



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



The subgroup has been working together to draft an action plan regarding Biodiversity. This action plan identifies next steps/actions for the county. Examples of topics considered include: developing a biodiversity baseline, raising awareness of local biodiversity, highlighting the value of Local Nature Reserves and other wildlife areas, and supporting the delivery of Biodiversity Net Gains. This action plan was presented to the Partnership on 11th March.

The corporate policy team also hosted an information session for local planners throughout Hertfordshire regarding the biodiversity baseline that had been proposed to the HCCSP in January 2021.

Environment Panel Meeting

The most recent Cabinet Panel for the Environment took place on 23rd February. This panel included a review of the council's environmental achievements over the last year. The next session is due to take place on 8th June 2021.

Climate Change Strategy

The Policy Team have updated the latest version of the Climate Change Strategy. The progress of the initial proposed actions have been reviewed and amendments have been made to the strategy in line with the latest environmental guidance.

The revised strategy has now been adopted by the council and can be found on our [website](#).

Internal Communications

The corporate policy team has started a new monthly initiative to encourage council staff to adopt eco-friendly habits. Every month, an article will be published in the staff newsletter with five easy suggestions on how to be more environmentally friendly. February's focus was 'Heating Habits', encouraging staff to reduce the energy used to heat their homes. The team is looking into making these monthly posts available to the public.

Waste Awareness

In March, the waste team has run a campaign on social media to raise awareness of the impact that our food waste has on the climate and to



encourage residents to take positive actions to reduce food waste, including by taking a food waste pledge. More details can be found on the council's facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/northhertsDC/>

Recycling Bins

Nine new on-street recycling bins were installed in Royston Town Centre, meaning that visitors can recycle glass and plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard while on the



go. This means that when shoppers return to the town centre, they can separate materials which can be easily recycled from other types of litter and dispose of them in an environmentally friendly way.

The new town centre recycling bins are the latest initiative to promote recycling and reduce litter in the town.