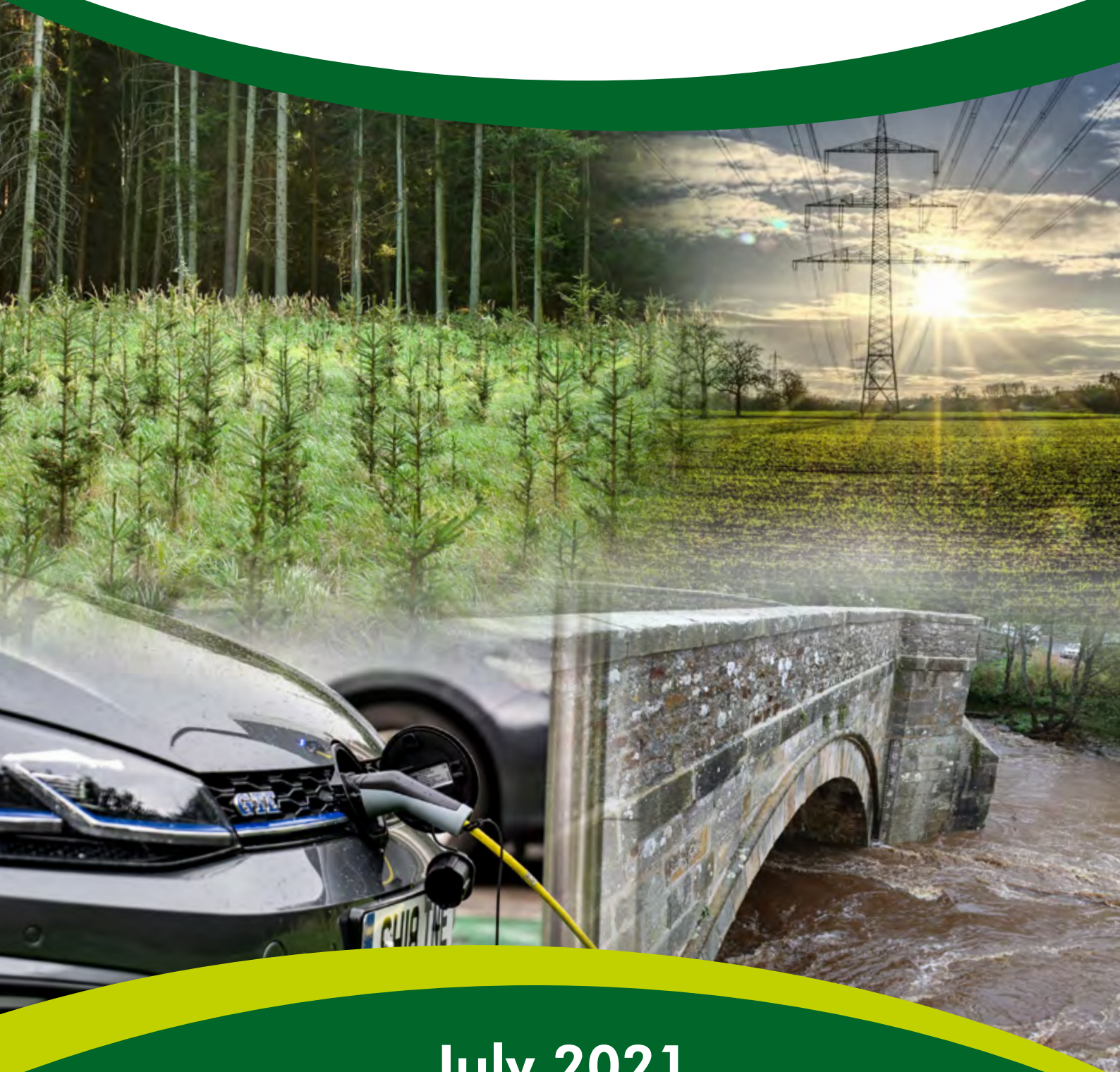


Climate Change Action Plan



July 2021

Richmondshire District Council has launched a plan of action to tackle climate change. To be delivered over the next two years or so, it aims to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions arising from its own estate, operations and activities – such as from vehicle fuel, heating, lighting and materials use - and to support and encourage climate change action in the wider community.

There are over 100 different actions and projects in the plan which hopes to: 'achieve a net zero carbon Council by 2030 and to work with, influence, support and encourage others so that this can be achieved for the wider Richmondshire by 2034.'

Over the next two years (2021-2023), you can expect to see changes to the way the Council works and new projects and activities to support and encourage everyone to play their part in tackling climate change.

Transport and travel

- A new electric vehicle for staff to use for site visits and visiting customers and business premises
- 20 new electric vehicle charging points for public use in our car parks
- An electric taxi incentive scheme



Decarbonising homes, public buildings and council assets

- Solar photovoltaics installed on about 35 council bungalows
- Installation of solar panels and thermally efficient walling and windows at Richmond Swimming Pool
- Replacing traditional street lighting with LED lamps and 'part nighting' those owned by the District Council

Tree planting and supporting biodiversity

- Reviewing how the Council manages its open spaces to see where areas can be managed as semi-natural greenspace and where new trees can be planted
- Working in partnership with organisations and communities across the district to plant new trees

Encouraging business and community involvement

- Creating two new awards schemes for businesses and community groups to showcase and celebrate local climate change projects that go the extra mile
- Hosting a climate change event at Richmondshire Business Week
- Supporting Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership

We will also be encouraging private businesses to install electric vehicle charging and devising ways to reduce the carbon emissions of waste collection and other services we deliver. Also, some of the temporary changes to services made in response to the



Covid-19 emergency, such as allowing staff to work from home and swapping paper based services to electronic ones will remain, whilst making provision for people to access services as they used to, if they cannot access them digitally.

The Plan will be reviewed and updated annually – progress with delivering the plan will be reviewed and published and new projects will be added. If you have any ideas that could be considered for inclusion in a review, please get in touch with the climate change officer at climate.change@richmondshire.gov.uk



Want to find out more?

Visit the climate change pages of richmondshire.gov.uk for

- The full version of this Action Plan
- The Climate Emergency declaration
- Data on the Council's carbon emissions, updated annually
- Other useful climate change related information

For any other questions and queries, please contact the Council's climate change officer, climate.change@richmondshire.gov.uk or telephone 01748 901136.

Want to get involved?

Reducing the emissions arising across the whole district to net zero by 2034 will require action by everyone – organisations, businesses, residents and visitors. So why not get involved?

The Richmondshire Climate Action Partnership welcomes new members with enthusiasm and/or skills and expertise that can help take local action on climate change. Groups are taking action across several themes including: travel and transport, land management and biodiversity, community projects, waste and recycling and decarbonising homes.

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