



ROTHER
CLIMATE
ACTION



Climate Strategy 2023

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Presentation Outline

Introduction

Climate Strategy

- Review
- Evidence Base
- Strategy Development
- Action Planning

RDC Climate Projects

- Buildings and Energy Efficiency
- Transport
- Resource Consumption and Waste
- Biodiversity and Land Use
- Energy Generation

Review – Existing Strategy

Climate Emergency Declaration – Sept 2019

‘Pledge to do what is within our powers, to make Rother District carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions’

Vision

‘The air will be cleaner as the need to travel will be reduced and those of us that do travel will travel by bike, public transport, electric vehicle, or on foot. The natural and built environment will be enhanced and protected for current and future communities. The Council will be a carbon neutral organisation; the district will be tackling and adapting to climate change. More energy will come from renewable or low-carbon sources, such as solar. Fewer people will live in fuel poverty. Waste will be reduced. The district will be resilient to the impacts of climate change including heatwaves, droughts and flooding. We will each use less water. Everyone will play their role in reducing their impact on the environment.’

Review – Existing Strategy

Priorities

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| 1. Becoming a smart digital district | 1 |
| 2. Green economy | 4 |
| 3. Air quality and sustainable transport | 9 |
| 4. Sustainable waste management | 3 |
| 5. Sustainable energy | 3 |
| 6. Protecting and enhancing biodiversity | 7 |
| 7. Construction and existing buildings | 12 |
| 8. Environmentally friendly council | 6 |

Pledges

45 pledges

Strategy Refresh 2023

Environment Act 2021

Evidence base – district-wide data, organisational data

Rother specific –coastal, rural, opportunities and challenges

Action Plan

Review – Consultation 2020 Responses

- Public consultation Mar – May 2020
- 108 individual responses and 14 organisations

What could I do to reduce the impact my household and I have on the environment?	What support could the Council provide me to help me reduce my impact on the environment?	What should the Council be doing to reduce its impact on the environment?	Is there anything missing from the draft action plan that we should consider including?	Please let us know if you have any other comments regarding the proposed Environment Strategy
Energy efficiency	Waste – recycling, food waste, compost bins, go digital	Lead by example – buildings	Food waste	Positive comments
Transport – EV, bike, drive less	Transport – EV charging points, cycle routes, more busses	Lead by example – staff travel	Biodiversity	Get on with it
Renewable energy	Planning Permission	Planning permission	Planning permission – solar panels	Don't exclude those who can't afford to be green
Waste	Encourage community action	Reduce waste the council produces	Ban bonfires	Silly jargon

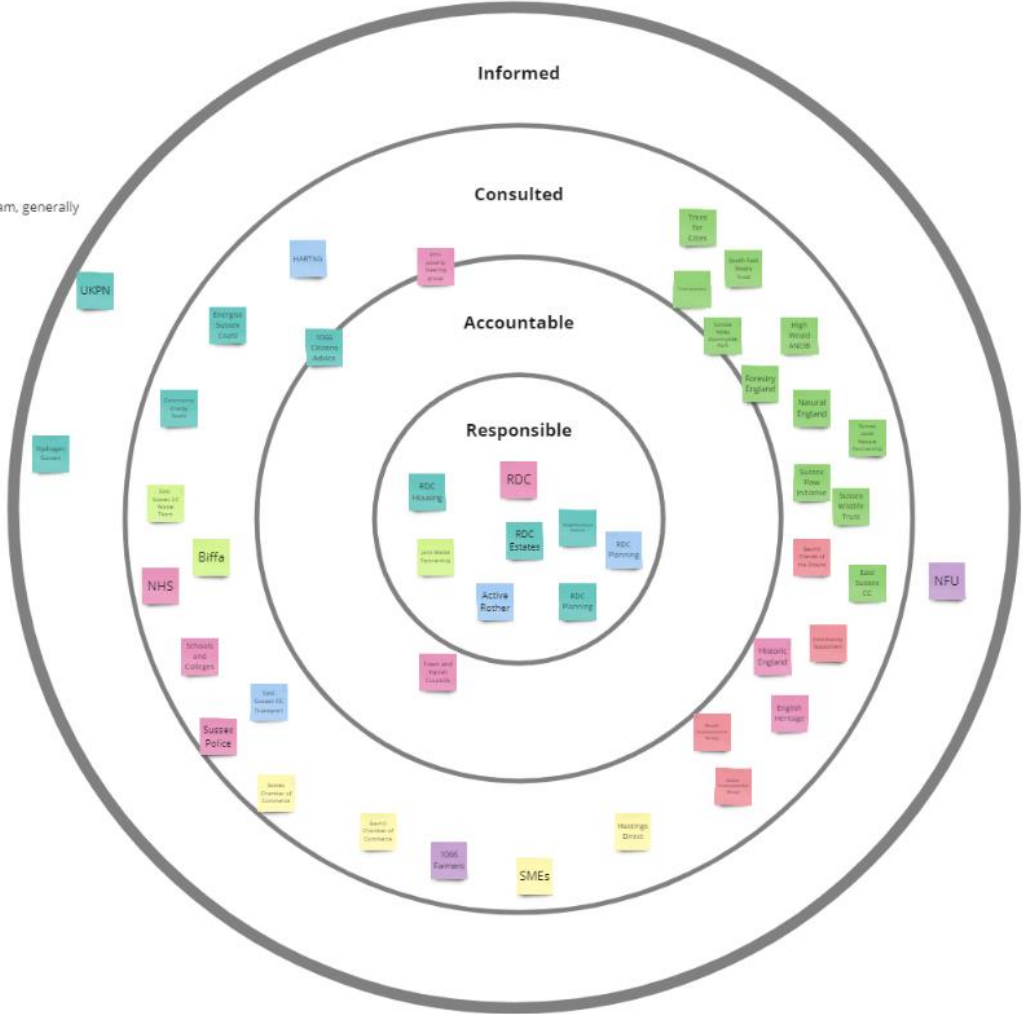
Review – Stakeholder Engagement

R.A.C.I Map

- RESPONSIBLE** - Doing the work - the core team, generally
- ACCOUNTABLE** - Answers for the work
- CONSULTED** - Experts
- INFORMED** - Kept in the loop

Stakeholders

- Buildings and Energy
- Transport
- Commercial/ Industry
- Waste
- Natural Environment
- Agriculture
- Public Sector
- Community Group



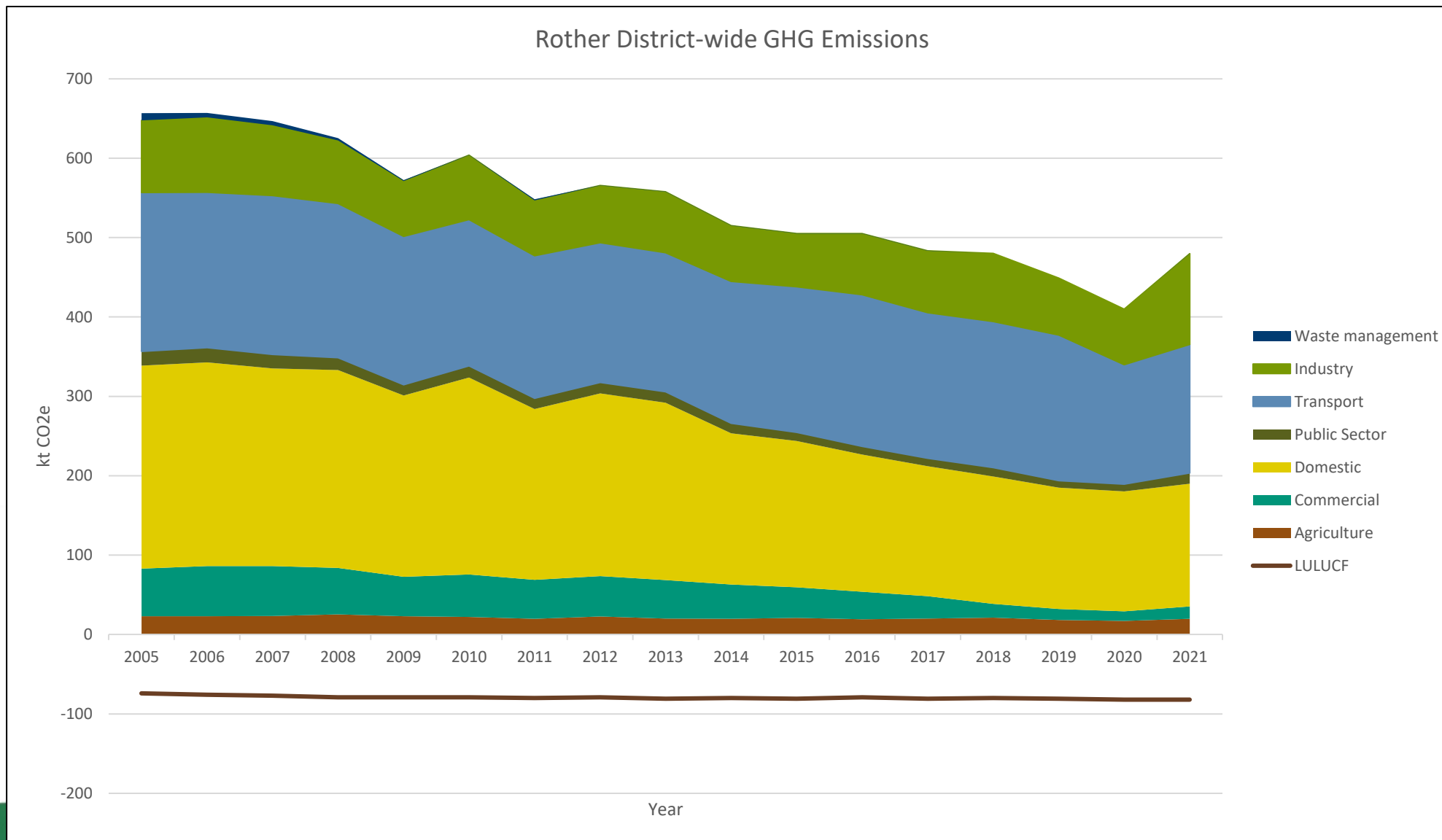
Consultation responses
1-2-1 meetings

Response to the consultation
wasn't included in the adopted
Environment Strategy

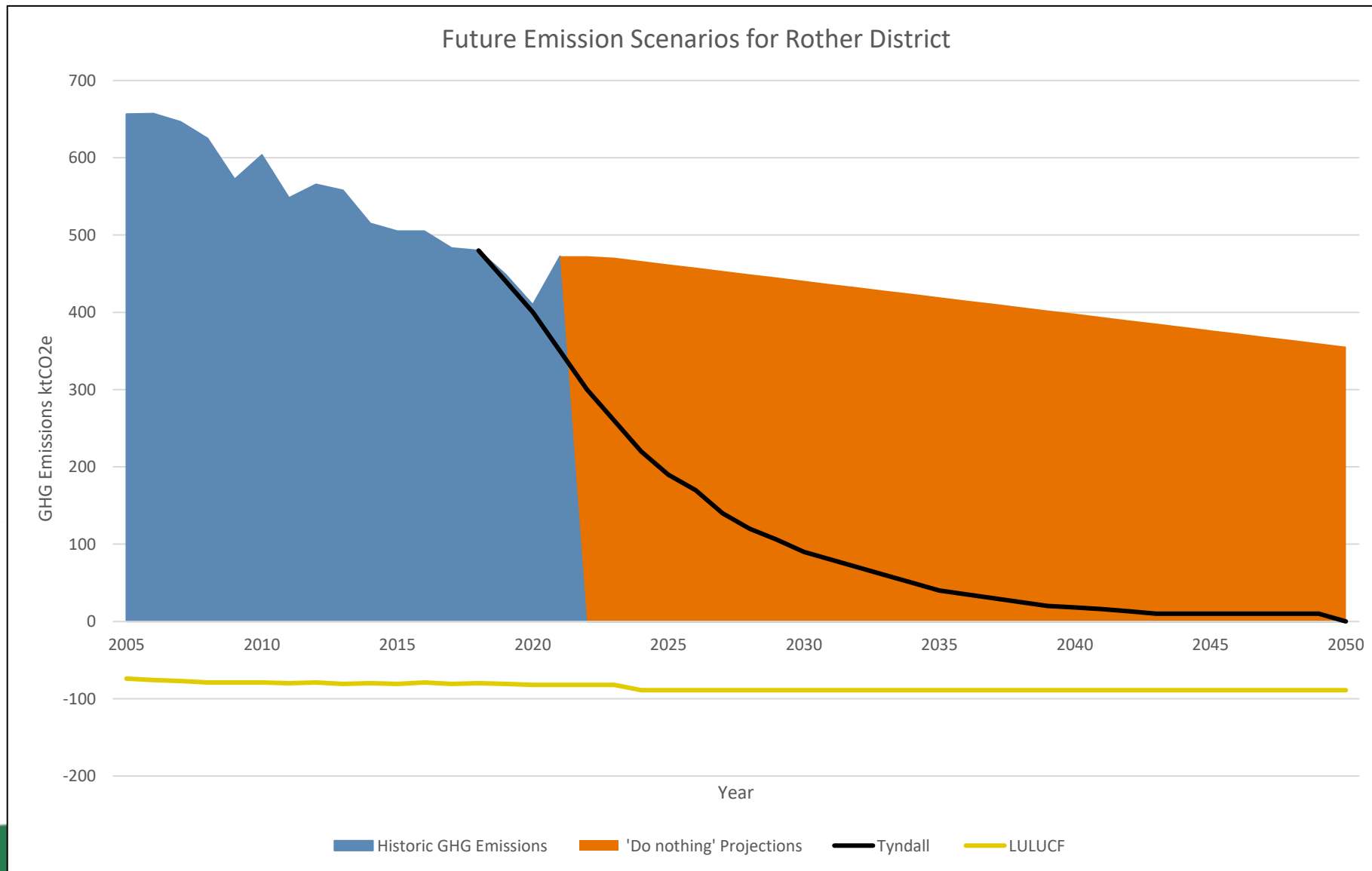
Review – Best Practice

Neighbouring Authorities	Climate Emergency UK – Top rated climate strategies	Similar - Emissions profile, deprivation, rural-urban pop density	Others
→ Hastings BC	Somerset West and Taunton Council	Norfolk CC	Bristol One City
→ Wealden DC	Staffordshire Moorlands DC	Suffolk CC	North Norfolk DC
→ Eastbourne BC	East Devon DC	East Lindsey DC	Swale BC
→ Lewes DC			Horsham DC
East Sussex CC			Surrey CC
Folkestone and Hythe DC			Kent CC
Ashford BC			Winchester CC
Tunbridge Wells BC			

Evidence Base - Emissions



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Evidence Base – Rother Specific

- Air Quality Assessment
- Local Plan
- Anti-Poverty Strategy
- Active Rother
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

- Wind Feasibility
- CLS Energy – RDC Assets
- Joint Waste Partnership – Fuel

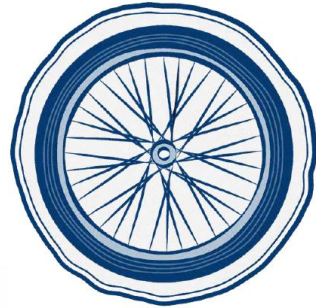
- Coastal



Evidence Base – Action Areas



BUILDINGS AND
ENERGY EFFICIENCY



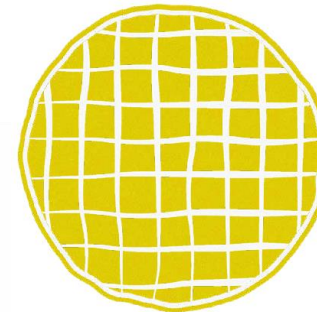
TRANSPORT



RESOURCE CONSUMPTION
AND WASTE



BIODIVERSITY AND
LAND USE



ENERGY GENERATION



Strategy Development - Vision



By 2030, Rother will be a carbon-neutral district where climate-resilient communities are well-equipped to deal with the challenges of climate change and are no longer contributing to global warming.

Strategy Development – Aims and Objectives



Aim

The aim of this strategy is to enable, encourage and accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions across the district.

Objectives

1. The built environment will be low carbon and climate resilient.
2. The need to travel will be reduced, those that do will be on foot, bike, public transport, or in a low/zero carbon vehicle.
3. The district will produce less waste and support a thriving circular economy.
4. Nature will be in recovery across the district.
5. Clean, renewable energy will be produced locally.

Strategy Development - Guiding Principles



Act now	Work in partnership	Continuously improve	Communicate impact	Be Fair
The Council recognises the urgency and will take action commensurate to the challenge.	The Council recognises its own limitations and the scale of the challenge. The Council will continue to work in partnership to achieve its goals.	The Council will measure, review and update the Climate Strategy and Climate Action Plan regularly to ensure it remains relevant and effective.	The Council will communicate its impact and climate action to encourage others.	The Council will ensure the transition is fair. This means ensuring the benefits of climate action are accessible to all and no one is excluded.

Strategy Development – Action Planning



Vision	A carbon neutral district where climate-resilient communities are well equipped to deal with the changing climate and are no longer contributing to global warming				
Overall Impact Measure	Greenhouse Gas Emissions reduced to 10% of 2019 baseline and nature in recovery across the district				
Theme	Buildings and Energy Efficiency	Transport	Resource Consumption and Waste	Biodiversity and Land Use	Energy Generation
Objectives	1. The built environment will be low carbon and climate resilient	2. The need to travel will be reduced, those that do will be on foot, bike, public transport or EV	3. The district will produce less waste and support a thriving circular economy	4. Nature will be in recovery across the district	5. Renewable energy will be produced locally
Outcomes	Mass retrofit of existing buildings	Programme of activities to promote active travel across the District	Reduced consumption of resources and waste	Halt land and marine species decline	Solar PV on all suitable roof space
	New buildings are carbon neutral or carbon negative	Facilitate the transition to LVC vehicles across the District	Increased repair, reuse and recycling of goods and materials	Increase biodiversity and carbon sequestration	Support renewable energy generation
		Sustainable forms of transport supported through the planning system			

RDC Climate Projects



Buildings and Energy Efficiency

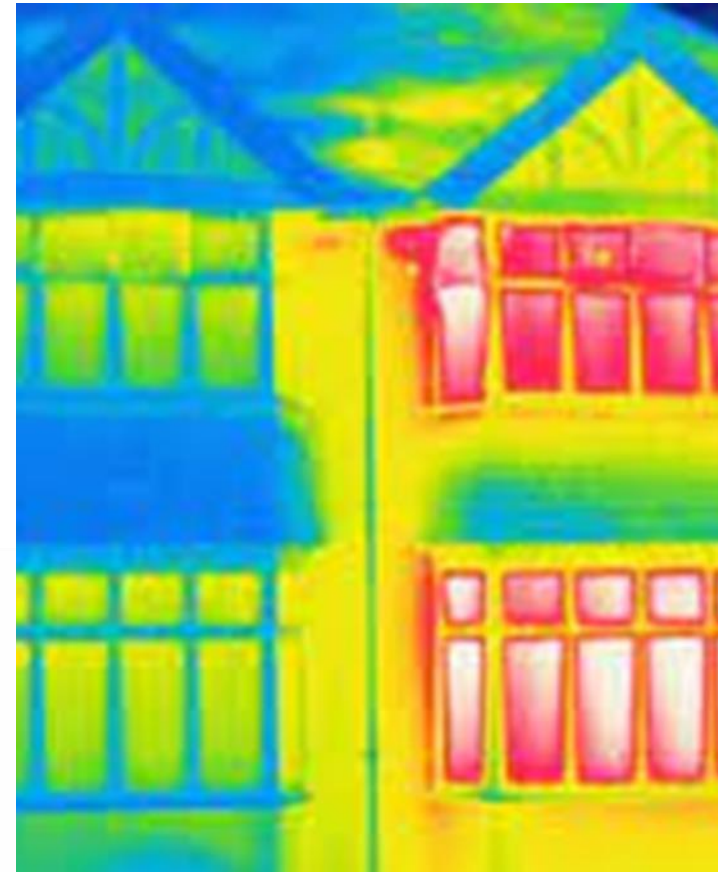


Council Action

- Temporary Accommodation
- Town Hall

District-wide Action

- Village Halls Energy Project
- Climate Emergency Bonus Fund
- HUG2
- LEAD – 1066 CA
- UKSPF
- New Local Plan
- Town and Parish Councils





Transport

Council Action

- Small fleet
- Business and commuting
- Refuse Vehicles

District-wide Action

- EV Charging Points
- New Local Plan
- Funding for businesses





Resource Consumption and Waste

Council Action

- Operational emissions
- Green Team
- Climate Awareness Training

District-wide Action

- Rother Reduce Reuse Recycle
- Funding for businesses - supply chains





Biodiversity and Land Use



Council Action

- Biodiversity Audit
- Tree planting

District-wide Action

- Tree planting
- River Catchment Partnerships
- New Local Plan - 20% BNG





Energy Generation

Council Action

- Solar PV on operational and commercial buildings
- 100% renewable energy

District-wide

- Solar Together
- VHEP
- Local Area Energy Planning
- New Local Plan



Next Steps



Council adopt Climate Strategy and Action Plan
December 2023

Climate Comms and Website

Rother Climate Action



Thank You. Any Questions?