

Sustainability Strategy

Q4 2023/24 Highlights

- Council waste emissions (from Annexe, Market, Cemetery, Cassiobury etc) reported as 1,927 tonnes CO₂ equivalent for the year 2023/24, a 13.5% reduction on 2019 (*subject to refinement as part of the Annual Report*)
- Mandatory sustainability e-learning module developed for completion every two years - additional Carbon Literacy training and certification for held for Planning
- Woodside Leisure Centre – successful application for £406k funding for solar panel installation
- Successful in obtaining PSDS decarbonisation funding for three buildings to be made more energy efficient – Palace Theatre and the Harebreaks and Orbital Community Centres
- Council short-listed for a Visa Sustainability Award
- Extensive programme of activities planned for Great Big Green Week 2024
- Beryl Bikes contract extended for a further two years and EV bikes extended into Three Rivers (Croxley)
- River Colne survey received 256 responses and reached 22,669 residents
- Celebration of River Colne partner event successfully held 13 February with BBC East of England coverage
- Watford Net Zero campaign – worked with 327 businesses against a target of 250
- Green Spaces project mobilised

Q1 2024/25 Priorities

- Annual reporting vs environmental and sustainability targets
- Launch mandatory sustainability e-learning module to colleagues
- Great Big Green Week 08–16 June 2024 – extensive range of activities and events including Green Market,
- Planning for the Environmental Delivery Plan for 2025-27
- Tales of The River – launch first podcast and hold ‘Wildplay’ sessions
- Extension of Beryl e-Bikes to Hertsmere (Bushey)
- Climate Risk and Adaptation workshop for Associate Directors and Senior Delivery Leads 16 April
- Review of Sustainability Board frequency and membership to ensure it remains fit-for-purpose



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