

East Sussex Rural Forum

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Action in
rural Sussex



ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

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Why?

- Environmental concerns are high priority
- Many existing projects, programmes, individual actions
- But need:
 - High level objectives
 - Road map for delivery
 - Framework to draw it all together
 - Umbrella for other strategies

Vision

- Our natural and built environment is protected and enhanced for current and future generations and individuals and organisations are enabled to tackle and adapt to climate change

Themes

- Improving our landscape and open spaces
- Protecting and enhancing wildlife and habitats
- Managing the coastline, our seas and water resources
- Management of the historic environment

Themes

- Tackling climate change
- Minimising waste and its impact on the environment
- Delivering more sustainable transport and better access
- Cleaner air and quieter neighbourhoods

Next steps

- Consultation – stakeholders?
 - Format
 - Delivery
 - Timescale for delivery

Discussion

- Landscape and open space
- Wildlife and habitats
- Waste
- Sustainable transport
- Air quality and noise

A scenic coastal landscape featuring a pebbly beach in the foreground, a rocky cliffside with some greenery in the middle ground, and a clear blue sky. The water is calm and blue. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

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Why?

- Brings together:
 - Work already done
 - Future plans
 - Followed by implementation plan
- Services and infrastructure will need to change in response to changing climate
- Not just County Council

Themes

- Mainstream – consider and take into account implications of climate change
- Engage – inform and enable community
- Mitigate – reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Adapt – respond to risks and opportunities

Mainstream

- Establish widespread local commitment to action
- Take account of climate change implications in all policy development
- Monitor and report progress

Engage

- Ensure residents and organisations informed about climate change
- Ensure programmes of support for mitigation and adaptation available and suitable for individuals and organisations

Mitigate

- Understand current and forecast levels of greenhouse gas emissions from East Sussex
- Set scale for local mitigation
- Identify options
- Take action

Adapt

- Consider nature of likely climatic changes
- Understand local vulnerabilities and opportunities
- Assess likely risks to services, structures, business processes, workers; prioritise responses to risks
- Make adaptations, revise policies and procedures, implement changes to facilities and infrastructure

Next Steps

- Finalise implementation plan
- Address County Council emissions
 - Carbon Reduction Commitment
- East Sussex emissions
 - Partnership working

Discussion

- Reduced traffic
- Energy and water consumption
- Waste
- Adaptation
 - Opportunities
 - Risks