Carbon Management report 2025/26

Theme 1 Built Environment

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CMP01 Develop & implement minimum energy standards in commercial and domestic properties	CMP01.01 Consider the inclusion of local energy efficiency standards through Gedling's Local Development Plan.	Assistant Director of Development	75%	An evidence-based policy had been drafted relating to local energy efficiency standards which is now being revised following the introduction of the Future Homes and Buildings Standard. This amends the Building Regulations to ensure new development meets certain standards. Planning Policy should not repeat existing requirements.
	CMP01.02 Maximise available funding (through EMCCA & other sources) promote schemes to help retrofit housing within the borough, by raising EPC standards to a minimum of a C or above.	Food, Health & Housing Manger	100%	57 Energy Company Obligation declarations signed and approved for various installations to properties – 57 Gedling households gained retrofit measures including insulation, temperature controls, boiler upgrades and renewable energy installations with properties, on average, gaining EPC improvements from band E to band C. 12 Warm Homes Local Grant referrals being processed via consortium led by Nottinghamshire County Council using funds allocated to Gedling BC. 9 Retrofit assessments complete and preparing a pipeline of installations for completion. 4 Solar installations completed in Gedling Borough at an average cost of £12,500 totalling over £50,000 spent in year 1 of scheme. Pipeline of work suggests that will achieve the funding target of 31 installations by the scheme end in spring 2028. Awaiting Government announcements of the national delivery of the £15 billion funded Warm Homes Plan and links to EMCCA and a national agency.

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	CMP01.03 Through development of the Council Asset Management Plan review council buildings, business units and temporary accommodation properties and develop action plan for all premises to achieve a C or above.	Assistant Director – Housing & Resettlement	50%	Property condition surveys are underway and once received the Council will identify what works are required to improve and meet energy efficiency standards.
	CMP01.04 To regulate and enforce the minimum energy efficiency standard in rented accommodation	Food, Health & Housing Manger	100%	Update between the dates of 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026: The team have issued 301 Final Licences, 311 Draft Licences and carried out 174 property inspections. In addition to this 131 properties have gone through our self-declaration process. The self declaration approach is applied to properties where a variation to an existing licence is required and to those properties that have already been inspected under the original Phase 1 scheme between 2018 and 2023 and have been assessed as low risk. The self-declaration requires that proposed landlords declare that they have inspected the property within the last six months, repaired any defects identified following this visit, assessed the property for fire safety, checked that there is working smoke detection on every level and completed any remedial works previously communicated to them by the council. The EPC status is checked for all properties for which we receive a licence under the Selective Licensing schemes. In this time 26 properties have been identified as having expired EPCs and 5

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				properties as non-compliant (Includes properties with no EPC or where there is an EPC and it is rated F or below). Where EPCs are either missing or a score of F or below, the need to carry out steps to rectify these issues have been communicated to the licence holder as part of the selective licence process. Where the EPC is expired the requirement to carry out a new EPC would only become a legal requirement upon re-occupancy of the property so we advise the proposed licence holder that should they re-let it in the future, a new EPC would be required.
CMP02 Identify low carbon management measures & energy efficiency technologies	CMP02.01 Early consideration in the RIBA stage 2 plans for the new Carlton Leisure and Community Wellbeing Centre.	Assistant Director of Communities, Leisure & Wellbeing	100%	The RIBA 2 stage for the Carlton Active project (Carlton Leisure and Community Wellbeing Centre) has been completed and agreed at cabinet on 19 February 2026. At the end of RIBA 2, the project has developed coordinated architectural layouts, site strategy, massing, circulation, and an outline building services approach. These design decisions establish a strong foundation for reducing operational carbon, improving energy efficiency, and supporting the Council's longer-term net zero ambitions. While detailed energy modelling and embodied carbon calculations are not yet complete, the Stage 2 design demonstrates a clear and credible pathway to improved climate performance when compared with the existing facility.
	CMP02.02 Early consideration in the RIBA stage 2 plans for Ambition Arnold.	Assistant Director of Economic Growth & Regeneration	100%	The RIBA 2 stage plans for Ambition Arnold were presented and agreed at cabinet on 19 November 2025. At the end of RIBA 2, the project has developed coordinated architectural layouts, site strategy, massing, circulation, and an outline building services approach. These design decisions establish a strong foundation for reducing operational carbon, improving energy efficiency, and supporting the Council's longer-term net zero ambitions. While detailed energy modelling and embodied carbon

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CMP03 Deliver effective carbon monitoring & reporting of scope 1 (direct emissions), scope 2 and scope 3 (indirect emissions)	CMP03.01 Properties, Transport, Leisure, HR & Payroll to provide specified scope data requested by the Climate Change Manager required to calculate annual emissions	Climate Change Manager	100%	2024/2025 scope 1, 2 and 3 carbon emissions report data sourced from all service areas and report completed.
	CMP03.02 Compose a staff commuting survey for scope 3 data. Facilitate the process of capturing the data from staff.	Climate Change Manager	100%	Survey produced and discussed at Performance and Budget Board meeting. Circulated to Directors, Assistant Directors and managers to cascade to their teams on 15th July and 17th September. Results being collated before sharing with consultants to prepare for the carbon benchmarking report.
	CMP03.03 For purchased goods & services start embedding environmental standards into the procurement strategy	Procurement & Contracts Business Manager	100%	Environmental Standard Objectives have been introduced into sections 3.1 - 3.4 of the [procurement Strategy
CMP04 Continually improve the energy efficiency of the council's existing building stock and its services. Identify		Property Manager	5%	This is ongoing, based on funding opportunities as they become available.

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existing sites that could be suitable for green technologies and infrastructure.				

Theme 2 Transport

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CMP05 Transition from fossil fuel to electric vehicles	CMP05.01 Continue to monitor & report air quality.	Community Protection Manager	100%	Each year annual status report (ASR) is submitted to DEFRA and this takes place annually in June. The report can be found on the Air Quality page of the Gedling Borough Council Web Page.
	CMP05.03 Further develop a strategy for EV charging points across Gedling owned car parks and explore external funding opportunities	Director of Operations	100%	All feasible car parks have had EV chargers installed
CMP06 Reduce emissions from Council fleet & Private Vehicle Hire	CMP06.01 Review external advice and options for electrifying the Council's vehicle fleet and trade tools (such as leaf blowers, mowers).	Assistant Director of Operations	100%	Review carried out and electrification of vehicles is not feasible within the next 2 years due to DNO supply to the depot. Review of plant carried out and electric plant purchased for parks operatives.
	CMP06.02 Introduce in-cab/handheld technology and route optimisation and explore opportunities to feedback driving style information to crews.	Chief Digital and Customer Officer Waste & Street Care Operations	65%	Work continuing with in-cab/handheld technology now implemented for Domestic and Trade crews. Rounds optimised for Garden Waste and further improvements to other rounds as well the feedback on driving style to be introduced.

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	CMP06.03 Review options for introducing a minimum emissions requirement for GBC licensed taxis.	Community Protection Manager	25%	Officers are considering how changes will impact the number of taxis on the current fleet and in particular numbers of applications for licenses. Taxi applicants for both driver and vehicles can be made to any LA both across the region and nationally. Currently the Vehicle Specification is being reviewed, and the implications of age, emissions and vehicle changes need to be weighted against the Councils Air Quality Action Plan and full report will be required for E&L following guidance from the PH and SLT

Theme 3 Energy Generation

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CMP07 Expand renewable energy in the borough Monitor availability of external funding and where appropriate produce business cases for renewable energy/low	Climate Change Manager (CCM) approached by EMCCA on fully funded wind turbines. CCM spoken to Properties about the feasibility of installing fully funded cluster of 8-10 turbines CCM identified a Gedling Country Park by the cafe Currently electricity usage calculated at 5000Kw per month. Proposal & PPA received and	Property Services Manager/ Climate Change Manager	25%	

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carbon interventions strengthened by the EMCCA Energy Strategy.	implications on the lease contract issued to Nottingham City council. Property's view is that responsibility for electricity supply, billing and associated costs will sit with Nottingham City Council. As such, any reduction in energy costs or benefit from a PPA arrangement would largely sit with the tenant rather than Gedling Borough Council. From an operational perspective, it would therefore seem more appropriate for any agreement of this nature to be considered directly with Nottingham City Council. Otherwise, this could introduce additional administration and contractual responsibility on our side without a clear benefit.			
CMP08 Increase local and low carbon solutions and identify and	Continue to work with the D2N2 Local Authority Energy Partnership, as well as the Nottinghamshire	Climate Change Manager	100%	

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work with key influencers/partners in the borough, such as the climate change groups, D2N2 LEAP to promote the climate change agenda.	Environmental Strategy Working Group progressing on LGR a collaborative approach on climate change. The Climate Change Manager feedback on the draft report for Gedling's Local Area Energy Plan, the final report is due in May.			
CMP09 Encourage environmental/sustainable awareness and agree appropriate communication in line with the Corporate Communications plan to promote internally and externally through environmental initiatives.	Internal and external communications activity has already begun to support environmental and sustainability awareness. Actions delivered and in progress include: • **I**nternal staff news publications: highlighting carbon reduction, environmental initiatives and sustainability awareness • Staff briefings: to raise awareness of environmental and sustainability priorities • External communications delivered through the Gedling Borough Council news publication • Environmental and sustainability content	Communications & Engagement Manager	100%	

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	published via Council social media channels (alongside Gedling Borough News related coverage) • Supporting information and updates published on the Council website (alongside Gedling Borough News related coverage), also included - information being planned to circulate internally & externally as part of the Pride in Place Programme • Planned external communications activity re climate, included in the Spring edition of *Contacts* Magazine • Participation in and promotion of awareness days, including Climate Week All activity is aligned with Gedling's Legacy Plan and delivered in line with the Corporate Communications Strategy, ensuring consistency with wider Council priorities and messaging. At this stage, progress reflects that communications activity is underway and continuing to			

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	develop. Further internal and external opportunities will be delivered as part of the Council's planned environmental and sustainability initiatives, with progress reviewed alongside campaign planning cycles.			
CMP10 Minimise the borough's waste and its impact on the environment		Assistant Director of Operations	100%	Trade food waste collections were implemented in February 2026. Simpler Recycling for domestic customers Go Live on 31 March 2026 in line with government guidance.
		Web and Online Content Manager	75%	Upgraded website includes additional information about Simpler Recycling and where to recycle additional materials not collected at the kerbside. Additional information to be added around Re-use of items on the Bulky Waste page.

Theme 6 Green Infrastructure – Carbon Offsetting

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CMP11 Carbon Offsetting	CMP11.01 Continue a programme of tree planting across the borough, maximising external funding opportunities	Parks Operations Manager	100%	Most external funding sources for these types of schemes have finished now. One offer of funding was made but did not progress as the proposed project wasn't suitable from an ecological perspective. 14 heavy standard trees have been planted in 2025-26 (4 at Arnot Hill park, 9 at GCP and 1 at Digby Park), some of which are memorial trees funded by the family.

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	CMP11.02 Delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain for new developments by at least 10%.	Assistant Director of Development	100%	This is an ongoing action due to the Environment Act 2021 requiring most new development to deliver at least 10% BNG. This requirement is now being secured through planning permissions through the imposition of conditions and Section 106 agreements where appropriate.