

# WHO IS XR SOUTHWARK?

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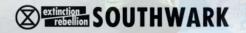
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- Offered policy advice at different stages on decarbonisation strategies and the action plan by convening local experts
- Participated in the NSP review process to push for more climate action
- Advocated for and currently supporting the Citizen's Jury to include resident's voices directly



# WHY ARE WE HERE?

- Southwark's Climate Strategy and Action Plan lacks specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-bound (SMART) indicators
- This makes it impossible to scrutinise the Council's performance against the strategy
- We suggest three quick improvements to:
  - Ensure climate emergency targets are **realistic**
  - Help monitor and understand progress



### EASY IMPROVEMENTS

### **1. USE SMART TARGETS AND INDICATORS**

### **2. OUTLINE ALL COSTS AND FUNDING**

### 3. ALIGN WITH OTHER PLANS AND STRATEGIES



#### **EXAMPLE - PG 53 SOUTHWARK'S CLIMATE STRATEGY**

A. A more circular economy	1. Households are supported to reduce consumption, improve rates of re-use and improve rates of recycling/waste collection	Taking steps to expand food waste collection with a pilot of food waste collection in 15,000 communal properties. Work underway to understand the shift in waste from commercial to residential that has taken place during COVID-19.	Promote and partner with and invest in community groups to develop sharing/circular economy e.g., repair café, library of things, community fridge, food redistribution centres.
			Support for residents to improve recycling in areas with low rates.
	2. Drive behaviour change in Southwark businesses to reduce consumption		Explore development of Recycling Reward Schemes which would incentivise commercial sites and workplaces based on the amount of waste they avoid throwing away.



#### **EXAMPLE – NEWCASTLE'S CLIMATE STRATEGY**

Priority Action		
ID	Description	
A&S1	Produce a guidance document for property owners that sets out a summary of the key planning policies that enable sustainable development and a simple guide to streamlining an application for low carbon initiatives.	
A&S2	Produce a Green and Sustainable Procurement guidance document for our city's businesses.	
A&S3	Produce a template and guidance document for preparing a Sustainable Travel Plan, tailored to specific audiences / users.	

Activity Description: i.e. A&S2 Produce a Green and Sustainable Procurement guidance document for our city's businesses



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Delivery Timeframe					
By COP26 November 2021	Short Term November 2021 - 2023	Medium Term 2024 - 2027	Long Term 2028 - 2030		

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Performance Indicator	Responsible Party / Parties
Planning Process Note produced and published	Newcastle City Council
Sustainable Procurement Note produced and published Sustainable Travel Plan template and guidance document produced and published	Newcastle City Council

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**Performance Indictor:** i.e. Sustainable Procurement Note produced and published

**Responsible Party** 



For example, Page 36:

1. Raise the energy efficiency of social housing with an EPC rating of D or lower



**Specific:** Add a baseline. How many social housing properties are currently rated D or lower? How many properties will be upgraded?

**Measurable:** How it will be measured, with what sources of data? What carbon savings will it lead to?

Achievable: How much will this cost? Do we already have the funds earmarked?

**Realistic:** For example, how have other Council-led programmes with similar objectives (e.g. Warm, Dry, Safe) performed? What lessons can be learned?

**Time-bound:** When will this goal be achieved? What are the key steps along the way?

# **BE CLEAR ON COSTS AND FUNDING**

#### Example, page 63

"We estimate that this will cost over £3.92bn in capital expenditure, supported by additional revenue funding. Potential investment or funding streams include, but are not limited to, the council's carbon offset fund, HRA funding, central government grants, revenue and capital funding from the GLA or TfL and various funding bids across the public, private and charity sectors."

- The climate strategy **is not fully costed**, or showing what funding is available
- Indicate what **potential funding** streams there are, or where to get creative
- Each item in the action plan should have **costs and benefits estimated**

(e.g. **£10,000** to buy **100 solar farms** by **2030**, saving 10,000 tons  $CO_2$ )

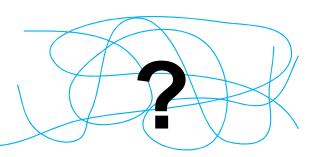
• Which of these streams is a **priority**, if there is a limited pool of finding?



### **ALIGN WITH OTHER PLANS**

### NEW SOUTHWARK PLAN

WASTE STRATEGY



### CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY AND PLAN

**MOVEMENT PLAN** 

### **ALIGN WITH OTHER PLANS**

### **ENSURING ALIGNMENT:**

- CONTENT AND CLEAR TIMELINES FOR AMENDMENTS
- GAP ANALYSIS I.E. WATER MANAGEMENT?
- LINK TO RELEVANT STRATEGIES IN THE ACTION PLAN
- INCLUDE A LIST OF POLICIES ON THE WEBSITE'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY PAGE



# WHEN WILL YOU MAKE IMPROVEMENTS?

- **1. USE SMART TARGETS AND INDICATORS**
- 2. OUTLINE ALL COSTS AND FUNDING
- 3. ALIGN WITH OTHER PLANS AND STRATEGIES
- 4. TRAINING FOR COUNCILLORS TO MONITOR PLAN



### SOUTHWARK RESIDENTS ARE LOOKING TO THE COUNCIL FOR AMBITION AND LEADERSHIP.



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