

Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy: Implementation Plan 2026 - 2027

ID #	Action Detail	Lead	Timescale
Carbon Reduction			
1.1	Continue to deliver local energy efficiency and emission management strategies across owned estates and local areas, monitoring progress regularly.	CCN	Ongoing
Public Sector Decision Making			
2.1	Design, test, and implement a Sustainable Procurement Toolkit and an Environmental Impact Assessment framework to align public sector operations with environmental objectives. Provide targeted training and support to upskill staff across Local Authorities in their effective use.	KCC & CCN	2026
2.2	Develop a standardised approach to Scope 3 reporting.	CCN	2026-27
Planning and Development			
3.1	Refresh the Kent Design Guide to reflect clean growth and climate resilience. Integrate advice into Local Planning Authority decision-making by advocating with planners.	KCC & Local Authority Planning and Climate Change Teams	2027
Resident and Community Support			
4.1	Develop and implement a Kent and Medway Homes Retrofit Plan. Outline collaborative actions to improve health, environment and reduce domestic emissions across a range of property types and tenures, while improving the skills capacity within Kent and Medway.	KCC, CCN & KHG	2026

4.2	Update the Kent and Medway Fuel Poverty Strategy, supporting fuel poor households to reduce their energy consumption, access social tariffs and other available support.	KCC, CCN & KHG	2026-27
4.3	Collaborate with local residents and communities to promote and champion energy efficiency and renewable technologies.	CCN	Ongoing
4.4	Support community groups on community-owned energy projects with information, advice and resources.	CCN	Ongoing

Transport

5.1	Collaborate with public transport providers to develop and implement opportunities that transition petrol and diesel vehicles to sustainable alternatives.	CCN	Ongoing
5.2	Utilise taxi licensing regulations and Council procurement policies to increase the adoption of EVs in taxi services and school transport, aiming for a reduction in emissions.	CCN	Ongoing
5.3	Revise staff travel benefits and car user policies to support sustainable transport, including car clubs, EV lease options, and incentives for low-emission vehicles.	CCN, HR Teams	2026-27
5.4	Explore and develop council-owned fleet efficiency options that optimises costs, involving a mix of technologies.	CCN, Transport Teams	2026-30
5.5	Develop a shared EV charge point master plan for Kent and Medway.	CCN	2026-27

Renewable Energy Generation

6.1	Undertake Local Area Energy Planning for Kent and Medway that focuses on all existing and emerging technologies.	CCN	2026-27
6.2	Develop a strategy for renewable energy generation and storage across Kent and Medway.	KCC & CCN	2026-27

Green Infrastructure

7.1	Support opportunities and ongoing delivery of nature-based solutions within the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.	CCN	Ongoing
7.2	Continue to deliver Kent Plan Tree for 1.5 million new trees in Kent and Medway, reporting on progress.	KCC	Ongoing
7.3	Develop a Kent and Medway Adaptation Plan.	KCC & CCN	2026

Supporting Businesses

8.1	Work with supply chains to enhance understanding of sustainable opportunities, particularly business resilience and economic growth. Signpost to local solutions and training.	KCC & CCN	Ongoing
8.2	Work with higher energy-consuming businesses and clusters to ensure low-emissions solutions. Explore renewable energy, heat and resource-sharing within growth plans, by including this in the Kent and Medway Economic Framework.	KCC	2026-28
8.3	Support SMEs to improve energy efficiency in premises to reduce emissions by offering financial assistance or signposting to local or other solutions.	CCN	Ongoing

Communications

9.1	Maintain a communication network to ensure consistency of messages and facilitate joint working, including the development of shared resources for public sector staff engagement.	KCC	Ongoing
9.2	Drive engagement and behaviour change through initiatives such as energy and water saving, active travel, climate-related health awareness.	CCN	Ongoing
9.3	Investigate the training, skills and education needs for climate awareness for Kent & Medway (including schools, residents).	CCN	Ongoing

Definitions

KCC: Kent County Council.

CCN: Climate Change Network. The network is made up of officers across all thirteen local authorities in Kent and Medway.

KHG: Kent Housing Group, which is a forum for housing organisations in Kent and Medway. KHG has representation from all twelve Kent local authorities.