

Essex Climate Action Annual Reports 2021/22 and 2022/2023

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1. Purpose of the Report

A motion was passed at Full Council in May 2023 which requested that the Essex Climate Action Annual reports for 2021/22 and 2022/23 are presented to Council in December to provide a formal update to members.

Both these reports are available on the council's website at:

- [2021/22 Report](#)
- [2022/23 Report](#)

ECC has committed, as part of its Climate Action Plan, to track progress to net zero across Essex. We prepare an annual report, which shows the work that is happening across the county to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to make the county more resilient to climate risks such as flooding, overheating and water scarcity.

In 2020, Essex County Council (ECC) formed the Essex Climate Action Commission. This is a body of people from the community, including councillors from all political groups, academics and local businesses which was formed to advise on how Essex can become a net zero emissions county. In July 2021, the Commission published Net Zero: Making Essex Carbon Neutral which set out over 100 recommendations for organisations, business, communities and residents.

The 2022/23 report is the second Climate Action Annual Report and aims to show progress against the Commission's recommendations right across the county. It includes examples of actions across the county, district, borough and city councils, the NHS, universities and private businesses as well as third sector and local community groups.

2. Recommendation

To note the Essex Climate Action Annual reports for 2021/22 and 2022/23.