



Contributions to the Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP)



We are currently engaging with stakeholders to receive comment on the Biodiversity Action Plan. Stakeholders engaged include: The Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, Herts Ecology, Herts Greenspace Managers, Herts Planners, and Butterfly Conservation. At the end of May we began to sort through the written comments.

Countryside Management Services (CMS) are working to secure a county-wide biodiversity baseline. This work includes pre-tender market engagement to get a sense of costings.

Environmental Communications

The Corporate Policy Team has continued producing articles and social media posts each month with five easy suggestions on how to help the environment. June focussed on Food and Eating Habits whilst July's theme was 'Habits You Didn't Know Could Make a Difference'.

The recycling and waste bulletin has now been adapted to include other environmental topics, including the monthly 'How to Help the Environment' article. The bulletin reaches an estimated 11,000 people.

Cabinet Panel on the Environment

The 8th June meeting of The Environment Panel invited Panel members and members of the public to suggest topics for future meetings, in order to enable a work programme to be agreed at the July panel meeting. At the July meeting, the following work programme was agreed:

July: Leadership and Behaviour Change

September: Renewable Energy Generation

November: Waste Minimisation

February: Adaption to Climate Change

The July panel also received presentations on the Hertfordshire County Council Behaviour Change Unit, an update on the work of the HCCSP and a presentation on the Cambridge Carbon Footprint Calculator and Charter.

The next cabinet panel will be held on 7th September.

10,000 Free Trees Giveaway

Up to 10,000 tree saplings will be given away by the council to people who live in the district in Autumn. Through this, the council aims to aid in the fight against climate change, support local biodiversity and improve air quality. Residents are now able to register their interest in receiving a free tree sapling.



More information for residents that are interested can be found [here](#).