

## Appendix 4

### Summary of Feedback from Public Consultation

#### Q1. Themes of our Strategy

Out of 206 responses: -

- 85.44% (176 people) supported the theme *'We will reduce our own impact as an organisation on the environment'*
- 83.04% (172 people) supported the theme *'We will use our regulatory powers to influence behavioural change (e.g. planning, waste & recycling, environmental protection)'*
- 82.04% (169 people) supported the theme *'We will enable our communities to take action for themselves'*
- 4.37% (9 people) did not support any of our themes

#### Q2. Prioritised the type of actions we could take

Respondents were asked to prioritise the type of actions they would like the council to take from a number of options. The responses showed the following: -

##### Top priority

- Create tree planting schemes
- Use the council's planning powers & Local Plan strategy to deliver more sustainable development

##### Second Priority

- Work to make all council built housing carbon neutral
- Switch to green energy

##### Third Priority

- Create more electric vehicle charging points in the district
- Cycling schemes
- Create a small grants scheme to help fund local organisations to create small environment projects
- Explore options for support greater renewable energy options in Breckland

##### Fourth Priority

- Use our procurement strategy to procure more sustainable and drive behavioural change in our supply chain
- Promote government grants around insulation

##### Fifth Priority

- Explore ways to reduce the impact of staff and Elected Member travel

### Q3 What other ideas/activities would you like to put forward

<b>Suggestions</b>
<b>Waste</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clearer information on what can be recycled and not</li><li>• Greater recycling options</li><li>• Food waste collection</li><li>• Electric Rubbish Trucks</li><li>• Make all domestic recycling free including tyres, batteries, paint, etc</li><li>• More free recycling</li><li>• More education for residents on recycling and making better choices to reduce their impact</li><li>• Once a year free service to pick up all unwanted household goods to reduce fly tipping</li><li>• Behaviour change to reduce the amount of landfill</li><li>• More education for residents on recycling and making better choices to reduce their impact</li></ul>
<b>The Council</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prevent staff that live within 5-8 miles from driving to work</li><li>• Electric/battery powered council vehicles</li><li>• Continue home working for council staff to reduce impacts of offices</li><li>• Remove air condition from council buildings</li><li>• Ban single use plastic from council buildings</li><li>• Better enforcement of existing environmental policies</li><li>• Make the Leader personally responsible for Sustainability</li><li>• Set a bold date for carbon neutrality e.g. 2025 and be a leader of councils in the UK</li><li>• Baseline and 6 monthly reporting on progress needed</li><li>• Change procurement strategy to buy locally</li><li>• Invite ideas from residents and business for a greener tomorrow</li><li>• Residents Sustainability forum</li><li>• More performance metrics to understand how the council policies impact on the environment e.g. carbon impact per £ invested</li></ul>
<b>Traffic &amp; Transport</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Better traffic control/flow to reduce pollution</li><li>• Improve public transport options</li><li>• Stop wasting money on cycle lanes</li><li>• Create safe cycleways and footpaths</li><li>• More electric vehicles and charging points</li><li>• Reduce traffic congestion</li><li>• Charge for car parking to reduce the amount of people driving in towns</li><li>• Promote walking more</li><li>• Charge for car parking to reduce driving</li><li>• Improve railways to reduce vehicles</li><li>• Air quality readings to be displayed on monitors in towns</li></ul>
<b>Development</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More sustainable heating in new housing developments</li><li>• All new houses to be energy efficient</li><li>• Prioritise sustainable developers</li></ul>

- Build on brownfield before green belt
- Less house building
- More green spaces in towns
- More town parks
- Air source heat pumps for homes
- Reduce light pollution by using down lighters
- Solar or wind power on all buildings
- Protect green space for exercise
- More footpaths

#### **Energy**

- Provide incentives for private landlords to improve energy footprint of older rental properties
- Create schemes to support moving away from fossil fuels
- Increase green energy use
- Solar or wind power on all buildings

#### **Land, Habitats & Wildlife**

- Make current green land more accessible
- Properly maintain rivers and water ways
- Protect existing trees & hedgerows
- Leave grass in park uncut to promote insect life
- Work with Agricultural industry to be more sustainable
- Encourage farmers to leave borders in fields to promote wildlife
- Protect natural habitats
- Plant wild flowers on verges, more hedgehog highways, turn wooded areas into nature reserves
- Plant more hedgerows
- Create more wildlife corridors
- Work with landowners to improve carbon sequestration
- Reduce surface water flooding risks
- Improve drainage to prevent flooding
- Plant a new Breckland forest

#### **Grants**

- Grants to help people make their homes more sustainable
- Grants for solar for residents and businesses
- Grants for community woods
- Create business support schemes to support more sustainable business eg vegan business low business rates

#### **Community Initiatives**

- Encourage more allotments
- Community edible gardens
- Encourage more people to grow their own food
- Source and buy locally
- Water fountains for refillable bottle to reduce single use plastics
- Promote ideas for individuals to carry out collective ownership and contribution
- Greater incentives for people to reduce their carbon footprint
- Support access to forest schools for children to grow the next generation of guardians

<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Green tourism</li><li>• Trial e-scooters in Breckland towns</li><li>• Improve rural broadband to promote more homeworking</li></ul>