



# CLIMATE EMERGENCY

- We declared a climate emergency in September 2019
- We are one of three Norfolk Authorities to do this (North Norfolk & Norwich are the others)
- We are the third Norfolk authority to set a date for net zero (Norfolk CC and Norwich are the others)
- The strategy here today is our first Sustainability Strategy



## 3 PILLARS OF OUR STRATEGY

1. We will reduce our own impact as an organisation on the environment
2. We will use our regulatory powers to influence behavioural change (e.g. planning, waste & recycling, environmental protection)
3. We will enable our communities to take action for themselves





# Breckland's Existing Commitments

The Council already has made significant commitments to supporting the environment. These include: -

- Replacement of Street Lighting with LED - £825,000
- New Environment & Climate Change post - £90,000
- Initial Carbon Audit -£10,000
- Members ICT Kit to enable paperless meeting - £10,000
- Delivery of a Local Plan - £310,000 per annum
- Recycling elements of Waste Contract - £1,350,000 per annum
- Environmental Protection Service - £300,000 per annum
- Environmental Enforcement Activity - £46,000 per annum
  
- One off funding - £1,400,000
- Annual funding - £2,006,000





# Work to be done within existing resource

The work programme attached to our strategy will look to do the following things within existing resources to support this agenda: -

- Carbon Literacy training for members & officers
- Review our Procurement strategy
- Delivery new web pages to inform residents
- Renew our energy contract in 2024 with a renewable only provider
- Strengthen Local Plan and Planning design policies
- WorkSmart 2020 will change the way we use Elizabeth House





# Additional Proposals

We would like to make a further commitment of £525k to this agenda. This would support: -

- Community Green Grants Scheme - £100k
- Tree Planting and other Env Schemes (in partnership) - £100k
- Additional EV Charging points - £60k
- Reduce impact of Council Buildings -£200k
- Member/Staff travel - £10k
- Explore renewal options in Breckland - £50k
- Promote switch and save schemes - £5k



# Breckland NetZero

We are looking to set a date of **2035** for the council to be NetZero.

There are a number of issues identified in our carbon audit that mean an earlier date would not be practical without significant offsetting measures: -

- *Emissions generated by our contracted refuse vehicle fleet*
- *Emissions relating to elected member and officer travel -*
- *Emissions relating to heating of the councils contracted leisure facilities*
- *Emissions relating to tenants of the council's commercial assets*

