

Zero Carbon and Nature Rich: Herefordshire's Action Plan for Housing and Buildings 2021

Key:	Existing action	In development	Proposal - needs
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Action	Details	Status	Enabling / Lead Partner	Delivery Partners	Funding	Project start date	Project end date	Ongoing Progress
Climate 'checklist' for planning applications	Applicants are completing the checklists and officers reminding applicants of the need for them at pre-app stage.	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	N/A	N/A	Ongoing		Implemented
Ecology 'checklist' for planning applications	Applicants are completing the checklists and officers reminding applicants of the need for them at pre-app stage.	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	N/A	N/A	Ongoing		Implemented
Facilitate local green building and renewables skills and supply chain	Possible incorporation into retro-fit strategy	Existing action	Herefordshire Council		TBC	Ongoing		To be influenced by retrofit strategy- see below
Publicise examples of green buildings in Herefordshire & elsewhere	Via Herefordshire Net Zero and Nature Rich website	Existing action	Herefordshire Council			Mar-21	Ongoing	Examples available on Herefordshire zero carbon and nature rich website
Affordable Warmth and Energy Efficiency Grant schemes	Funding to improve energy efficiency of homes through measures such as first time central heating, heat pumps and insulation	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	Keep Herefordshire Warm plus project and install partners	Various inc Warm Homes Fund (WHF) and Green Homes Grant (GHG) Local Authority Delivery (LAD)	Ongoing		GHG LAD- Installs underway targeting 44 fuel poor households. WHF- Park Homes project (100+ installs) now complete. Rural heat pump and urban community schemes being progressed (circa 50 installs) up to to Nov 2021.
Sustainable Energy in Public Buildings	Marches wide local authority led project to assess and retro fit public buildings with low carbon measures (LED lighting, renewables etc.)	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	Shropshire Council, Telford & Wrekin Council and appointed installers	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	Ongoing	2023	Phase 1 (2017-20) targets achieved. Phase 2 (2020-23)- Project pipeline remains satisfactory, first two grants awarded and four applications in process.
Marches Energy Renewable Grant Scheme	Marches wide local authority led project to grant fund renewable installations	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	Shropshire Council, Telford & Wrekin Council	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	Ongoing	Dec-21	In Herefordshire 22 full applications have been approved, 13 of which have been installed. 9 more applications/installations are in progress

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Keep Herefordshire Warm (KHW)	Keep Herefordshire Warm (KHW) provides information, advice and referrals to residents for affordable warmth and energy efficiency measures in their homes.	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	Severn Wye Energy Agency	Herefordshire Council	Ongoing	N/A (service)	Above target level of engagement with residents despite or potentially as a result of Covid-19 pandemic. KHW working with householders and installers to facilitate affordable warmth grant measures.
Clean Growth Fund (previously Business Energy Efficiency Programme)	Grant scheme for businesses to reduce their energy and waste outputs	Existing action	Worcestershire Council	Herefordshire Council	Central government	Ongoing		Herefordshire Council continue to sit on Board and evaluate applications and promote grant scheme to Herefordshire businesses
Access/signpost to funding and subsidies for home energy retro-fit and report carbon savings through scheme reporting	Advice and signposting provided through Keep Herefordshire Warm. Suitable finance to be identified and implemented/access/signpost external funding streams e.g. Green Homes Grant (GHG)	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	Severn Wye	£500k GHG Local Authority Development funding secured	Ongoing		89 energy efficiency measures facilitated by KHW 2020/21 Carbon savings estimated at 107 tonnes.
Access funding/subsidy for fruit tree and meadow mix planting for new developments	Links to land use and farming action plan	In development	Herefordshire Council	Communities	Via the development process			
Specify minimum environmental standards for all Herefordshire Council buildings including energy efficiency, green roofs & walls, managing estate to maximise biodiversity	Enabled through policy template and stakeholder engagement	In development	Herefordshire Council	N/A	Delivered through existing resources	Nov-20	Dec-21	Draft policy sent to relevant stakeholders for incorporation into corporate docs.
Herefordshire Council to retrofit existing buildings to higher environmental standards	Expansion of existing energy efficiency programme for council buildings supported by Sustainable Energy in Public Buildings grant scheme	Existing action	Herefordshire Council	N/A	TBC		2030	Completed installation of energy efficiency measures at Hillside Care Centre and Widemarsh Children's Centre.
Herefordshire Council property/estates to develop and achieve biodiversity & green space standards	Standard to be researched and prescribed. Develop policy and identify/implement finance. Council to share new standard for possible sign up from partners and stakeholders	In development	Herefordshire Council	N/A	TBC			

Develop new domestic building retrofit programmes to further improve the energy efficiency of Herefordshire's housing stock, reducing carbon emissions, improving wellbeing and tackling fuel poverty	Develop suitable finance and delivery model	Proposal - needs resourcing	Herefordshire Council			Apr-22		Decision to procure external consultants to deliver the study approved by cabinet subject to call in
Develop new Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on building environmental standards.		In development	Herefordshire Council			Apr-21 (SPD)	Oct-21 (SPD)	Archtype commissioned to deliver draft document
Change planning guidance to specify biodiversity net gain	Links to land use and farming action plan	In development	Herefordshire Council	N/A				Herefordshire Council currently developing policy on this
Follow progress of the proposal in Planning White paper for a national infrastructure levy.	If introduced would replace both Community Infrastructure Levy and section 106 agreements with view to raise funds from new developments for new green infrastructure, community heating schemes and biodiversity enhancements	Proposal - needs resourcing	Herefordshire Council	N/A	N/A	Ongoing		