target |
| DET | Deteriorating | STATIC | Static | IMP | Improving |
| Short term | since last quarter | Long term | average last 4 quarters | Goldilocks | Optimum performance is in a target range |

Outcome: A clean and green environment**Programme: Climate Change****Strategic risks relevant to this programme**

| Live or Managed risk | Risk Ref | Risk | Inherent Risk Score | Q1 22/23 Current Risk Score | Q2 22/23 Current Risk Score | Q3 22/23 Current Risk Score | Q4 22/23 Current Risk Score | Q1 23/24 Current Risk Score | Move ment | Definition (Current score) (L-likelihood) (I-impact) | Owner | Portfolio | Link to Council Plan |
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| L | SR47 | Climate Change | All | All | All | All | All | CIII All | ↓ | L - unlikely I - moderate | Assistant Director Frontline Services | Climate Change and Strategic Regeneration | Place |

Full details of strategic risks can be found in Appendix 2.

Performance Summary

There are no performance measures for this programme.

Project for this programme:**Climate change**

- A series of “Improving your property for sustainable living” events for residents have been organised by the Climate Response team, in partnership with the University of Greenwich (UoG), Kent County Council (KCC) and other Kent districts. The first event was held in Medway and feedback was positive. Five more events will follow, during the summer.
- The council’s 2021/22 carbon emissions have been calculated and show a reduction of 0.54% on the previous year (2020/21 was the pandemic year).
- The Climate Response team are supporting the appointment of two interns (one from UoG and one from the University of Kent) during summer 2023 who will be line managed by Highways and Public Health. The Public Health intern will start work on embedding sustainability into the procurement process factoring in food waste, local produce and healthy eating. The Highways intern will assist with the compilation of a Decarbonisation Strategy.

- A successful award of £68,000 from LEVI Capability Funding has been granted to help deliver electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.
- £486,418 of Active Travel capital funding [ATF4] was awarded in May 2023, by Active Travel England, to fund the School Streets initiative.
- The LED Street lighting programme and Refit Phase 1 energy efficiency scheme are largely complete.
- Solar Together Phase 2 was completed in Q1. 99 homeowner installs were completed in total across Phase 2 of the programme. 477 Medway residents have registered for Phase 3, of which 63 residents have accepted their personal offer so far.
- The new Water a Tree scheme was set up April 2023 to encourage the local community to support with top up watering of young trees in Medway during dry weather.
- The Climate Response (CR) team has had a presence at several events this quarter with a stall at the Over 55's Fair, The Medway Schools Creative Network, the Pentagon Great Big Green Week event and the Medway Adult Education Event in Rochester. The events provided an opportunity to promote the Climate Change Action Plan, the climate change newsletter, the Sustainable Living events, and the Schools Climate Network alongside discussions around small changes.
- The CR team has been at half capacity, due to two vacant posts in the team, across Q4 2022/23 and Q1 2023/24. The new Climate Response Engagement Officer started at the end of May. The team has had discussions with the new portfolio lead to discuss direction of the Climate Change Action Plan and an alternative governance structure.

Council Value: FINANCIAL RESILIENCE

There are 2 Council Plan measures for this value:

- FIN 18: Unmodified value for money (VFM) conclusion from external auditors
The 2019/20 VFM conclusion was unmodified except for the delivery of Children's Services owing to the ILACs rating.
- FIN 12: Unmodified audit opinion on statement of accounts
The 2019/20 audit opinion was unmodified.