

Sustainability Work Programme

The table below sets out the potential activities that the council could undertake and a funding ask to help support these initiatives. It is seeking a total of **£525,000** to support the Sustainability Strategy.

Initiative	Description/Purpose	Funding Amount	Timeframe	Reducing our organisational impact	Using our influence, powers and resources to promote positive change	Mobilising the Community to take action
Tree Planting & Rewilding Schemes	<p>Establish a reserve that would support the delivery of a number of tree planting or rewilding initiatives. These will create habitats for wildlife and provide carbon sinking. Any tree planting scheme will be advised by experts and will be the right tree in the right place.</p> <p>We could explore enabling residents to make contributions to these sites either in terms of supporting ongoing costs or planting additional</p>	£100,000	0-2 years		✓	✓
Create additional Electric Vehicle Charging Points	Create a fund that will be used to match fund and secure other funding to enable the delivery of additional electric charging points across the district, to encourage more residents to consider these as an option. To include the delivery of charging points at the Council's Elizabeth House HQ	£60,000	0-2 years		✓	✓
Reduce the impact of Council Buildings	Establish a reserve that will enable the council to undertake surveys and works to understand and reduce the environmental impact of its assets	£200,000	0-5 years	✓		

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Green Grants Scheme	Create a Small green grants scheme to support community projects. This would take the form of: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £40,000 for grants of around £500 for schools'/community groups for small environment projects (like bug gardens, etc). £60,000 for larger projects of £5,000 - £10,000 included in here would be £10,000 for Northgate School to purchase a bottle shredder 	£100,000	0-2 years		✓	✓
Member/Staff Travel	Establish a reserve that will be used to support initiatives that will encourage more members/officers to travel in more sustainable ways.	£10,000	0-2 years	✓		
Promote switch and save scheme for renewable energy	Promote more sustainable and renewable energy schemes that our residents can access to reduce their environmental impact.	£5,000	0-6 months		✓	✓
Explore Renewable Energy Options in Breckland	Establish a fund to commission a feasibility study into create more renewable energy in the district.	£50,000	0-2 years	✓	✓	✓
OTHER ACTIONS THAT CAN BE PROVIDED IN EXISTING RESOURCES						
Carbon Literacy training for elected members and officers	Toolkit to education staff and members on how to reduce their own carbon footprint both personally and professionally	-	0-3 months	✓		

Salary sacrifice/contribution schemes	Explore options to create elected members and staff to salary sacrifice scheme, particularly around transport and their homes	-	0-2 years	✓		
Review our Procurement Strategy	Use our organisation buying power to influence the supply chain to provider/make more green choices. We will place a greater emphasis on supporting the local economy and reducing emissions	-	0-2 years	✓	✓	✓
Local Plan Refresh	We will use the new Local Plan as an opportunity to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen all environmental protections • Establish a tree canopy percentage requirement • Strengthen Housing design principles to deliver more sustainable growth • Improve water management in the district 	-	0-5 years		✓	
Breckland Sustainability Webpages	We will create a front facing webpage/resource that will give our residents a one stop shop of information that will help educate them to make better decisions about all matter relating to the environment	-	0-3 months	✓	✓	✓
Energy Contract Renewal	Procure our energy directly from a renewable only supplier and explore the option of establishing a power purchasing agreement with other Norfolk Councils	-	By 2024	✓	✓	
WorkSmart	New ways of working through the Worksmart initiative and how we use Elizabeth House will delivery carbon savings by reducing staff travel to the office	-	0-2 years	✓		
Better Education on Recycling for residents	There is provision in the new contract for this and it was a key bit of feedback from the public consultation.	-	0-2 years		✓	✓

Fly tipping	Promote the consequences of fly tipping and the success of our enforcement activities.	-	Ongoing		✓	
Taxi Licensing	We will explore how we use our licensing powers on taxis to reduce their impact on emissions levels	-	0-5 years		✓	