

Corporate Plan 2024-27: KPI Summary Report Q2 2024/25 – Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee							
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ENVIRO1	Sustainable South Kesteven	Deliver the Climate Change Action Strategy programme.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Development & Approval of Action Plan	Climate Action Plan under development	On Target	Further projects have been identified to utilise the Climate Reserve Fund for this financial year. These include new solar PV for The Picture House, battery powered grounds maintenance equipment and further energy efficiency projects targeting the leisure centres. Bid development for standalone projects has been ongoing. Several projects have been completed in line with the Climate Action Strategy themes. Online climate literacy training has been developed and added to the learning packages of all new officers that join the Council.
				% of total actions on target/complete	N/A	N/A	
ENVIRO2	Sustainable South Kesteven	Continue to reduce operational emissions to achieve the target of a 30% reduction on 2019 by 2030 and develop modelling to set a target of achieving Net Zero operations as soon as viable.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Reduction in SKDC carbon emissions.	A reduction of 25.6% has been reported for the 2023/24 financial year.	On Target	A downward trend in emissions can be observed since the carbon baseline of 2018/19. SKDC is on track to meet the target of reduction of at least 30% by 2030. This is due to a number of carbon savings and initiatives in our leisure centres such as LED light upgrades and the installation of pool covers on all pools. SKDC is currently projected to achieve this emissions target during the 2026/27 financial year. The SALIX funding for Grantham Meres Leisure Centre, which replaces the gas boiler and also increases the number of solar panels on the roof is a key contributing component.
ENVIRO3	Sustainable South Kesteven	Review and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities across the corporate estate, such as solar panels and EV chargers.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Charging Point Utilisation Percentage (15%)	19.26%	On Target	Usage of chargers is steadily increasing, particularly in Stamford. As part of the new Cattlemarket car park project, the inclusion of new electric vehicle (EV) chargers is being investigated. This will increase the number in Stamford - the Councils most popular area for people with EVs.

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ENVIRO7	Sustainable South Kesteven	Adopt a Tree and Woodland Strategy and deliver the accompanying action plan.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	% delivery of actions included in the Tree and Woodlands Action Plan	Priority actions under review with new Tree Projects Officer.	On Target	The Tree Projects Officer is now in post who will review and deliver the Tree and Woodlands Action Plan. A work programme has been drafted, which will be presented to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee in December. Short term workstreams include reviewing the SKDC [tree management] guidelines, introducing a new tree record management system, obtaining baseline data for tree canopy cover and species diversity, assessing planting opportunities on SKDC land, expanding the planting programme, and establishing an SKDC tree board. A tree planting guide has been developed by the Tree Project Officer, for distribution to all town and parish councils.
ENVIRO8	Sustainable South Kesteven	Ensure that biodiversity net gain is embedded through corporate projects and operations	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Develop and deliver a Biodiversity Action Plan.	Biodiversity Action Plan under development	On Target	Several projects to increase wildlife habitat in the district are being progressed. A proposal for rewilding areas maintained by the Council was reviewed by Environment OSC in October. Funding has been allocated from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to allow town/parish councils to develop biodiversity improvements which are fully funded. A 'Rewilding Menu' was distributed to all town and parish councils to provide a guide to different biodiversity measures that would be supported by the UKSPF 'Make Space for Nature' fund. To date two applications have been received and approved. Deeping St James Parish Council has been allocated £1,617 to establish new hedging and a rewilding area within a cemetery, and Long Bennington Parish Council has been allocated £3,160 to establish a rewilded area adjacent to a primary school.

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ENVIRO9	Sustainable South Kesteven	Continue to tackle waste related crimes, including fly tipping with support from the Environmental Crime Partnership	Head of Service (Public Protection)	Number of enforcement actions undertaken when evidence of an offence is available.	N/A	N/A	A new environmental crime process and mechanism for data capture has been developed. Therefore the team will be able to log the information from the 1st October 2024. Data will be available from Q3 and this will be reported at Q4 to the committee.
ENVIRO10	Sustainable South Kesteven	Manage a smooth implementation of twin stream recycling to improve the recycling rate and reduce contamination.	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	% of households with access to the twin stream recycling service. (1% quarterly growth on baseline 88%)	90%	On Target	The twin stream recycling scheme is now fully implemented. The implementation process throughout the summer has yielded success and fewer bins have been rejected. In addition, the proportion of paper and card collected has increased and the quality is high. The scheme has had a clear positive impact on the contamination rate. In Q2, the contamination rate was 10.32%, falling from 13.18% in Q1. For reference the contamination rate in 2022/23 was 16.2%. The Council will continue to monitor this and take action if required using a data driven approach.
				% of households rejected for non-target waste within the recycling stream.	0.40% *Q1 (0.75%)	On Target	
				Proportion of total recycling waste collected which is paper and card. (35%)	41% (Q1 29.62%)	On Target	
ENVIRO11	Sustainable South Kesteven	Develop and implement an effective process for the collection of food waste. (Food waste collection mandatory from 31st March 2026)	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	Work with relevant stakeholders to establish a project group and Action Plan for implementation	N/A	N/A	Mandatory weekly food waste collections are due to start in April 2026. SKDC is currently working with the Lincolnshire Waste partnership to develop a service delivery plan. Indicative funding estimates from government are due in November 2024 and this will enable the Council to understand the potential unfounded costs and progress the plan.
				% of non-target waste within the recycling stream.	N/A	N/A	
				Tonnes of food waste collected	N/A	N/A	

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ENVIRO12	Sustainable South Kesteven	Deliver a range of schemes to improve the recycling rate.	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	Domestic waste recycled per household (KG)	60KG (Q1 50KG)	On Target	The introduction of twin stream recycling and the contamination reduction campaign have resulted in improved recycling quality across the district. The contamination figures are now in-line with the other Lincolnshire local authorities who have introduced the twin stream system. In Q2, the contamination rate was 10.32%, falling from 13.18% in Q1. In August, SKDC achieved a contamination rate of 7.50%. For reference in 2022/23 as reported by the Office for Local Government (OFLOG), the median for England was 5.8%. The median of SKDC's CIPFA nearest neighbours was 6.8%. The median for districts in Lincolnshire was 8.43%. SKDC's rate in the same period was 16.2%. Therefore clear progress has been observed, with the reduction measures having a positive impact. This will continue to be monitored through data collection and action will be taken in problematic areas as required to ensure the progress continues.
				Increase uptake of the garden waste recycling service. (Target 1% growth)	6.9% growth	On Target	
				% of non-recyclable materials in the recycling stream. (15%)	10.32% (Q1 13.18%)	On Target	
ENVIRO13	Sustainable South Kesteven	Manage the construction and transition to a new depot, that is fit for purpose, and explore options for the old depot	Head of Service (Property and ICT)	Construction commenced (July 2024)	Commenced October 2024	Below Target	Construction commenced in October 2024 following completion of a Value Engineering and stage 4 design period. Contract documents have been finalised with the Lindum Group. Works commenced on site as of 28 th October 2024 with the view to completion in November 2025. The options appraisal for Alexandra Road has been commissioned for the initial viability reporting, and a secondary report is being prepared following discussions with Lincolnshire County Council as to a potential partnership scheme.
				Construction Completion (March 2025)	Completion expected for November 2025	Below Target	
				New depot fully operational (May/June 2025)	N/A	Below Target	
				Options appraisal for future of Alexandra Road (March 2024)	Options Appraisal Commissioned	On Target	

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ENVIRO14	Sustainable South Kesteven	Develop and deliver the Fleet Management strategy and accompanying action plan.	Head of Waste Management & Market Services	Develop and adopt a strategy	In Development	On Target	The Fleet Strategy is currently in development with a draft due by 31st December 2024.
ENVIRO15	Sustainable South Kesteven	Review and implement energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities within private properties in the district.	Sustainability & Climate Change Officer	Number of properties improved	42	Below Target	As of the end of August, 223 homes had signed up to the Home Upgrade Grant 2 (HUG2) energy efficiency funding scheme. Promotion of the scheme has continued with another letter drop, new referrals across the scheme remains challenging.

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