

Chapter 12

Making The Plan A Reality

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Engagement And Ownership

The preparation of this Plan involved extensive collaboration between the Devon Climate Emergency partners, the Net-Zero Task Force, individuals and communities.

The ambition is that everyone in Devon knows about this Plan and is able to play an active role in its implementation. Every individual, organisation and community, including the Devon Climate Emergency partners, are encouraged to look at the actions and select those that they will help deliver.

The partners are [sharing their stories](#) on the website and would love to hear about yours. Your activity can be shared with the partnership and showcased on the website and the monthly newsletter via environmentalpolicy@devon.gov.uk or find the Devon Climate Emergency on social media.

Devon-based organisations are encouraged to join the partners in [endorsing the Devon Climate Declaration](#) and to reduce their direct emissions to net-zero by 2030.



Funding & Investment

Achieving net-zero by 2050 at the latest will require a major nationwide investment programme, led by national government, but largely funded and delivered by private companies and individuals.

Costs for meeting net-zero in Devon have not been prepared, but may be in a future update to this Plan. The Climate Change Committee (CCC) says there needs to be a national investment of £50 billion annually by 2030. Once the reduced running costs of new technology is taken into account, the annualised net-cost of meeting net-zero is less than 1% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) through to 2050. However, due to the opportunities to redirect resources away from fossil fuels imports to UK investment, GDP will be around 2% higher than it would have otherwise been by 2035.



Governance And Monitoring

The implementation of the programme of projects in this Plan and the emerging Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Climate Adaptation Plan will need governance arrangements to provide strategic oversight of their progress.

The Devon Climate Emergency Response Group will continue to oversee delivery, aided by new Theme Boards reflecting the themes of the sections of this Plan, and a new Devon Climate Change Forum. The Forum will provide impartial oversight, challenge and advice on behalf of the people of Devon, meeting once or twice each year. It will include community representation. Part of its role will be to scrutinise progress on an annual basis and make recommendations for the year ahead.

A set of indicators will be used to monitor progress towards achieving the plan's objectives. These indicators will be reviewed by the Response Group and published online.



Closing Remark

Now is the right time to set a target to achieve net-zero emissions and put in place a Plan to reach it. Climate change is too important and urgent a priority to do anything else. The broad-based involvement of businesses, the public sector, voluntary organisations and communities working together will help to create a resilient, net-zero carbon Devon where people and nature thrive.

