

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

The policy team have continued to work on the HCCSP Biodiversity Action Plan. Stakeholder comments have been taken into consideration and relevant amendments have been made.

The policy team has been involved in the assessment of bids for the county-wide biodiversity baseline. This contract has now been awarded. Work on this project should begin within the next month and be delivered by March 2022.

The policy team provide representation at the newly-formed Behaviour change subgroup. Regular meetings are being held seeking to develop plans for delivering on behavioural change actions from each of the HCCSP Action plans.

APSE training on Climate Action for Councils has been set up through HCCSP and relevant staff members and cabinet members have been put forward for the training. These training sessions cover essential principles of climate change and explore what actions could be taken by councils to tackle the climate emergency.



### Cabinet Panel on the Environment

The 7<sup>th</sup> September meeting of The Environment Panel focussed on renewable energy generation. The panel received presentations from West Suffolk Council on their community solar schemes and Beond group – an energy consultancy who help their clients make shifts from fossil fuel to renewable energy.

Public participation included a presentation on 'Hydrogen as a Fuel for

Heating and Transport' and 'Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage'.

The next Cabinet Panel for the Environment is due to take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November with the planned theme of waste minimisation.

### Green Festival – Letchworth

The council's waste team hosted a stall at Letchworth's Green Festival on 11<sup>th</sup> September. This was an opportunity to raise awareness amongst residents about reducing waste. The stall also included information regarding the council's climate change strategy and the 10,000 tree giveaway.

### 10,000 Tree Giveaway

We are giving away 10,000 tree saplings this Autumn. Residents of North Herts that have a suitable place to plant a tree can register interest in receiving a free tree by emailing [green.space@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:green.space@north-herts.gov.uk). More information can be found [here](#).

### Environmental Communications

Monthly suggestions on how residents can reduce waste and take action to be more environmentally friendly continue to be published by the council. August's theme focussed on 'Transport', whilst September's theme covered 'Clothing'. Between 20<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> September, posts were shared across our social media channels to highlight #RecycleWeek.



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Instead of sending your old clothes straight to landfill, try selling them on, giving them away to charity, swapping them with friends or recycling them at clothes banks.

**Did you know that even your used socks can be recycled into material such as sofa stuffing?**



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