

Action ID	Theme	Recommendation	Action	Responsibility	When	Progress report (red for delays)	Progress RAG
0701	Theme 7: Planning	<p>A suite of overarching sustainable planning policies for the county</p> <p>Model high level policies to be agreed by all partners and embedded within the county's Statement of Common Ground (SoCG). Proposed policies would then be adopted and adapted locally by each authority to include in their Local Plans as per the respective Local Development Schemes.</p>	<p>Agree a framework of climate change policies for consideration by CLG towards the end of 2024 to allow for consideration alongside news on proposed planning reforms. These policies to be developed once and shared with all partners to aid them in their local plan development, local variance would allow setting of the correct metrics or standards to ensure the viability of these policies within each local plan and in line with achieving the overarching ambitions.</p>	Theme lead, CLG, CPOG, CLOG	Year end 2024	<p>This is the top level priority - approved by CLG and will be progressed asap based on the draft policies developed by Cotswold DC. The majority of LPs aiming for completion by end of 2026. Draft policies to be reviewed and developed over the coming year with assistance from the new Planning and Climate Manager and with best practice support from outside of the county.</p>	
0702	Theme 7: Planning	<p>A central climate planning office/officer/expert</p> <p>A shared resource focused on sustainable planning with experience in climate change and planning who can exclusively lead the delivery of climate/net zero evidence and policies to build capacity, improve knowledge and aid delivery of climate mitigation and adaptation planning policies and strategies.</p>	<p>Recruitment of a centralised resource to coordinate activity, share best practice and draft and review policies.</p>	Theme lead, CLG, CPOG, Countywide Coordinator	Secure funding/resource by the end of Q2 2024	<p>Funding for the post agreed and recruitment undertaken. Post holder expected to start in November.</p>	

0703	Theme 7: Planning	Sharing work on evidence and best practice Local best practice sharing already happening via the County Planning Officers Group and Climate Officers Group. Further work is needed to extend to proactive engagement in national forums seeking to both learn from others and share our own best practice.	Continued sharing of best practice through regular County Planning Officers Group and the setup of a shared document space (both already in action). Further work on collating best practice and shared evidence as well as proactive external engagement will likely be dependent upon bringing in specialist resource. Maximise consultant expertise and stop duplication. Build further plans to integrate evidence. Enable open access of evidence. Investigate the strengths and opportunities of AI	Theme lead, CLG, CPOG, CLOG, Requests now live for further officers to lead this strand.	Following recruitment of shared resource.	A multi-disciplinary workshop was held on 2nd April 2025 with input from the Town and Country Planning Association, this brought together planning policy, planning development management and climate change officers to: -share best practice -identify challenges/blockages identify areas of collaboration. The evolving workplan being developed by officers across Councils will be integrated with this workplan in advance of review at the November meeting of CLG.	
0704	Theme 7: Planning	Training for officers This would be cross-council training open to all authorities and would ensure that planning teams are confident, consistent and able to assess evidence of compliance with sustainable planning policies.	First action to undertake a gap analysis (questionnaire) to establish current skills and knowledge across the local planning teams. Aiming to build officer capacity and confidence; better linking of teams; and building on existing strengths within these teams.	Countywide Climate Change Coordinator, CPOG, Requests now live for further officers to lead this strand	delivered by end of Q2 2024.	Gap analysis asap. Next steps would then be dependant upon shared resource. Cheltenham have taken some steps here- climate change officers led a training session (24/9/24) with the Cheltenham planning team, property and major projects teams. This used case studies tested against the Cheltenham Climate Change SPD. The Climate Change team are monitoring key applications against the SPD so that we develop a body of evidence and	

						can share best practice more widely. Similar work underway at Stroud DC.	
0705	Theme 7: Planning	Collaboration with other Climate Leadership Gloucestershire themes To consider in detail how themes and associated documents are actively utilised within the planning process to maximise their benefit.	To engage with other CLG thematic working groups including those working on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy theme to include actions on: 1. Local Area Energy Planning 2. Working with Gloucestershire Community Energy Forum to improve the planning journey for projects. 3. working to support energy deployment inc. onshore wind • Work with the Transport Theme group to deliver policy responses to transport emissions in Gloucestershire • Biodiversity ensuring effective delivery of BNG 	CLG, Countywide Climate Change Coordinators, climate officers and planning officers	Ongoing.	Joint working group setup on transport Current work ongoing to develop s106 documents to deliver BNG in Gloucestershire under GNCF. Workshop planned to review areas of extra guidance needed for Community Energy project progression. More to do to take forward Local Area Energy Plan and Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment once these streams have made progress.	

			<p>via GNCF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retrofit theme re buildings which require planning permission e.g. conservation areas• Adaptation theme and the upcoming Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment.				
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0706	Theme 7: Planning	Influencing Government The benefit of the CLG community is its ability to work as a community/in partnership including on upwards influencing. This action is focused on sharing resources to ensure representation from Gloucestershire in national planning forums, identifying best practice and collaboration on influencing future government planning policy, including via bodies such as the LGA and DCN	Actions to include: - prepare draft consultation response for authorities to respond to the Future Homes Standard consultation.	Countywide Climate Change Coordinator, CLOG	Future Homes Standard consultation deadline - Wednesday 6 March 2024.	Latest engagement with Government includes: 1. Response to future Homes Standards Consultation March 2024. 2. Response to NPPF Consultation September 2024 - in support of onshore wind being re-integrated into the NSIP regime. 3. Reply to Barriers to community energy - call for evidence June 2024. 4. Proactive engagement in national workshop to consider emerging Regional Energy Strategic plan design and Council roles June 2025. 5. Response to Biodiversity Net Gain consultation July 2025 - in favour of Biodiversity Net Gain for minor, medium and brownfield development. 6. Response on community benefits and shared ownership for low carbon energy infrastructure consultation September 2025 - in support of mandatory community benefits.	
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0707	Theme 7: Planning	Sustainable outcomes through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and S106 payments Explore opportunities to leverage CIL to deliver infrastructure that delivers on the sustainable development and climate action principles of the CLG.	In ensuring sustainable outcomes, recommendations could be accompanied with a sustainability assessment to ensure spending priorities are aligned with the climate change commitments of the councils. It may also be possible to pool funds to target specific strategic priorities or outcomes where local and countywide sustainable outcomes are aligned.	Countywide Climate Change Coordinator, CLOG	Ongoing.	Work on CIL and Section 106 is underway, but is awaiting confirmation around resourcing to progress further, particularly around sustainable outcomes. Work to date: * Engagement with Planning Advisory Service - December 2023 * Briefing to Chief Executives Group 13th December 2023 * Countywide officer workshop facilitated by PAS and consultants Inner Circle 9th January 2024 * Briefing to Chief Executives Group 15th January 2024 * Briefing to Chief Executives 17th April 2024 * Paper to City Region Board 6 September 2024 * Further report to City Region Board scheduled 21st January 2024	
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