



Horsham
District
Council

Parish and Neighbourhood Council Climate Action Network

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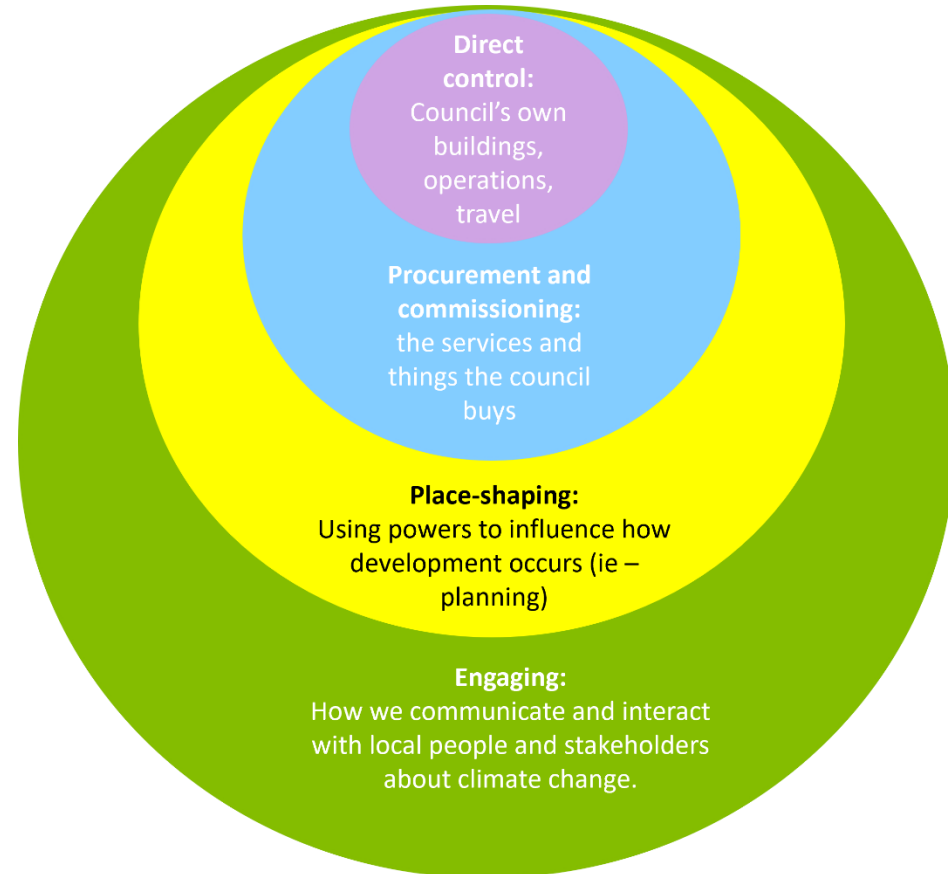
Agenda today

- History of the Parish and Neighbourhood Council (PC/NC) Climate Action Network
- HDC's Climate Action Strategy
- Progress to date
- Future plans



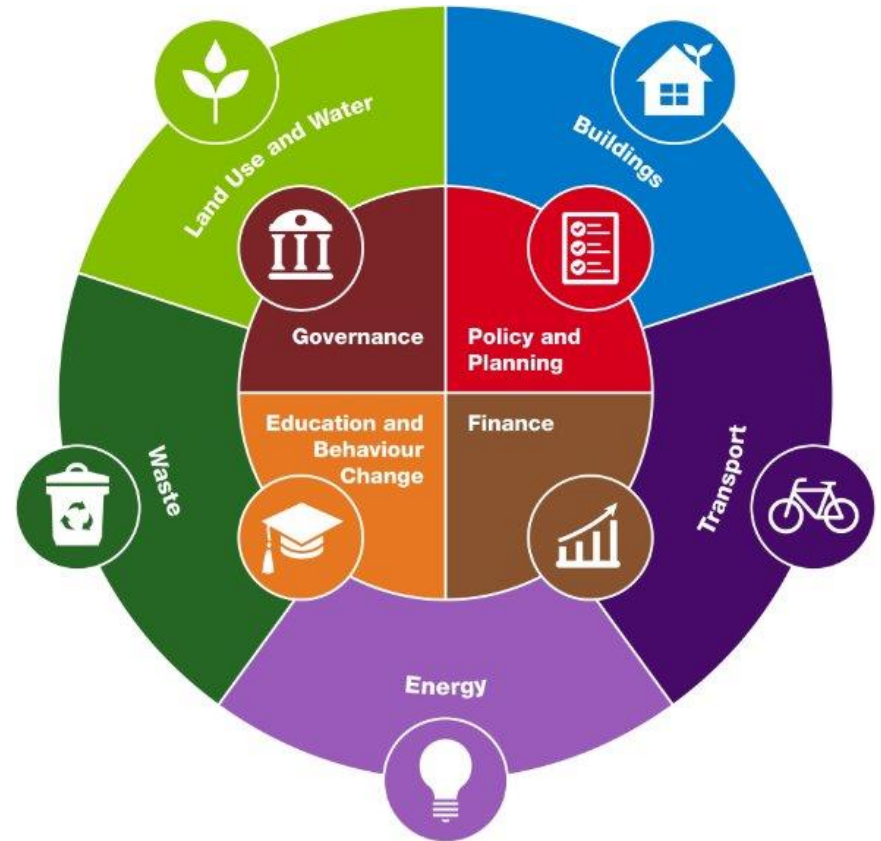
History

- Autumn 2022
 - Centre for Sustainable Energy workshops to help Parish and Neighbourhood Councils to understand their influence and role in climate action
 - During brainstorming sessions, attendees thought of actions that they could take within their spheres of influence



HDC's Climate Action Strategy

- HDC approved a district wide Climate Action Strategy in Jan 2024
- Cannot deliver the Strategy on our own - focal point for action by partners, community groups, businesses and residents
- The leadership role that the Parish and Neighbourhood Councils have are vital for engaging residents and community groups



The Climate Action Network



- From the workshops, the Climate Action Network was developed
- To support the PC/NC in climate action
- 3 meetings a year, 2 online and 1 in person
- In person meeting to celebrate successes and work on action plans collaboratively
- Facilitate Knowledge Hub, online platform to share resources

Parish and Neighbourhood Council Climate Action Group in Horsham District

HORSHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (HALC)



To Date

6 meetings

- 15 March 2023
 - ✓ How to interpret the workshops and start creating action plans
- 19 July 2023
 - ✓ How to find funding
- 6 November 2023
 - ✓ Planning out our action plans, how to connect to volunteers
- 25 March 2024
 - ✓ How to communicate climate action through social media and websites
- 23 July 2024
 - ✓ Action in Rural Sussex and Village Hall network
- 16 September 2024
 - ✓ Moving action plans to One Planet

Engagement

- About 82.8% of PC/NCs are involved in the network to date
 - ✓ ~ 51.4% (18) highly engaged and come to most meetings
 - ✓ ~ 31.4% (11) attend occasional meetings, and are engaged with emails
- Of the remaining 6 PC/NCs
 - ❖ 3 have/had reps, but they either haven't come to a meeting, or haven't appointed a new rep
 - ❖ 3 are not engaged at all – either not interested, or no response to emails
- 19 have climate action plans in some way, and some have also declared climate emergencies

Future Plans and Asks

- Continue to build on connections and collaborations between Parishes and Neighbourhoods, including joining HDC in using One Planet to map their action plans and show links to our Climate Action Strategy
- Would HALC be able to have a presence at the 3 PC/NC meetings a year, or at least the 1 in-person one? We would like to demonstrate our collaboration to the Parishes and Neighbourhoods
- Have a PC/NC update as a standing agenda item on the HALC agenda (either from HDC, the HALC representative that attended the last meeting, a Parish/Neighbourhood Councillor that attends both meetings, or an email update)
- Help facilitating HDC running Carbon Literacy Training for PC/NC Climate Action Network members