

South Kesteven District Council - Appendix A – Corporate Plan 2024-27 KPI Report: Environment OSC End-Year (Q4) 2025/26

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Index	Priority	Action	Owner	2025/26 Quarterly Overall Status			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
ENVIRO1	Sustainable South Kesteven	Deliver the Climate Change Action Strategy programme.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target
ENVIRO2	Sustainable South Kesteven	Continue to reduce operational emissions to achieve the target of a 30% reduction on 2019 by 2030 and develop modelling to set a target of achieving Net Zero operations as soon as viable.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target
ENVIRO3	Sustainable South Kesteven	Review and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities across the corporate estate, such as solar panels and EV chargers.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	On Target	Below Target	On Target	On Target
ENVIRO7	Sustainable South Kesteven	Adopt a Tree and Woodland Strategy and deliver the accompanying action plan.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target
ENVIRO8	Sustainable South Kesteven	Ensure that biodiversity net gain is embedded through corporate projects and operations	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target
ENVIRO9	Sustainable South Kesteven	Continue to tackle waste related crimes, including fly tipping with support from the Environmental Crime Partnership	Head of Service (Public Protection)	Below Target	Below Target	On Target	On Target
ENVIRO11	Sustainable South Kesteven	Develop and implement an effective process for the collection of food waste. (Food waste collection mandatory from 31st March 2026)	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	COMPLETED
ENVIRO12	Sustainable South Kesteven	Deliver a range of schemes to improve the recycling rate.	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	On Target	On Target	On Target	COMPLETED
ENVIRO13	Sustainable South Kesteven	Manage the construction and transition to a new depot, that is fit for purpose, and explore options for the old depot	Head of Service (Property and ICT)	On Target	Below Target	On Target	COMPLETED
ENVIRO14	Sustainable South Kesteven	Develop and deliver the Fleet Management strategy and accompanying action plan.	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	On Target	On Target	On Target	On Target
ENVIRO15	Sustainable South Kesteven	Review and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities within private properties in the district.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	N/A	On Target	On Target	On Target

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ENVIRO1	Sustainable South Kesteven	Deliver the Climate Change Action Strategy programme.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Development & Approval of Action Plan	Climate Action Plan adopted	On Target	Climate Action Plan presented to Environment OSC on 10 November 2025. The final Climate Action Plan was approved by Cabinet in March 2026. KPIs are in development for the Plan.
ENVIRO2	Sustainable South Kesteven	Continue to reduce operational emissions to achieve the target of a 30% reduction on 2019 by 2030 and develop modelling to set a target of achieving Net Zero operations as soon as viable.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Reduction in SKDC carbon emissions.	A reduction of 29.24% was reported for the 2024/25 year.	On Target	A downward trend in emissions can be observed since the carbon baseline of 2018/19. SKDC is on track to meet the target of reduction of at least 30% by 2030. Emission reporting has a one year lag. 2024/25 saw a reduction of 29.24% that was reported in 2025/26. It is anticipated that the 2030 emissions target will have been achieved in 2025/26, to be confirmed and reported in 2026/27. This is due in part to the reduction in energy use from specific projects, including the upgrade of SKDC owned streetlights to LED and investment in leisure centres including LED lighting upgrades, installation of pool covers, and installation of additional solar PV on key buildings. The SALIX funded decarbonisation project at Grantham Meres leisure centre was completed in March 2026 and will deliver a significant carbon reduction for the 2026/27 year onwards.
ENVIRO3	Sustainable South Kesteven	Review and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities across the corporate estate, such as solar panels and EV chargers.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Charging Point Utilisation Percentage (15%)	18.32%	On Target	Usage of chargers is steadily increasing, particularly in Stamford. As part of the new Stamford, Cattlemarket car park project four new chargers were installed in Q2 2025/26. The newly installed chargers at Stamford Cattlemarket have a strong uptake, with reasonable use of other chargers throughout the district.

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ENVIRO7	Sustainable South Kesteven	Adopt a Tree and Woodland Strategy and deliver the accompanying action plan.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	% delivery of actions included in the Tree and Woodlands Action Plan	See commentary	On Target	A number of Tree Management Policies, outlining how the Council will manage trees under our management, were approved by Cabinet in January 2026. 139 trees were planted in the winter 2025/26 planting season, including a number provided via Lincolnshire County Council, as well as 30 metres of new hedging.
ENVIRO8	Sustainable South Kesteven	Ensure that biodiversity net gain is embedded through corporate projects and operations	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Develop and deliver a Biodiversity Action Plan.	Biodiversity Action Plan adopted	On Target	The Biodiversity Action Plan was presented to Environment OSC in November 2025 and adopted by Cabinet in March 2026.
ENVIRO9	Sustainable South Kesteven	Continue to tackle waste related crimes, including fly tipping with support from the Environmental Crime Partnership	Head of Service (Public Protection)	Number of enforcement actions undertaken when evidence of an offence is available.	No. of fly tips with evidence in Q4 is 34. Of those investigations 13 Community Protection Warning Notices were issued and 6 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued.	On Target	<p>A new environmental crime process and mechanism for data capture has been embedded. In 2025/26, the cumulative number of fly tipping incidents where evidence has been found is 90. Over that period there have been 47 positive enforcement outcomes. Open investigations are continuing and some cases are being prepared for prosecution.</p> <p>It is important to note that an investigation can take a considerable amount of time. Further while evidence is obtained from fly tips it does not always lead to the perpetrator, which would mean the case would not have a positive outcome in terms of enforcement action.</p> <p>The Environmental Crime Partnership was shortlisted for a national award at the LGC Awards 2026</p>

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ENVIRO11	Sustainable South Kesteven	Develop and implement an effective process for the collection of food waste. (Food waste collection mandatory from 31st March 2026)	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	Work with relevant stakeholders to establish a project group and Action Plan for implementation	Food Waste Collection successfully implemented	COMPLETED	Mandatory weekly food waste collections commenced on 13 April 2026. Over the first five weeks of collection a total of 452,333 kg of food waste has been collected. Average presentation across the first five weeks is 65.2%. Presentation has steadily risen from 57.2% in the first week of the scheme, to 67.9% in the week commencing 11 May 2026.
ENVIRO12	Sustainable South Kesteven	Deliver a range of schemes to improve the recycling rate.	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	Domestic waste recycled per household (55 KG)	65kg	COMPLETED	The introduction of twin stream recycling in February 2024 and the contamination reduction campaign have resulted in improved recycling quality across the district. The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) released local authority waste statistics for 2024/25 on 31 March 2026. The contamination rate for South Kesteven DC in 2024/25 was 8.94%, in line with the Lincolnshire median of 8.32% and below the Lincolnshire average of 10.05%. The garden waste collection service customer base fluctuates but the income remains within budgeted levels.
				Increase uptake of the garden waste recycling service. (Target 1% growth)	-3%	Below Target	
				% of non-recyclable materials in the recycling stream. (15%)	We do not currently have this information due to an Lincolnshire County Council reporting delay.	N/A	
ENVIRO13	Sustainable South Kesteven	Manage the construction and transition to a new depot, that is fit for purpose, and explore options for the old depot	Head of Service (Property and ICT)	Construction Completion (November 2025)	The Depot Project is now complete.	COMPLETED	The new waste depot at Turnpike Close went live in December 2025. Over 290 council staff involved in waste collections, health & safety, street cleaning, park maintenance and housing repair are based at the site. The former Turnpike repairs building has been assigned to a new tenant and the former Mowbeck Way buildings are currently being marketed for lease.

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ENVIRO14	Sustainable South Kesteven	Develop and deliver the Fleet Management strategy and accompanying action plan.	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	Develop and adopt Strategy	Overall, progress is steady and we expect to meet the targets set within the strategy.	On Target	The Green Fleet Strategy 2025-28 Action Plan was adopted in November 2025. Since then, progress has been made on the actions. A Transport User Group, comprising service leads from across the Council, has been established to support the Fleet Strategy. In addition, a Fleet Dashboard has been created to review vehicle utilisation, and a training plan and content have been developed for employees who drive Council vehicles.
ENVIRO15	Sustainable South Kesteven	Review and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities within private properties in the district.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Number of properties improved	2 properties were upgraded in SKDC for Y1 of the scheme, a smaller funding allocation being provided for the first year. Across the consortium of 4 districts, over 500 properties have applied to the scheme, compared to expected delivery of 330 properties for Y2 and Y3 of the scheme.	On Target	Overall, 214 properties were upgraded using HUG2 funding across the Lincolnshire partnership, including 40 from South Kesteven. In total, 496 energy efficiency measures were installed in properties, resulting in a total annual carbon emissions saving of 1,721 tonnes, and an annual energy saving for residents of £854.33. Mobilisation has commenced for the follow on scheme, Warm Homes Local Grant, with 2 properties upgraded in SKDC for Year 1 of the scheme. 15 properties were upgraded across the Lincolnshire consortium. Delivery is expected to significantly ramp up in Year 2. Across the consortium of 4 districts, over 500 properties have applied to the scheme, compared to expected delivery of 330 properties for Year 2 and Year 3 of the scheme.