

Sustainable County Mission - Deep Dive

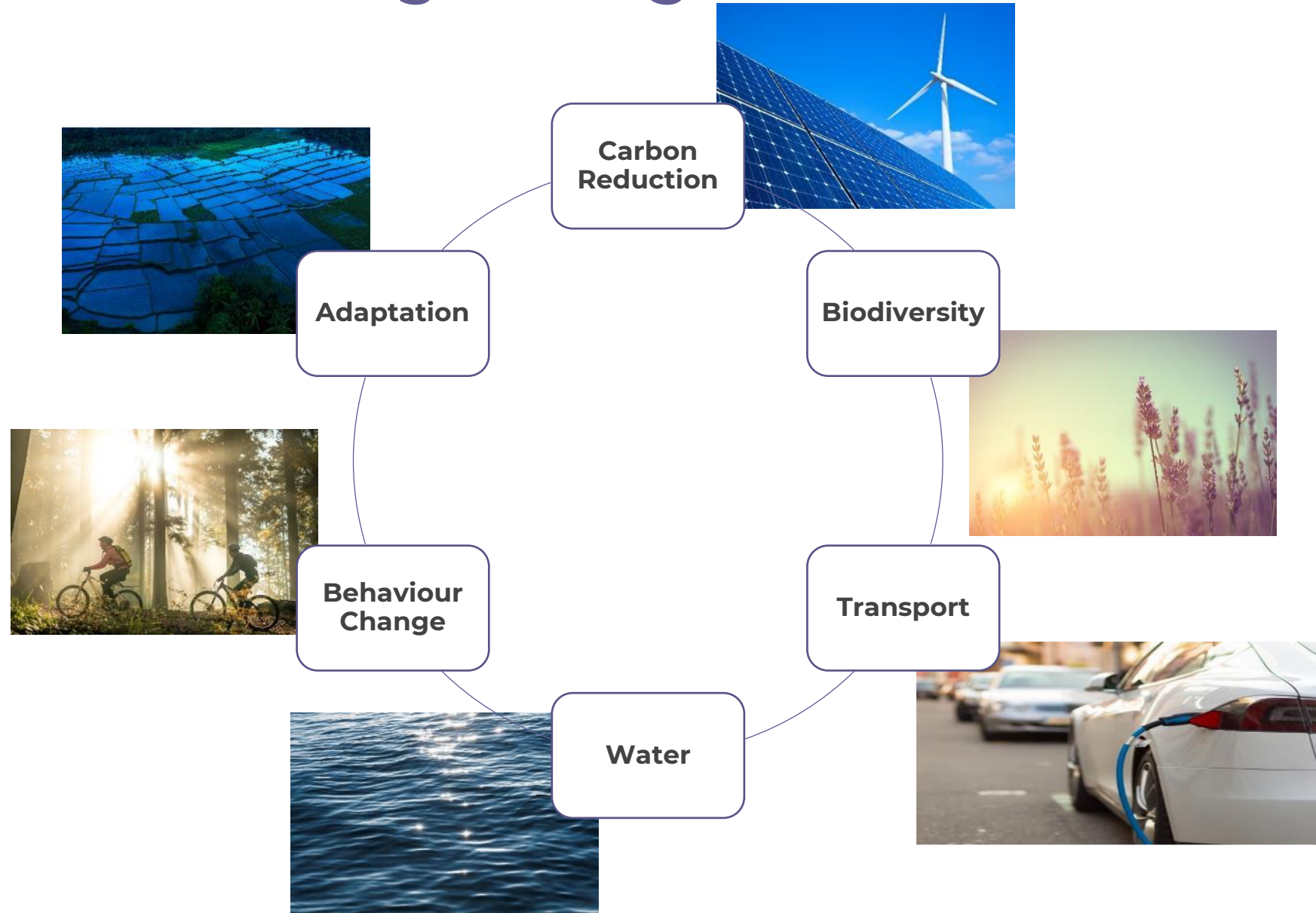


Mission

By 2050, Hertfordshire will be a prosperous, low carbon economy with a thriving natural environment, having maximised the benefits of sustainable growth for our residents and businesses, and achieved net zero greenhouse gas emissions



HCCSP: Existing Strategic Action Plans



HCCSP: Highlights of 2023

Strategic

- LGC Awards Finalist in 'Environmental Services' 2023
- Closing keynote speaker at LGC Net Zero Conference 2023

Financial

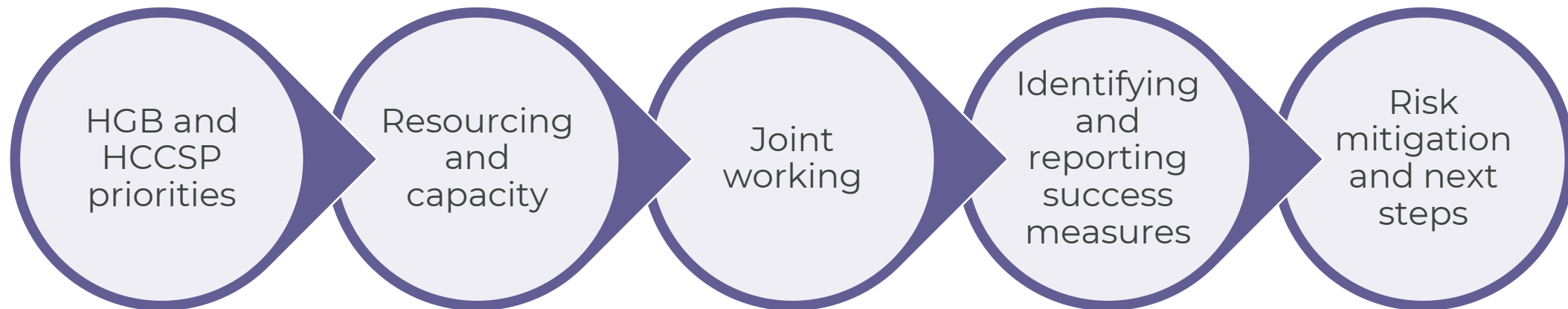
- £75,500 annual funding secured from Partners
- At least £7,230 saved per authority in training / development
- £6.5m secured for EV charging infrastructure in Hertfordshire

Operational Highlights

- 131 Attendees to HCCSP Annual Event 2023
- Supporting administration changes through additional briefings and reports to support learning of regional context
- Website 'back office' launched



HCCSP contribution: Delivering a Sustainable County





Sustainable County

- Reduced carbon emissions
- Improved biodiversity
- Access to natural green spaces
- Increased green growth

Proposed Mission Steering Group:

Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership with amended ToR

Members:

All district and borough Council

County Council

LEP representatives

Associated Boards/Groups

Hertfordshire Sustainable Officers Group

Herts Infrastructure & Planning Partnership

Herts Waste Partnership

Electric Vehicle Officer Forum

Herts & Beds Licensing Group

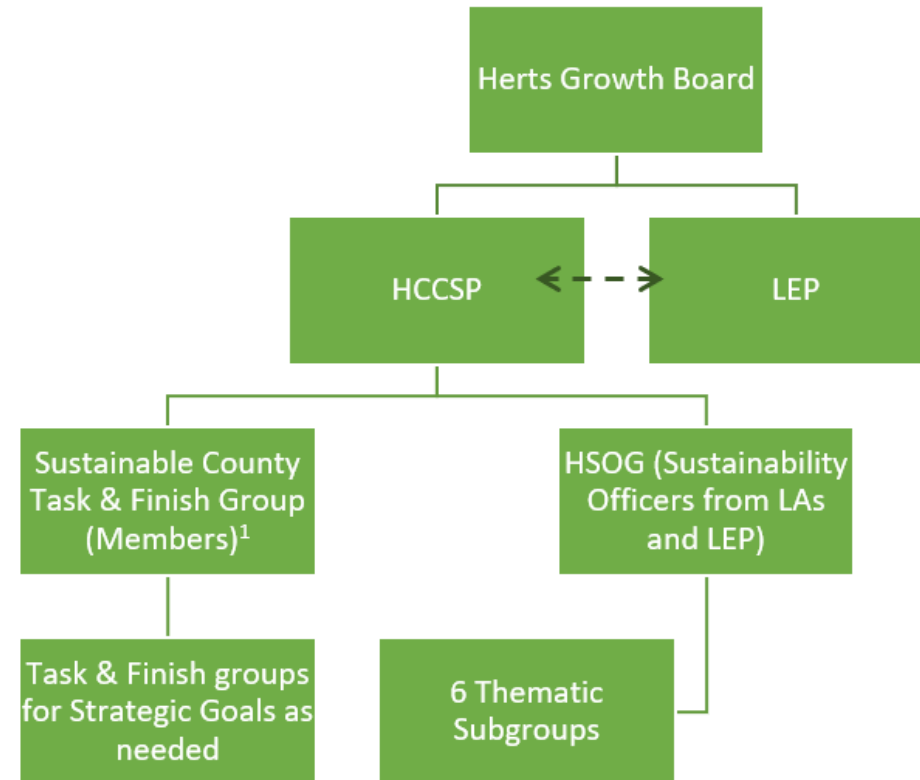
Hertfordshire Nature Recovery Partnership

ICS/ICB

Hertfordshire Go Green & Grown

Regional Climate Change Forum

6 x Thematic Subgroups



HCCSP contribution: Delivering a Sustainable County

1

Embed sustainability considerations in all Growth Board activities and decision making to be Business As Usual.

2

Work with other appropriate bodies to support the achievement of the countywide sustainability ambitions.

3

All strategic new development will be Net Zero Carbon by 2030, with measures in progress to retrofit existing buildings by 2040 to reduce fuel poverty and overheating.

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By 2025, "Green Growth" will be a prioritised growth sector in the county. By 2028, other priority growth sectors will be attracted to Hertfordshire through the low / zero carbon opportunities for their premises and operations.

5

Support Hertfordshire businesses to improve their sustainability and competitiveness whilst reducing risks from the impacts of climate change.

HCCSP contribution: Delivering a Sustainable County

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By 2025, seek to ensure that all new development is resilient to the impacts of climate change for the next 30 years. Support local authorities to improve place-based resilience to climate change through infrastructure and public realm improvements.

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Collaborate with Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership and Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership in the formulation of the Hertfordshire Area Energy Plan (HAEP) to decarbonise supply, highlight investment opportunities, increase energy security and efficiency.

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By 2030, all priority species identified in the Hertfordshire Nature Recovery Strategy will have an improved status.

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By 2030, all residents in Hertfordshire will have access to natural green/blue space and biodiversity within a 15 minute walk from home to support their health and wellbeing. ■

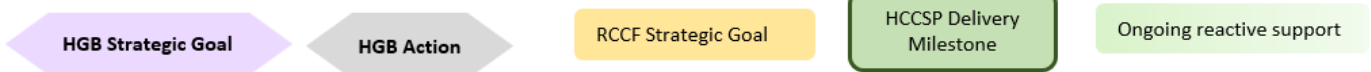


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Example Key Milestones for 24/25

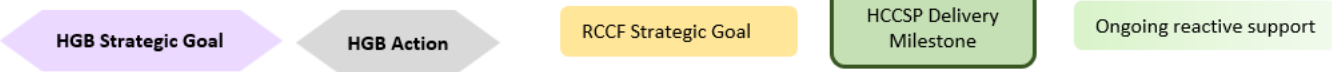
| Strategic Goals | Quarter 1 Milestones | Quarter 2 Milestones | Quarter 3 Milestones | Quarter 4 Milestones |
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| Embed sustainability considerations in all Growth Board activities and decision making to be Business As Usual | Amend the HGB Terms of Reference/MoU to reflect this Strategic Goal. Amend the HCCSP Terms of Reference to reflect the new Mission and Governance. | Scope and agree monitorig and reporting arrangements to and from HGB/HCCSP. | | |
| All strategic new development will be net zero carbon (NZE) by 2030, with measures in progress to retrofit existing buildings by 2040 to reduce fuel poverty and overheating. | Convene a retrofit steering group to undertake stakeholder mapping and define scope and budget. | Convene retrofit working group for Hertfordshire stakeholders. | Design/develop a countywide retrofit strategy with partners. | Deliver retrofit strategy for Hertfordshire stakeholders (including comms) referencing public estate, commercial and residential buildings. |
| By 2025, seek to ensure that all new development is resilient to the impacts of climate change for the next 30 years. Support local authorities to improve place-based resilience to climate change through infrastructure and public realm improvements. | | All local authorities to complete their Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA). | All local authorities to share their Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA). | HCCSP to investigate value and necessity of countywide CCRA with Emergency Planning/Resilience Group. |
| Collaborate with HCCSP and HIPP in the formulation of the Hertfordshire Area Energy Plan (HAEP) to decarbonise supply, highlight investment opportunities, increase energy security and efficiency. | Prepare and map a countywide energy baseline for consumption using Herts Insight. | Present baseline and scope HAEP next steps. Convene HAEP task and finish group/steering group. Identify budget to prepare HAEP. | Model options for future consumption and generation. | Prepare HAEP with stakeholders and partners. |

| Detailed HCCSP Milestones | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 24/25 Q1 | 24/25 Q2 | 24/25 Q3 | 24/25 Q4 | 25/26 Q1 | 25/26 Q2 | 25/26 Q3 | 25/26 Q4 | 2026 Q1 | |
| Goal 1 | <p>Embed sustainability considerations in all Growth Board activities and decision making to be BaU. Sustainability outcomes / performance of HGB activities to be tracked and reported.</p> <p>RCCF 1: Implement RCCF offer and share best practice</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Amend ToR | Confirm reporting mechanisms | Support HGB stakeholders to deliver robust outcomes | | | | | | | |
| | Determine milestones | | Roadmap to NetZero (C1.2) | | | | | | | |
| Goal 2 | <p>Work with other appropriate bodies to support the achievement of the county-wide sustainability ambitions.</p> <p>RCCF 3: Share regional sustainable development best practice guidance for LA's Local Plans</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Determine programme plan | Agree MoUs w stakeholders | | Share Herts Development Quality Charter | | | | Share Herts Development Quality Charter | | |
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| Goal 3 | <p>All strategic new development will be NZC by 2030, with measures in progress to retrofit existing buildings by 2040 to reduce fuel poverty and overheating.</p> <p>Carbon Reduction Strategic Action Plan: Develop Retrofit Strategy and Insetting/Offsetting Strategy</p> <p>RCCF 4: Explore the widest range of opportunities for funding for retrofit</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| | Convene Retrofit Steering Group | | Offsetting/Insetting Report | Share best practice (engagement with HIPP and HPG) and seek aligned policy guidance | | | | | | |
| | | | Final Retrofit Strategy | Support LEP as required to cascade and amplify skills work | | | Launch Online Hub | | | |
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| Goal 4 | <p>By 2025, "Green Growth" will be a prioritised growth sector in the county.</p> <p>Work with the LEP and others to understand and work to provide the locations, infrastructure, energy supply and skills that will attract priority growth sectors to Herts.</p> <p>Attract low carbon investment and infrastructure to Herts through collaboration with HCCSP, LAs and the LEP.</p> | | | | | | | | | |
| | RCCF 2: Explore opportunities for regional green inward investment & collateral. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Contribute when called upon to support, cascade and amplify work on growth. | | | | | | | | | |
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Detailed HCCSP Milestones

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| Goal 5 | <p>Support for Hertfordshire businesses to improve their sustainability and competitiveness whilst reducing risks from the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>By 2024, key businesses rep'd on Sustainable Business Forum.</p> <p>Contribute when called upon to support, cascade and amplify work on Sustainable Business Forum.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| Goal 6 | <p>Support LAs to improve place-based resilience to climate change through infrastructure and public realm improvements</p> <p>By 2025, all new development is resilient to the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>Work with businesses, LAs and developers to improve climate resilience</p> <p>Adaptation Strategic Action Plan</p> <p>RCCF 5: Work with Officers to identify and invite relevant partners across the region to share best practice on resilience planning and organise regional joint emergency planning for extreme weather events</p> <p>Share best practice and provide intelligence to Emergency Planning Group</p> <p>Share best practice and provide intelligence to HIPP</p> <p>Share best practice and provide intelligence to Businesses</p> <p>Deliver Adaptation Strategy</p> | | | | | | | | |
| Goal 7 | <p>Formulate Hertfordshire Area Energy Plan (HAEP) to decarbonise supply, highlight investment opportunities, increase energy security and efficiency.</p> <p>Carbon Reduction Strategic Action Plan: Develop HAEP</p> <p>Baseline energy consumption</p> <p>Stakeholder mapping</p> <p>Model future energy scenarios</p> <p>Identify infrastructure projects & priorities</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement</p> <p>Publish draft plan</p> | | | | | | | | |
| Goal 8 | <p>By 2030, all priority species identified in the Hertfordshire Nature Recovery Strategy will have an improved status.</p> <p>Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan</p> <p>Contribute when called upon to support, cascade and amplify work on HNRP</p> | | | | | | | | |
| Goal 9 | <p>By 2030, all residents have access to natural green/blue space and biodiversity within a 15-minute walk from home. Work with HNRP and stakeholders to achieve this.</p> <p>Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan</p> <p>Contribute when called upon to support, cascade and amplify work on HNRP</p> | | | | | | | | |



Key projects to highlight



Goal 3:
Building
retrofit



Goal 6:
Adaptation
Strategy



Goal 7:
Energy
Planning

Performance Indicators and Reporting

- Dashboard approach using Herts Insight
- Qualitative and quantitative data to capture mission actions and other relevant countywide activity
- Some challenge and complexity in sustainability metrics

Risks and mitigation

- insufficient resourcing to deliver effective **behaviour change**;
- insufficient resourcing for **technical expertise**;
- **international or national political changes** inhibiting progress.

Next Steps

Progress
sustainability
action

Lead on
Sustainable
County mission

Progress
reports

Funding
discussion with
HGB

Recommendations

- **That HGB allocate initial resources for delivering the Programme Plan, using the indicative resources gap analysis at Appendix 2 to guide this decision.**
- **That HCCSP and HGB develop the working relationship between HCCSP and HGB listed in section 8 of Appendix 1 report.**



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