

HAVERING CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN REVIEW 2021

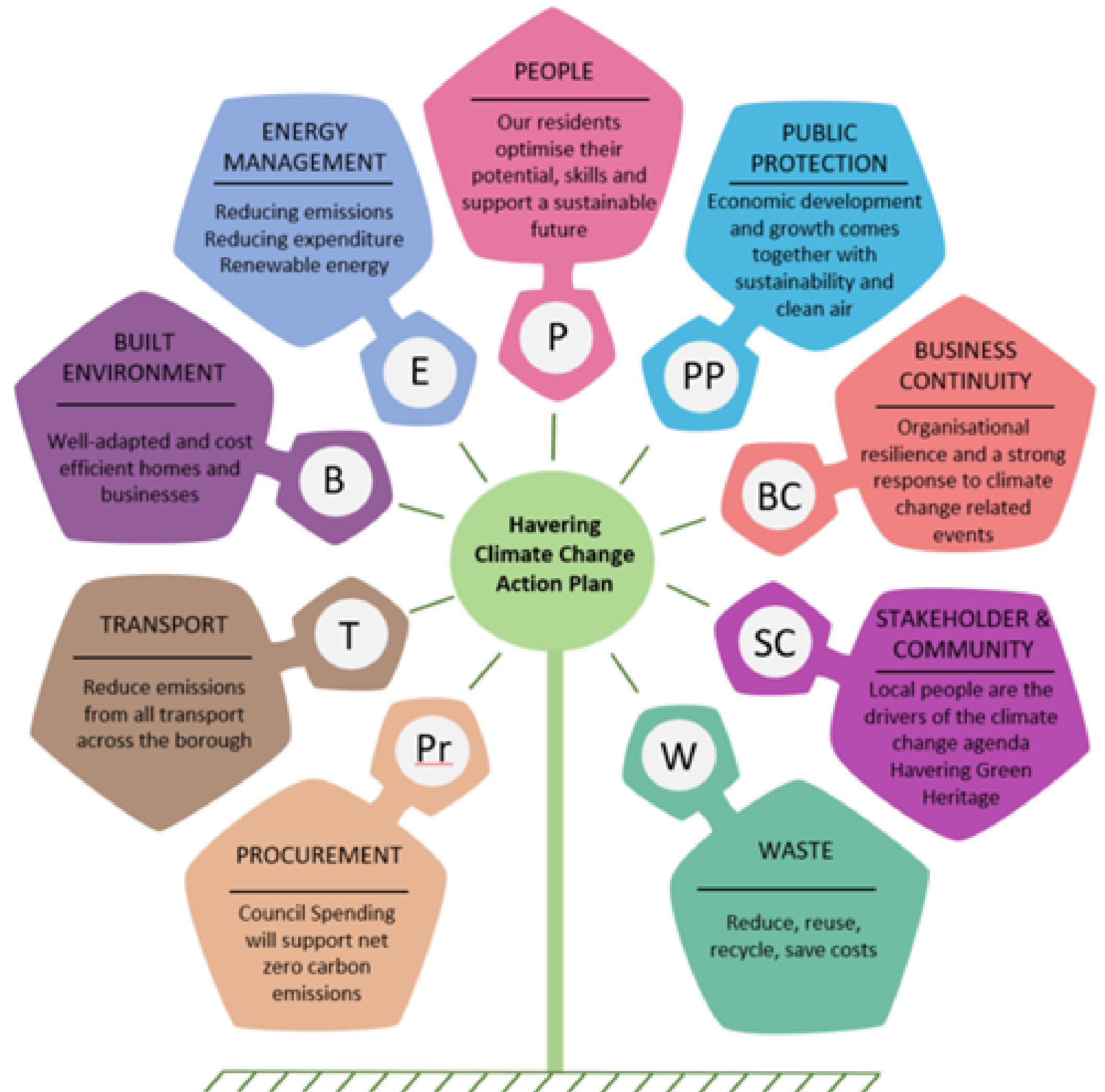
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FOREWORD

We know that Havering is a great place to live and work but we also know that the borough faces challenges, none more so than the needs to respond to the impacts of climate change and work together to tackle the causes of climate change.

In 2021, the Havering Climate Change Action Plan (HCCAP) was published. In this plan the Council announced its ambition to be carbon neutral by 2040 or sooner and committed to measure and report greenhouse gas emissions on a regular basis. To demonstrate this commitment, and to emphasise both the seriousness and urgency of our climate change work, the Council went a step further and declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency on 21 March 2023.

As a borough we need to continue to take action to reduce direct and indirect carbon emissions to net zero and this involves a radical examination of how we live, work and invest in the borough .

This review of the HCCAP sets out some of the work that has already been undertaken to tackle climate change and outlines the on-going and new actions the Council will be taking over the next four years to meet our ambitious target. As Havering's Lead Member for Climate Change, I am proud to lead this transition for the borough.

We recognise that achieving our vision will not be easy. We will need to show strong leadership to create opportunities for all to participate in the benefits of change and ensure that the costs of doing so affordable.

This is an exciting opportunity to address the challenges of climate change whilst also delivering positive outcomes for the people of Havering such as new homes, better energy efficiency for existing homes, cleaner air, reducing inequalities, generating new jobs, career and study opportunities and ensuring that the Borough's green infrastructure is valued and protected.

We know that no single organisation or individual can deliver the scale and pace of change needed. Therefore, this is a call to action. We ask you, as people who live, work, visit and invest in Havering, to join with us on this exciting journey of transformation to ensure that we leave a sustainable legacy for our children and grandchildren.

Councillor Keith Darvill
Lead Member for Climate Change



7 BUILT ENVIRONMENT



Secured investment in the Council's housing stock through the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund: Wave 1 Programme - £1.27 million.

Actively supported the Sustainable Warmth Programme to assist and promote the BEIS Energy Grant programme which, at the time of writing this report, had made energy improvement measures in 52 Havering owner occupied homes to the value of £949,449.

8,000 whips have been planted in woodland restoration projects in our open spaces. The planting of trees in these areas helps to capture more carbon as well as providing valuable habitat for a range of flora and fauna within the borough.

Over 350 standard trees have been planted in streets. These will help to offset vehicle emissions and improve air quality.

Supported the GLA Warmer Homes and Core Funding Programmes which delivered energy saving measures to 14 Havering owner occupied properties.



Action Progress

Status of action	Total actions	% actions
Achieved	10	77
Ongoing	3	23
Stuck/Not started	0	0
Total	13	100

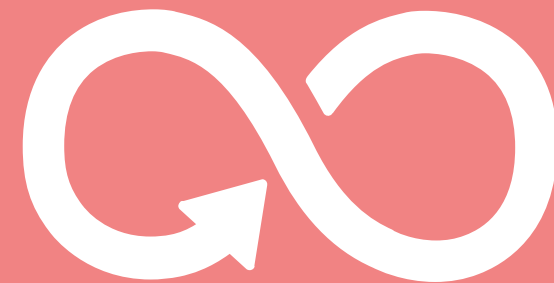
The Council's Emergency Planning Framework, which incorporates addressing and mitigating climate change, was enacted during the Wennington fire tragedy and proved to be fit for purpose. Lessons from the statutory body reports will be incorporated into the Council's future emergency plans.

Action Progress

Status of action	Total actions	% actions
Achieved	7	54
Ongoing	6	46
Stuck/Not started	0	0
Total	13	100

3 BUSINESS CONTINUITY

The Council has an annual programme for cleaning out gullies in the borough. In the last 2 years the Council has cleaned out the majority of its 25,000 gullies in order to manage flood risk and resilience.



The Council's new Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP) has been published by the Environment Agency. These are strategic plans that set out how to manage flood risk in nationally identified flood risk areas (FRAs) for the period 2021-2027. Please refer to the DEFRA Flood Plan explorer for further information.



99% of traditional street lighting has been replaced with LED lighting.

The corporate estate has been rationalised and the second most energy consuming building was decanted prior to disposal.

Action Progress

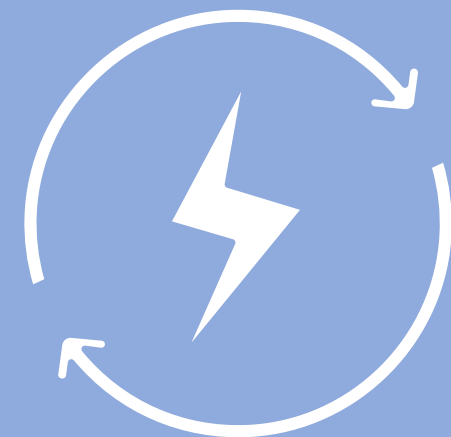
Status of action	Total actions	% actions
Achieved	5	29
Ongoing	12	71
Stuck/Not started	0	0
Total	17	100

A data warehouse has been developed which:
Provides information on returns on investments;
Allows for data gaps to be identified by service directors;
Provides an 'at-a-glance' view of key data;
Provides key data in a visual format for public consumption;
Enables officers to routinely consider climate change actions;
Provides information to allow Members to make evidence-based decisions.

Energy Doctors Programme established – working with Age UK's trained Energy Doctors and the Havering Volunteer Centre to provide free advice on how to save energy and reduce costs and tips on how to reduce waste, recycle more and buy less.

Zero Carbon Demonstrator Home and Visitor Centre – secured UK Shared Prosperity Funding to build, with the voluntary sector, a net zero carbon demonstration/visitor centre to raise awareness of energy saving measures in residential accommodation.

6 ENERGY



Action Progress

Status of action	Total actions	% actions
Achieved	13	65
Ongoing	3	15
Stuck/Not started	4	20
Total	20	100

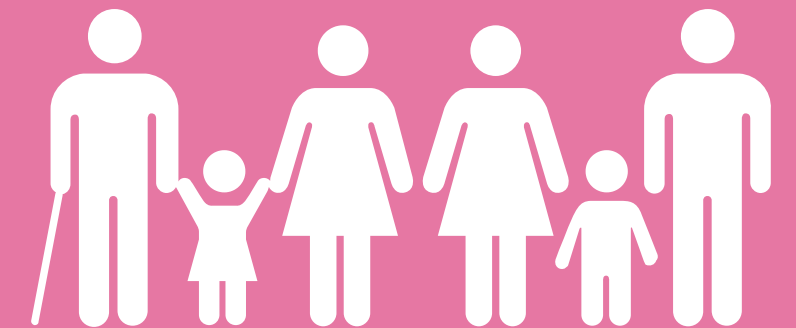
Held a joint business event for all Havering businesses to promote the HCCAP, identify measures to help employees and hear from companies about the steps they have taken, are taking, to tackle climate change.

Factored climate considerations into all the Council decision making processes including requiring all reports to include a climate impact assessment.



Staff forum established in 2022. There is a significant staff group which meets monthly. The group has been active in considering and suggesting approaches on climate change. Members of the group come from a wide range of Council departments

2 PEOPLE



Member Briefings continue. All Members highly supportive of climate change action. Level of ambition elevated. Councillors Williamson, Morgon and Darvill visited Copenhagen to review best practice in district heating, CHP, heat storage and waste heat recovery at datacentres

Action Progress

Status of action	Total actions	% actions
Achieved	4	31
Ongoing	8	62
Stuck/Not started	1	8
Total	13	100

Agreed to invest 5% of its passive equity investments in the LCIV Passive Equity Progressive Aligned (PEPPA) Fund.

Agreed to invest 10% of the Fund's assets into the Legal and General Investment Management (LGIM) Future World, which is an equity allocation with a climate-tilted focus.

Agreed to switch assets (15%) from the LCIV Global Alpha Fund to the LCIV Global Alpha Paris Aligned Variant.

Pensions: agreed to invest 2.5% in a London Collective Investment Vehicle (LCIV) – a renewable energy infrastructure fund.



8 PROCUREMENT



Action Progress

Status of action	Total actions	% actions
Achieved	4	40
Ongoing	5	50
Stuck/Not started	1	10
Total	10	100

Regular checks undertaken for grants related to the decarbonisation of private sector housing.



Reports from smoke and unlicensed burning are investigated when they come into the Council.

Continue to work with water authorities and water companies to ensure that people in Havering have access to safe and clean drinking water.

5 PUBLIC PROTECTION



The Communities Team and the Waste Minimisation Team secured a National Lottery 'Tackling the Planet' grant to design and create a Climate Change Community Champions Programme. To date 44 volunteer Community Climate Change Champions have been trained. The programme works with the voluntary sector and business partners to promote awareness and provide information on recycling, upcycling, waste composting and other ways of making the local environment cleaner and greener.

61 community events have been held with the Community Climate Change Champions between May 2022 and February 2023 including: clothes swaps (300 items swapped, 70 items upcycled and 65 kilos of unsuitable clothing sold for recycling); 16 community clean ups and numerous litter picks; composting workshops; 13 events held during the Great Big Green Week.

Action Progress

Status of action	Total actions	% actions
Achieved	9	69
Ongoing	4	31
Stuck/Not started	0	0
Total	13	100

Established a Green Forum with local stakeholders to consider key environmental matters. Chaired by the Lead Member for Climate Change, the Forum invites guest speakers and provides an opportunity for the Council to consider the views of all parties.

Planted over 1000 trees as part of a Memorial Garden for those affected during the Covid pandemic.



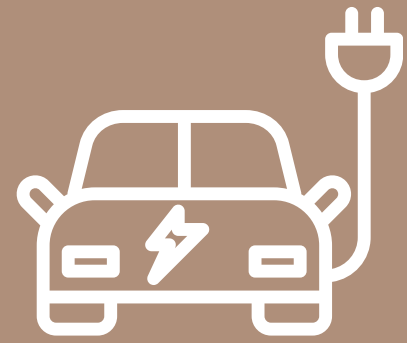
9 STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY



A policy on the mass release of sky lanterns and helium balloons and the unauthorised use of fireworks on Council owned or managed land has been introduced following a consultation exercise in which 512 responses were received with overwhelming support for the initiative.



1 TRANSPORT



New fuel management software has been implemented that provides a breakdown of carbon emissions for the fleet.

Action Progress

Status of action	Total actions	% actions
Achieved	8	53
Ongoing	4	27
Stuck/Not started	3	20
Total	15	100

Working with two thirds of the schools in the borough and single occupancy car use is now down to approximately 19% from 2009.

Cycle and Scooter parking is being delivered across 13 schools in the borough through the Local Implementation Plan programme. The Council has invested £20k of Local Implementation Plan funding in “Try Before You Bike”. This scheme gives residents the opportunity to rent a bicycle for a small fee from a company called ‘Peddle My Wheels’. Residents rent the bicycle for a month or more and have the opportunity to purchase the bicycle at a discounted rate at the end of the rental period.



The Mayoral car has been switched from an internal combustion engine to a battery electric vehicle.

Anti-Idling workshops have been delivered to schools. These involved engaging with pupils and parents outside the school gates to raise awareness about the consequences to the local environment of leaving vehicle engines running when parked.

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New printers and photocopiers (MFDs) purchased which use less electricity and reduce toner requirements. Reduction in the number of MFDs from 117 to 28.

Paper reduction from 250 reams per week to 250 reams every 6 weeks.

4 WASTE



The new waste collection and street cleansing contract with Urbaser went live in October 22 2023. The contract includes a number of electric vehicles and other sustainable equipment, as well as funding for small scale environmental projects in the borough.

Action Progress

Status of action	Total actions	% actions
Achieved	1	13
Ongoing	6	75
Stuck/Not started	1	13
Total	8	100

Improved waste and recycling facilities within the newly refurbished Town Hall.

The Waste Minimisation Team have held a number of events including: 4 composting workshops; 7 Love Food Hate Waste workshops; 3 Repair Café sessions; 2 stalls at shopping centres promoting waste minimisation.

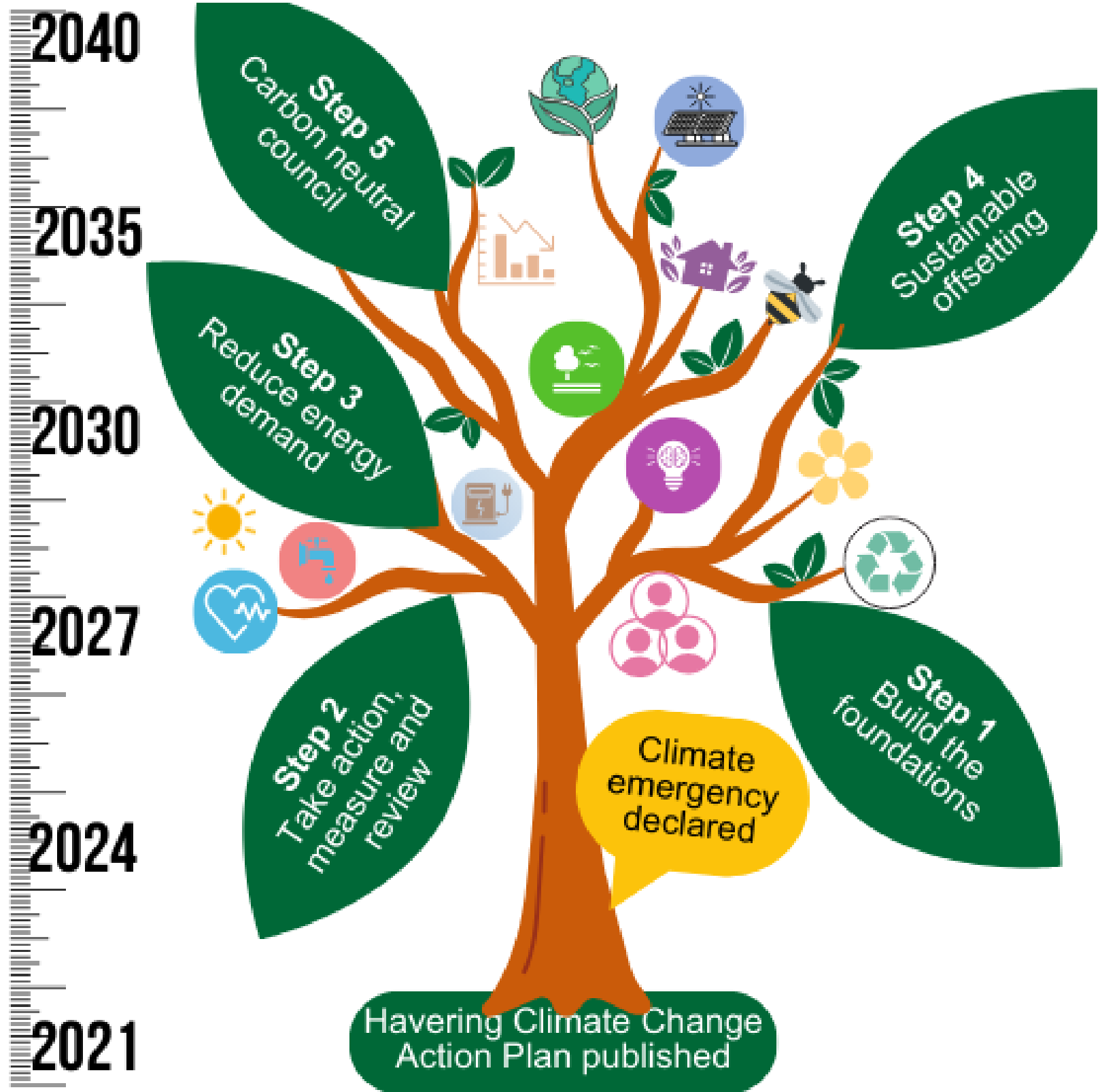


OUR STEPS TOWARDS BECOMING CARBON NEUTRAL

While the progress the Council has made since the Havering Climate Change Action Plan 2021 is significant, we recognise that there is much more to do.

The HCCAP sets out how Havering Council will achieve its carbon neutral emissions target and build resilience to extreme weather resulting from climate change.

Havering Council is firmly committed as an organisation to become carbon neutral by 2040 or sooner. A revised Climate Change Action Plan will be published in the Spring of 2024.



THROUGH OUR ACTIONS AND CHOICES, EACH ONE OF US CAN TAKE STEPS TO LEAVE SMALLER FOOTPRINTS AND HELP TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE