

Overall objective: Improve understanding of the links between environment and health and maximise opportunities to deliver on both.

Environment and Climate: Identified Action	South Kesteven Action Plan	By When	By Whom	Completion Status	Progress as of September 2024
Improve air quality, particularly in designated management areas.	South Kesteven's air quality annual status report for 2023 is published on the Council's webpages	Dec-24	Ayeisha Kirkham	Ongoing	Publish after air quality action plan
	The Air Quality Action Plan is to be updated in the next 12 months	Nov-24	Ayeisha Kirkham	Ongoing	Consultancy work required post elections. Will be published later in 2024
	Clean Air Lincolnshire project to launch in 2023 and include monitoring of particulate matter at specific school locations in the county as part of an education initiative. Clean Air Lincolnshire encouraging action for cleaner air across the county (cleanairlincs.org.uk)	Ongoing	Ayeisha Kirkham	Ongoing	Clean Air Lincolnshire encouraging action for cleaner air across the county.
Accelerate transition towards active travel	This links with the Activity and Wellbeing area. Districts are collaboratively working with Lincolnshire County Council on plans and have prepared area wide cycling and walking plans. (LCWIP)	Ongoing	Planning/Leisure	Ongoing	Lincolnshire County Council have been without Active Travel Officers until August 2024. Deeping have successfully bid to conduct a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) with Bourne being encouraged.
Promote and increase uptake of electric vehicles	South Kesteven District Council have installed 4 electric vehicle charge points within Council Car Parks within the district. The council continues to explore opportunities for additional EVCP installation at other Council car park locations.	Ongoing	Louise Case	Ongoing	There are currently 6 charge units with 12 charge points across the district. Plan is to conduct a district wide review of approach to EVCPs, local demand and existing coverage, market situation etc.
	Local Plan policy also addresses the expectation that provision for electric vehicle charging is made for new developments.	Ongoing	Planning	Ongoing	Every new residential development expected to install EVCP's in 2020 Local Plan, with no plans to remove this in the ongoing review.
Mobility: provision and uptake of public transport services	Local Transport Strategies include support for walking, cycling and public transport.	Ongoing	Planning	Ongoing	Grantham and Stamford Transport Boards discuss improving support for walking, cycling and public transport
Improve domestic energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions	The Home Energy Upgrade Scheme offers support to residents of the 4 districts of Lincolnshire to improve the energy efficiency of their property, helping to reduce carbon emissions associated with energy use.	Mar-25	Serena Brown	Ongoing	First round of funding completed (LAD3/HUG1) with a total of 49 properties upgraded. Now into the second round of funding. The report for the first round can be found here: https://moderngov.southkesteven.gov.uk/documents/s41242/Update on Home Energy Upgrade Scheme.pdf
	South Kesteven District Council have also received funding via the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund to upgrade over 300 council properties to improve energy efficiency.	Mar-25	Peter Park	Ongoing	(Public Pack)Agenda Document for Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 06/06/2024 14:00 (southkesteven.gov.uk)

Joint work to reduce carbon emissions from all Councils (Lincolnshire County Council and districts)	South Kesteven District Council have developed a draft Climate Action Strategy setting out how we can address climate change and reduce carbon emissions in the district.	Ongoing	Serena Brown	Completed	Climate Action Strategy.pdf (southkesteven.gov.uk)
Reduce Carbon Emissions across all services to meet national carbon reduction targets	South Kesteven District Council have developed a draft Climate Action Strategy setting out how we can address climate change and reduce carbon emissions in the district.	Ongoing	Serena Brown	Ongoing	The Council have also been successful in bidding for money from the Swimming Pool Support Fund, investing in Pool Covers at the Leisure Centres from the Council's Climate Reserve Fund and also has been successful in a bid to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund to contribute to future years savings once the project is complete.
Understand the local impacts of a changing climate to improve community resilience.	The Council's draft Climate Action Strategy includes objectives on adaptation to climate change for the council and for the district.	Ongoing	Serena Brown	Completed	The Climate Action Strategy includes objectives on this
Reduce waste output across the county and tackle key issues	Lincolnshire County Council and all districts are part of the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership	Ongoing	Waste Team	Ongoing	Continue to attend
	Plans to roll out separate paper and card collection in South Kesteven to improve amount of material recycled.	Feb-24	Waste/Comms	Completed	All households within South Kesteven now have purple lidded bins.
Improve open space provision that recognises the role of improved biodiversity, carbon storage and wellbeing benefits	The council is developing a Tree & Woodland Strategy which will provide an analysis of tree canopy cover across the District and incorporate trees into existing and new policy. The Strategy will set out a management plan to increase canopy cover and enable existing trees to thrive; enhancing wildlife and biodiversity and the benefits trees provide. The Strategy and accompanying Action Plan will be finalised by March 2024.	Mar-24	Serena Brown	Completed	Tree & Woodland Strategy and Action Plan completed. New tree officer to complete the identified actions
	The Council successfully delivered the £1.2m Blue Green project to restore biodiversity in and around the districts river corridors, and continue to explore future biodiversity improvement funding options.	Ongoing	Louise Case	Ongoing	Frequent meetings with Cllr Baker. £40,000 awarded through the UKSPF to support the Make Space for Nature Biodiversity Project Scheme (targeted at town and parish councils). A menu of biodiversity/rewilding options was developed to complement this. Currently exploring potential of rewilding projects on SKDC open space.
Influence provision of healthy and sustainable food options	Meet with sustainable partners surrounding the promotion of healthy and sustainable food options	Nov-24	Leisure/Partners	Ongoing	Now part of the Healthy Weight Partnership Board. To explore options with Fairshare and local food providers.

Maximise opportunity of Local Plan Reviews	South Kesteven District Council are conducting a review of the current Local Plan and will address issues linked to the environment.	Mar-24	Shaza Brannon	Ongoing	The Local Plan is still under review however a Regulation 18 draft plan has recently been published for consultation which contains draft environmental policies. This work will hopefully be finalised later in 2024.
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