Chapter 6 Summary

Cross Cutting Themes

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Some themes are cross-cutting to all sections of the plan. These themes are:

Behaviour Change And Community Engagement.

We need to make changes to our behaviour, such as our energy use, eating habits, travel choices, waste disposal and more, in addition to using technological solutions, to reach net-zero. Devon's citizens and communities must be enabled and supported to collectively make these behaviours the new social norm.

Knowledge Sharing, Skills And Learning.

Relevant knowledge and skills need to be shared so everyone can switch to a net-zero lifestyle. This knowledge must be accessible to every individual and community.

Spatial Planning.

Changes to settlements must be planned so that services can be accessed using active, shared and public transport. Additionally, the evolution of landscapes due to climate change must be managed in order to protect and enhance them.

Access To Finance And Resources.

The Plan's actions will require new finance – this could involve solutions that are already commercially viable; using crowd-sourced funds from communities; and attracting institutional investors. Citizens will also need access to finance.

Procurement & Commissioning.

Organisations must use their procurement power, by specifying environmentally and socially responsible goods and services, to accelerate their supply chains reaching net-zero.

Collaborating on these themes will ensure every individual feels involved with creating Devon's net-zero future and bring communities together with innovation and new economic and employment opportunities.

Actions

Everyone:

- Calculate your carbon footprint and watch this video to understand where to make substantial, long-term changes to your behaviour
- Participate in local climate action e.g. public consultations
- Make climate change a part of everyday conversation

Actions:

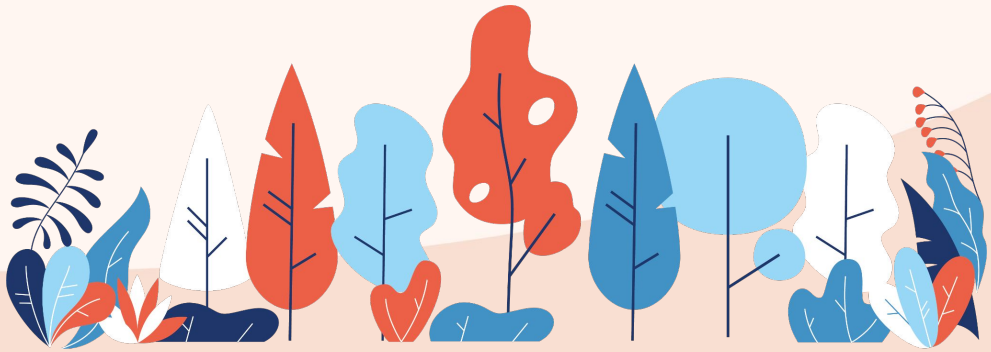
Communities:

- Use the Impact Community Carbon Calculator to understand your community's carbon footprint
- Hold workshops in your community to develop detailed, local net-zero visions - consider inviting local artists, writers, and musicians
- Create opportunities to share knowledge and skills within your community
- Consider donating to, or investing in, crowd-funded net-zero projects
- Contribute to encouraging behaviour changes to create new low carbon social norms

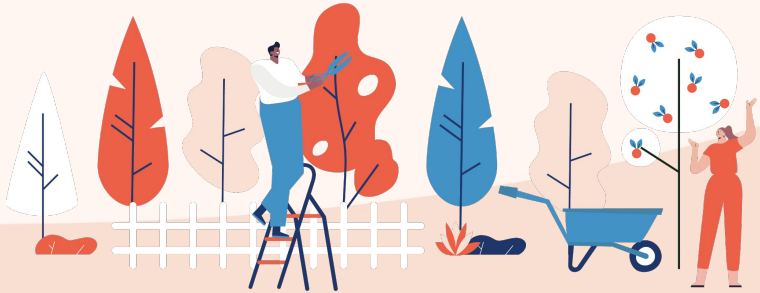
Actions:

Organisations:

- Make procurement choices that contribute to reducing emissions, e.g. choosing local businesses to minimise transport emissions
- Devon's business support services, schools, colleges, universities and community groups to provide equal opportunities for learning and skills sharing for all individuals and communities
- Innovate through new business models, policy and pilots of initiatives to cut emissions



Actions:

Local Policy Makers:

* Provide high quality, objective information and education for communities about the crisis nature of the climate emergency
* Support communities to develop local net-zero visions, and to deliver their low-carbon transformation
* Foster innovation in technologies, institutions, business models, policy design and behaviour to achieve net-zero
* Development plans that demonstrate how they will shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions as a primary planning objective
* Involve communities in an update to the landscape strategies and guidelines within Devon's Landscape Character Assessments to plan positively for achieving net-zero and the changes which climate change will bring