

From mountain to sea

Climate Change Declaration

Our sustainable future

We, Aberdeenshire Council, recognise that the world faces a climate challenge and our responsibility is to provide leadership in order to move to a more sustainable and low carbon future.

We commit to working towards a carbon free society by reducing our emissions by 75% (against our 2010/11 baseline) by 2030 and become Net Zero by 2045.

We will provide support and leadership to empower our communities to also take action and be resilient to the impacts of climate change.

We accept that this will mean challenging choices and tough decisions and we need to act now.

To do this, we will:

- Significantly cut our own emissions by reducing our dependence and use of fossil fuels, avoiding waste, and promoting biodiversity;
- Offset all residual emissions generated which we cannot eliminate by 2045;
- Work with others across the region to ensure that Aberdeenshire reaches Net Zero by 2045, by promoting energy transition and a circular economy;
- We will make sure our work lines up with the relevant [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#), and encourage our partners to also adopt these principles;
- Update our relevant policies, to ensure they meet this declaration;
- We will support a transition that is socially fair and just and will communicate reasons for change and the potential effects on service delivery to our communities and staff.
- We will all adopt a positive, genuine and collaborative spirit to working towards tackling the climate crisis.