

	S - Specific		M - Measurable					A - Achievable & R - Realistic		T - Timely		
CERP3 Action Type	SMART Action Description (This needs to be well defined, detailed and clear. What will be delivered, how much/many and by when? The CERP3 period is April 2024-March 2027)	Project Lead	What will be measured to determine progress on action delivery?	What targets have been/could be set?	Does the action reduce the Council's carbon footprint or the Countywide carbon footprint? (Please select)	Council Carbon Footprint: Estimated Annual CO ₂ Saving (tonnes)	Countywide Carbon Footprint: Estimated Annual CO ₂ Saving (tonnes)	Actual Annual CO ₂ Saving (tonnes) (where known)	Cost	Is Funding secured?	Start Date	Completion Date
Sustainable Procurement	Increase engagement with Service Areas to include environmental considerations within contracts (PEP's). Perform quarterly review of procurement pipeline, identifying forthcoming tenders and contracts that may have impact on our carbon emissions and other resource use. Subsequent engagement by LCE and Procurement staff to work with contract managers to improve contract specifications.	DCC - Procurement	no. of contracts	n/a	Both	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		£0	N/A	01/03/2021	Ongoing
Sustainable Procurement	Embed sustainability and carbon savings into major procurement exercises through the Themes, Outcomes and Measures (TOMS) methodology. To identify (and regularly review) measures within the TOMS model to include opportunities for additionality with the Environmental space	DCC - Procurement	money committed and/or carbon saved.		Both	Med (>50-200t)	Low (1-300t)		£0	N/A	Started	Ongoing
Sustainable Procurement	Ensure that carbon and the wider sustainability agenda is embedded into our work in line with the Procurement Act 2023. Consider potential opportunities due to new legislations being passed that should allow the council to give greater weight to non-economic factors such as climate change and social value.	DCC - Procurement	Consideration of new methods of procurement assessment due to new Regulations	TBC	Both	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		BAU	N/A	01/04/2024	Ongoing
Sustainable Procurement	Using partnerships and projects such as the County Durham Pound Project (local), North East Procurement Organisation (regional) and the National Social Value Task and the Local Government Association (national) to deliver carbon and environmental benefits in procurement. Continue involvement and influence through projects and partnerships demonstrating how DCC is already working to embed the wider social value and environmental benefits of more modern working.	DCC - Procurement and Low Carbon Team	No. of Organisations mirroring DCC approaches		Countywide		0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		£0	N/A	01/04/2024	Ongoing
Sustainable Procurement	Review and formalise process for tracking offsetting offers from contracts and tenders. Explore how offsetting offers from contractors can be incorporated into procurement processes and carbon accounting.	DCC - Procurement and Low Carbon Team	completed guidance		Council	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action			£0	N/A	01/04/2024	31/03/2026
Sustainable Procurement	Review process for checking compliance with our equivalent of PPN 06/21 requiring large contractors to have a carbon target and plan.	DCC - Procurement and Low Carbon Team	completed guidance / no of companies complying		Both	Low (1-50t)	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		£0	N/A	01/04/2024	31/03/2026

Sustainable Procurement	Embed Chartwell's Net Zero toolkit across all primary school meal contract sites (163 schools).. Roll out of programme to take place from January 2024, covering 6 key themes. Track and monitor carbon emissions from transportation of food. Ensure that 80% of food waste is diverted from landfill.	DCC - Children & Young Peoples Services	no of schools using toolkit compliance with targets	80% food waste diverted from landfill	Both	Low (1-50t)	Low (1-300t)		£0	N/A	01/04/2024	End of contract
Sustainable Construction	Embed sustainable construction practices into DCC projects such as the Durham and Bishop Auckland Bus Stations and the DLI museum. Secure a Very Good BREEAM rating for these developments. This will encompass a number of actions such as sustainable material purchase, waste minimisation and site monitoring of resource use and ecological impacts.	DCC - Construction Consultancy Services	final rating	Very Good awards	Both	Med (>50-200t)	Low (1-300t)		Already included in budgets	Yes	Started	Various - site dependant.
Sustainable Construction	Utilise innovative materials in Highways maintenance projects. Continue work with plastics and rubber materials, and continue 'The Road to Net Zero' project utilising aggregate designed to lower the carbon footprint of road maintenance and repairs.	DCC - Highways Services	carbon savings	none	Countywide		Low (1-300t)		TBC	TBC	Ongoing	Ongoing
Carbon monitoring and reporting	Develop process for collecting additional Scope 3 emissions from contracts. Implement tool and process to track and monitor Scope 3 emissions from contracts. Initially likely to be based on spend by category, but with the intention of integrating and expanding company specific emissions as it evolves.	DCC - Low Carbon Team	expanded carbon footprint information	TBC	Both	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		TBC	Yes	01/06/2023	31/03/2025
Waste Strategy	Develop a waste specific carbon footprint reporting framework and use this to inform future decisions on waste management.	DCC - Strategic Waste & Low Carbon Teams	carbon emissions from waste		Both	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		Staff time only	N/A	01/04/2024	Ongoing

Waste - green and food waste	Implement Food Waste collections. Environment Act 2021 is going to result in a new statutory duty to require local authorities to provide separate collections for food waste.. Work to develop a collection and disposal solution that can take food out of residual waste collections and reduce the environmental impact of this waste stream. It is worth noting that the solution may increase DCC's emissions from additional transport/processing, but overall result in a benefit at the county/national level.	DCC - Strategic Waste Team	TBC	TBC	Both	Low (1-50t)	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		TBC - Significant	some funding is expected from Government, but not enough to cover all costs	work starting now. Collections expected from 2026	31.3.2026
Waste - green and food waste	Continue to deliver garden waste collections for Durham residents and process the material at our composting facility near Coxhoe. Further develop the quality and marketability of the final product to improve benefits.	DCC - Strategic Waste Team	tonnage collected		Both	Low (1-50t)	Low (1-300t)		Already included in budgets	Yes	Ongoing	Ongoing
Waste - green and food waste	Work with Sizzle to deliver the Enrich the Earth pilot project Promote and encourage home composting with carbon management guidance and encourage peat free growing media and correct use of green waste. Deliver pilot project to develop a new peat free compost product using garden waste from DCC collections for horticulture. Work with the Clean and Green team to develop growing trials.	DCC - Strategic Waste Team	Trial outcome	TBC	Both	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action	Low (1-300t)		Staff time and budget secured	Yes	01/09/2023	01/04/2025
Waste - public engagement	Continue to promote the Single Use Plastics Pledge across Durham in order to encourage the reduction of, and seek alternatives to, the use of single use plastics. Also coordinate the associated working group bringing together key stakeholders.	DCC - Strategic Waste Team			Both	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		Mainly staff cost only	Yes	Ongoing	Ongoing
Waste - public engagement	Waste reduction campaigns and projects. Continue to deliver waste minimisation and recycling campaigns including the small WEEE drop off projects and re-use workshops. Provide information to residents, schools, businesses and community groups to encourage better waste management practices including reducing recycling contamination to prevent unnecessary haulage and double handling.	DCC - Strategic Waste Team			Both	Low (1-50t)	Low (1-300t)		Included in core budgets	Yes	Ongoing	Ongoing
Resource Use	Work to measure, monitor and reduce the Council's environmental impacts. Maintain our Investors in the Environment Green accreditation through annual audit. Deliver projects associated with this to lower the council's environmental impact	DCC - Low Carbon Team	accreditation level	Green	Both	Low (1-50t)	Low (1-300t)		£10,000	Yes	Ongoing	Ongoing
Resource Use	Develop public sector working group to explore shared challenges and opportunities around Scope 3 emissions across the public sector in Durham. Work with partners including the NHS Trust and Durham University to identify shared suppliers or similar contracts where we can improve Scope 3 reporting and lower emissions.	DCC - Low Carbon Team	n/a		Both	Low (1-50t)	Low (1-300t)		Staff time only	Yes	01/09/2023	Ongoing

Resource Use	More, better recycling and composting in council properties. Including office furniture re-homing & re-use scheme. Develop waste management plans for key strategic sites and incorporate monitoring	DCC - Facilities Teams and Low Carbon Team	no. of plans in place, volumes of waste monitored		Council	0 Enabling or Adaptation Action			TBC	Yes	01/10/2023	Ongoing
Waste processing	Develop a long term solution to manage residual waste disposal. Continue to work with regional partners to develop a modern energy recovery facility for disposing of residual waste. Timescales for development have not aligned with grant window for early Carbon Capture and Storage fund rounds but additional bids are proposed at the appropriate stages.	DCC - Strategic Waste Team	delivery of new disposal solution		Council	High (>200 - 500t)			Full contract cost is estimated at over £2 billion	Yes (for main facility)	started	TBC
Waste processing	Reduce emissions from waste haulage by 15% over the lifetime of the contract. Through the TOMs mechanism, Hargreaves will reduce emissions from transporting residual waste and recycling by 15% over the lifetime of the contract. Any shortfall in savings will be offset by working in partnership with DCC and prioritise local projects.	DCC - Strategic Waste Team	carbon emissions	15% reduction over contract lifetime	Council	Med (>50-200t)			Included in contract	Yes	01/04/2023	31/03/2033
Waste processing	Maximise the segregation of waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).	DCC - Strategic Waste Team	Recycle, reuse or compost at least 76% of waste deposited at the		Countywide	Med (>50-200t)			BAU	N/A	Ongoing	Ongoing
Partner Waste & Resources Actions	Do a comprehensive waste audit across the business to see where we can save money and reduce waste to landfill.	Lanchester Wines	Amount of waste we pay to be removed from our sites	Reduce by 5%	Countywide		0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		Cost of persons time	Yes	01/11/2023	2025
Partner Waste & Resources Actions	Carry out thorough training with our teams to ensure they have the knowledge and support to act.	Lanchester Wines	Amount of waste we pay to be removed from our sites	Reduce by 5%	Countywide		0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		£1,000	Yes	01/11/2023	2027
Partner Waste & Resources Actions	Align our climate and waste action plan, informed by the museum's key environmental priorities, with areas where the museum can make the most impact towards the UN Sustainable Developments Goals, to ensure waste circularity.	Beamish Museum	Achievement of targets and actions within Action Plan, Review every 6 months with Sustainability Working Group to ensure progress		Countywide		0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		TBC	No	01/01/2024	Ongoing
Partner Waste & Resources Actions	All suppliers to publicly report targets & emissions and publish a carbon reduction plan for Scope 1,2 and 3	County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	The availability of this information by NHS wide suppliers	Net-zero for all scope 3 emissions by 2045	Countywide		0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		N/A	N/A	01/04/2024	31/03/2027
Partner Waste & Resources Actions	Reduction in single-use clinical consumables	County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	Volume of single-use items reduced / replaced with sustainable	Reduction in waste and associated CO2.	Countywide		TBC		N/A	N/A	01/04/2024	31/03/2027
Partner Waste & Resources Actions	Reduction in food waste across all hospitals	County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	Volume of food waste per patient and volume of food waste	Reduction in food waste - new target to be reviewed.	Countywide		TBC		N/A	N/A	01/04/2024	31/03/2027

Partner Waste & Resources Actions	Develop and implement strategy to reduce the carbon footprint of medicines across the organisation	County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	Volume of pharmaceuticals and estimated footprint	Reduced CO2 and reduced waste - target to be met.	Countywide		0 Enabling or Adaptation Action		N/A	N/A	01/04/2024	31/03/2027
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