

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 3rd November 2021

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1. Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2021 to 2026

The strategy was formally adopted at Full Council on 22 September 2021.

<https://cdn.havant.gov.uk/public/documents/Havant%20Borough%20Council%20Climate%20Change%20and%20Environment%20Strategy%202021-2026.pdf>

Adoption of the strategy provides the Council with a mandate to take action against the priorities identified in the strategy. An action plan is in development, and will be made public in the next few months. Another 'Climate Conversation' event is being planned for 25 November 2021. This event will provide Havant residents and other stakeholders with the opportunity to comment and shape initiatives against available resource.

2. Domestic retrofit for energy efficiency

Every installation of cavity wall insulation, loft insulation or more efficient heating systems represent a carbon saving as well as saving money. With the recent hiatus in energy markets following a hike in prices, this activity has become more important than ever.

There are three funding streams;

- a. The energy company obligation **ECO3 programme** continues.
- b. **Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Programme Phase 1 (GHG LAD 1)**. We anticipate that our share of benefits for Havant Borough Council residents will be in the region of £50K, to be reported in January 2022.
- c. Phase 2 (**GHG LAD 2**) is led by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Energy Hubs. The processes are being set up, and we look forward to delivering a marketing exercise to encourage eligible households to apply.

Subsequent funding under GHG LAD: The officer team anticipate funding for subsequent phases of GHG LAD to be focused on homes with energy performance certificates of D, E and F (the worst performing homes), and for households on incomes less than £35,000. The government target is to have all homes improved to energy performance certificate level C by 2030. Therefore, we are scoping a piece of work to analyse the housing stock and identifying a pipeline of eligible homes.

We also want to engage with the 'able-to-pay' market, to offer Havant residents compelling ways to play their part in tackling climate emissions by making their homes more energy efficient. The emerging communication strategy for the Climate Change and Environment Strategy will include this aspect.

3. Transport and Travel

3.1 Active Travel

Hampshire County Council is currently consulting on Havant's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

See <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/strategies/transportstrategies>

Information can also be found here <https://www.havant.gov.uk/cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan>

3.2 EV Charge Point Usage

Electric vehicle (EV) charge points were installed in three of our public car parks in 2018. The company that the council worked with to install these charge points has been sold to Engie EV. The GeniePoint branding remains the same, and the terms of the contract remain unchanged.

The following table provides data on the number of verified charges during the period April 2021 to the end of September 2021.

Location	Number of verified charge events	Average £ fee paid by the driver
Leigh Park	398	6.82
Waterlooville	293	5.36
Emsworth	431	6.44
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<https://www.havant.gov.uk/electric-vehicle-charge-points>

4. Havant Big Green Week

Well done and thanks to everyone in our community who organised events during the Havant Big Green Week from 18-26 September 2021, including our Mayor Cllr Raines.