

COOL TOWNS - ROADMAP

Climate policy



THE UK

National

UK Climate change Risk Assessment (2017)

Document outlining and assessing the risks to the UK from climate change using UKCP18 data set.

UK National Adaptation Programme (2018)

The National Adaptation Programme (NAP) sets the actions that government and others will take to adapt to the challenges of climate change in the UK. It sets out key actions for the next 5 years.

Rising to the Climate Crisis - A Guide for Local Authorities on Planning for Climate Change (TCPA, 2018). Advises Local Authorities to include policies for mitigation in strategic plans TCPA also lead the PERFECT project which aims to share best practice to encourage investment in green infrastructure. Targets: councillor, policy maker, planner, developer or community group.

Green infrastructure guidance - Natural England

Provides a comprehensive overview of the concept of green infrastructure and signposts to other relevant information such as Natural England's green infrastructure definition, policy statement and track record in driving delivery. It also maps out wider policy priorities and drivers for green infrastructure. Aims to Facilitate a co-ordinated and consistent approach to green.

County / Province

Kent Environment Strategy and implementation plan

- Strategy that underpins all environment focused and climate change work occurring across the county. Endorsed by boroughs and districts. Covers three themes and includes an implementation plan that is monitored to assess how we are working towards goals.
- Working together through the strategy and across sectors, the task is to continue to support economic growth whilst protecting and enhancing our natural and historic environment and creating and sustaining communities that are vibrant, healthy and resilient.
- Theme One activities are focused towards providing an evidenced understanding of environmental risks and opportunities and building the resources and mechanisms to underpin delivery of actions across the plan.
- Theme Two focuses on minimising the impacts of current activities through improving access to environmental services and reducing resource usage across all sectors.

- Theme Three activities are about ensuring that the county's communities, businesses, environment, and services are resilient to environmental change, managing future risks and acting on opportunities.

Kent and Medway Climate Change Risk and Impact Assessment (2019)

Evidence base for action to tackle climate change in Kent. Takes the UK CCRA and downscales to a Kent level. It describes the changes Kent might face, as well as the potential risks to Kent's society, economy, and environment. Includes sector summaries for key sectors in Kent and highlights risks and impacts. Includes risks from high temperatures on all key sectors in Kent.

Kent and Medway Adaptation Programme (under development)

Adaptation Strategy addressing the ways to make Kent Resilient by 2050. Created with over 300 stakeholders. Outlines the vision and broad actions to reach a resilient Kent in 2050. Will be completed by March 2021. Includes background, context setting, goals, aims, policy and legal support, responsibilities and sector breakdowns.

Kent and Medway Implementation Plan (under development)

Implementation plan including short, medium- and long-term actions partners in Kent will take or are taking to address climate risks and ensure we are resilient in 2050. Ownership of actions is key and plan will be monitored for evaluation each year. Due to be completed March 21. Will include costs, impacts and co-benefits of actions.

Southend Council Green City Action Plan (2021)

This Green City Action Plan sets out the initial steps that the Council will undertake to become a Green City and fulfil its obligations after declaring a Climate Emergency in Autumn 2019. The plan sets out 5 Priority Actions and 17 sub-priority actions that the Council will aim to deliver between January-December 2021 (see pdf attached).

Southend Council Green City Action Plan (2021-2025) (under development)

This document sets out the actions that will be delivered under the Council's first year of work towards becoming a 'Green City'. It is the Council's intention to replace this document with specific Action Plans that are based on a series of new strategies that the Council will be launching in early 2021 (including strategies on achieving net zero carbon; climate resilience and urban greening; waste and recycling; transport; and the new Local Plan).

Our progress towards achieving the actions set out in this document will be reported via the Council's annual Sustainability Report in 2021, which can be found on the SBC website.